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Symposium for Sustainable Sushi

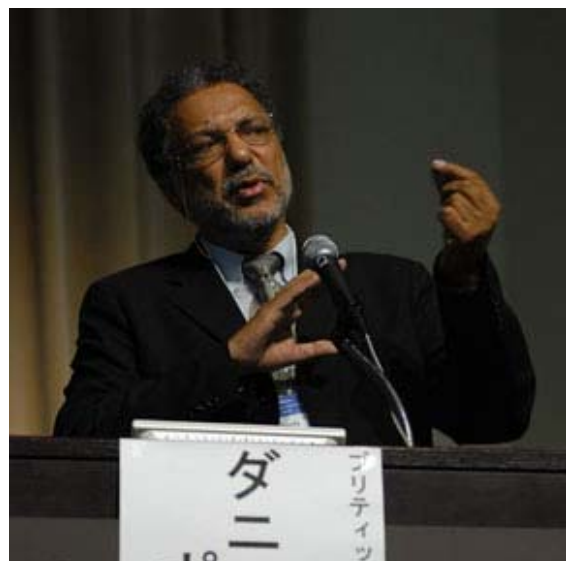
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Who would have thought that prominent conservationists and leading members of Japan's fishing industry could come together under the banner "Marine Reserves for Sustainable Sushi? Or that one of the speakers used to represent Japan on whaling issues? Or that Greenpeace Japan would be behind the whole event? It's a strange world we live in.

All this happened just a few days ago - on Friday 17th October, at the International Marine Environment Symposium, held at the United Nations University in Tokyo. Speakers included biologist [Daniel Pauly](#) who talked about the "transformation of seascapes by fisheries and the need for marine protected areas"; former Japanese Fisheries Agency officer and whaling commissioner Masayuki Komatsu, who spoke about [the future of Japan's fisheries](#); and Japanese Tuna fisherman, Tatsushi Sasaki. Mr Komatsu discussed the ongoing decline of Japanese marine industries, and the reluctance of Japanese fisheries to keep pace with changes occurring in marine biodiversity. He emphasised that a fundamental reform of Japan's fishing industry is need, if Japan wants to sustain its fisheries.



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