Distribution of Southern Bluefin Tuna in Japanese and Global markets (2026)

The Extended Commission (EC) of CCSBT held in October 2026 analysed the overall situation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) market as follows.

1. Global Distribution of SBT

<General situation>

According to the information obtained from the Catch Document scheme (CDS), the total amount of SBT that entered Japan's market in 2025 was 18,832.14 tons. This accounts for 85.93 % of all SBT caught or harvested by all CCSBT Members (21,916 tons) in 2025. The proportion of SBT entering Japan increased by 7.31 % from the previous calendar year.

	SBT entered into Japan (t)	Proportion of SBT sold in Japanese markets (%) against all SBT caught/harvested by all CCSBT Members
2025	18,832.14	85.93%
2024	14,680.81	78.62%
2023	16,153.09	87.22%
2022	14,821.65	87.47%
2021	15,987.24	88.91%

*Data source: CDS

2. Distribution of SBT in Japanese Market

<General situation>

All the SBTs caught by Japanese vessels were landed in Japan in 2025. The SBTs were all frozen, and the amount was 7,374.76 tons according to the information obtained from CDS. The amount increased by 13.38 % from the previous year. The amount of SBT imported into the Japanese market in the year 2025 is shown below by product type and by exporting Member. In addition, the amount of import of farmed SBT, and the proportion of SBT traded in major markets (Toyosu and Yaizu) are also shown below.

a) Proportion of SBT imported into Japan by product type (2025)

Product Type	Proportions (%)
Fresh Wild	9.51%
Fresh Farmed	55.93%
Frozen Wild	21.36%
Frozen Farmed	13.21%
Total	100.00%

*Data source: CDS

b) SBTs imported into Japan by exporting Member (2025)

Exporting Member	The amount of imported SBTs (t)
Australia	8,504.72
Indonesia	43.88
Korea	1,163.27
New Zealand	343.19
South Africa	23.65
Taiwan	1,217.04

*Data source: CDS

c) Imported SBTs farmed in Australia

<General Situation>

In 2025, based on CDS, the total amount of SBT farmed in Australia and exported to Japan was 7,808.95 tons, which represents an increase of 28.22 % from the previous year.

d) Proportion of SBTs traded in major markets in Japan (2025)

<General Situation>

In 2025, the proportion of SBTs traded in two major markets in Japan, Toyosu (Tokyo) and Yaizu (Shizuoka), among the total amount of SBTs entered Japan was 40.09 % which represents a decrease of 3.72 % from the previous year. Please note that the transaction of an SBT that entered Japan in a particular year does not always occur in the same year.

*Data source: CDS data, Statistics of Tokyo Central wholesale market, and Yaizu Fisheries Cooperative Association.

3. Conclusion from comparison and verification between TAC, catch and distribution

a) Analyses of the available information on the catch by all Members, including CDS data, have detected no over-catch from allocation or TAC in the 2025 fishing season. (From existing analysis; Attachment B of CCSBT-CC/2610/04).

b) Based on verification of CDS, trade statistics, various survey results for the Japanese market, and other data sources, some discrepancies were detected in Japan's SBT import quantities. However, the amount of SBT entering the Japanese market did not exceed the catch amounts reported by Members, and, taking into account factors such as the time lag between export and import, no serious issues requiring immediate action were identified.