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“Case Study: Atlantic Bluefin Tuna”

They can weigh over half a ton, grow to over four meters in length, and dive to depths of 1,000 meters. They accelerate as fast as a sports car and reach speeds of 70 km/h, propelled by a rapidly vibrating, whip-thin tail. They even raise their body temperature far above that of the surrounding water in order to traverse frigid arctic waters.

Bluefin tuna are unique, perfectly adapted products of evolution. They are also dangerously close to becoming extinct.

Coveted for their dense, dark red meat used in sushi (where it is known as “toro”), bluefin support an unsustainable \$7.2 billion industry that has driven tuna stocks to the brink of collapse. In 2009, WWF predicted that without drastic measures, Atlantic bluefin will disappear by 2012. Unfortunately, attempts to implement such measures—most recently at the 2010 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)—have failed.

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propelled	moved along
traverse	cross
frigid	very cold
coveted	wanted