



## Tuna Export Hub in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

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Recently, the [Fisheries Department](#) plans to develop the [Andaman and Nicobar \(A&N\) Islands](#) as a tuna export hub.

- The global tuna market is worth USD 41.94 billion and the **Indian Ocean** is considered the **second-largest tuna region**, producing **21% of the world's tuna**.
  - As per [Marine Products Export Development Authority](#), India's tuna exports surged by 31.83% in 2023-24, (valued at USD 87.96 million).
- The majority of the market is made up of four tuna species namely, **Skipjack, Yellowfin, Bigeye, and Albacore**.
  - Due to their [vascular system](#), tunas can uniquely maintain their body temperature above the surrounding water, often between 5 to 12 °C (higher than the ambient temperature).
- **A&N Islands:**
  - This comprises of two island groups (Andman Islands and the Nicobar Islands) which **separates the Andaman Sea to the east from the Indian Ocean**.
  - The **Ten Degree Channel** is a narrow strait that separates both the group of Islands.
    - **Indira Point (situated on Great Nicobar Island) is the southernmost tip of the Nicobar Islands.**
  - The ANI is home to 5 [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups](#): Great Andamanese, Jarwas, Onges, Shompens and North Sentinelese.

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