

SUSHI AND SASHIMI

Mixed technique on canvas; 80 x 100 cm; 2012



Pieces of tuna nigirizushi (hand-formed sushi) [1]

Swimming delicacies

Bluefin tuna populations have declined severely from overfishing and illegal fishing over the past few decades. Population declines have been largely driven by the demand for this fish in high end sushi markets.

worldwildlife.org/species/bluefin-tuna

Tokyo, 5 January 2013

The new year auction at Tokyo's main fish market resulted in the highest price paid for a tuna to date. A Tokyo-based sushi restaurant chain owner paid **€1.35 million for a 222-kilo bluefin** [3,4].



Tuna sashimi at a hotel in Kyoto [2]

References:

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- [3] The New York Times, January, 5th 2013: New High for Tuna at Tokyo Fish Sale
- [4] La Voz de Galicia, January 5th, 2013: Un atún rojo alcanza el récord de 1,3 millones de euros en Tokio