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PRESS STATEMENT

WORLD TUNA DAY COMMEMORATION

The Ghana Tuna Association (GTA) joins the global community in commemorating **World Tuna Day**, observed annually on 2nd May, to highlight the importance of tuna to food security, economic development, and sustainable livelihoods worldwide.

Tuna remains a critical pillar of Ghana's fisheries sector, providing employment, supporting export earnings, and contributing significantly to national food security. The industry continues to play a vital role in sustaining coastal communities and strengthening the country's position in the global seafood market.

On this occasion, the Ghana Tuna Association reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the sustainable management of tuna resources. We recognize that the long-term viability of the industry depends on responsible fishing practices, effective regulation, and strong collaboration among stakeholders.


The Association is proud of the progress made in advancing sustainability, particularly the achievement of **Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification** for Ghana's Atlantic Ocean skipjack and yellowfin tuna fisheries. This milestone underscores Ghana's commitment to meeting internationally recognized standards for sustainable fisheries management and responsible harvesting practices.

While this achievement is commendable, the Association acknowledges that sustaining these standards requires continuous effort. We therefore call for strengthened collaboration between the government, regulatory institutions, industry players, and international partners to address challenges such as illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, rising operational costs, and the need for enhanced monitoring and enforcement mechanisms.

The Ghana Tuna Association remains committed to supporting initiatives that promote sustainability, improve compliance, and enhance the competitiveness of Ghana's tuna industry in the global market.

As we mark this important day, we urge all stakeholders to work collectively towards safeguarding tuna resources for present and future generations.

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