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New research on bigeye tuna shows there is much more mixing of stocks from the western and eastern Pacific than previously thought, reports *Radio Australia*.

There is an 'exchange zone' in the central Pacific, and this has big implications for how the fish are managed, according to scientists working for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

The scientists say their findings suggest Pacific Island nations need to work with the fisheries management authorities in the far-eastern Pacific if they want to ensure a future for the species.

Bruno Leroy, fisheries scientist with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, added that in the years they have been tagging tuna they have seen a sharp decrease in numbers, driven by fishing pressure and especially the use of FADs.

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