



5 January 2017. While there is certainly an obvious link between tuna and sustainable gastronomy, Chernobyl and asteroids do not seem to have much in common.

However, in 2017 they will, since the United Nations will observe for the first time this year international days devoted to each of these four themes.

It is the General Assembly of the United Nations that decides observances of international days.

2016 marked the 30th anniversary of the nuclear accident in Chernobyl and on 8 December the General Assembly adopted a resolution initiated by Belarus designating 26 April, the date of the disaster, as 'International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day'.

The [resolution](#) emphasized the need to focus the attention of the international community on post-Chernobyl problems and coordinate international action to address the long-term consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

On 7 December the General Assembly declared 2 May as World Tuna Day adopting a draft resolution by Nauru on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States at the United Nations.

The [resolution](#) notes that more than 80 states have tuna fisheries, and many countries depend heavily on tuna resources for food security and nutrition, economic development, employment, government revenue, livelihoods, and culture and recreation.

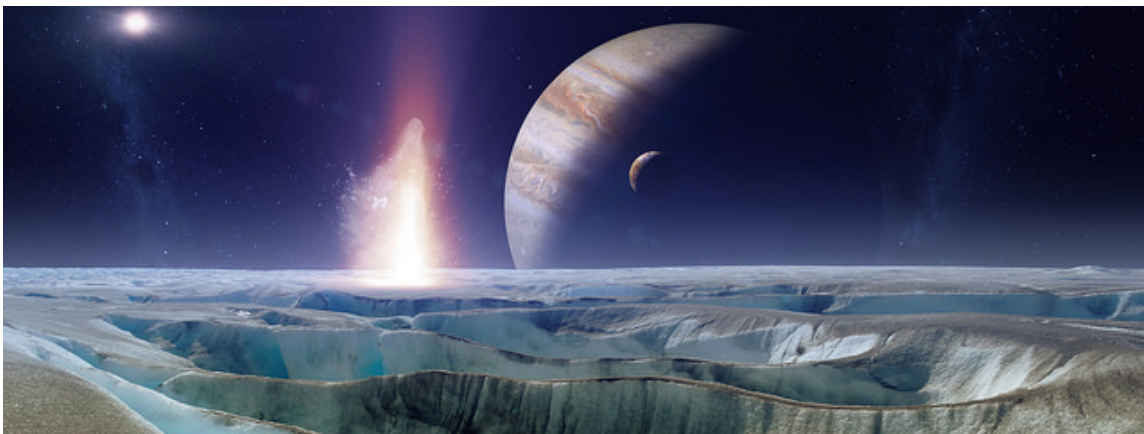


Earlier, on 23 November, the General Assembly adopted a resolution , co-authored by Peru and 37 Member States, to designate 18 June as Sustainable Gastronomy Day.

The [decision](#) acknowledges gastronomy as a cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world. It also reaffirms that all cultures and civilizations are contributors and crucial enablers of sustainable development.



The fourth new international day reaches out to space since the General Assembly proclaimed on 6 December that International Asteroid Day will be observed globally on 30 June every year in an attempt to raise public awareness of the asteroid impact hazard and the global work undertaken in this area, facilitated by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).



The date of [International Asteroid Day](#) commemorates the anniversary of the Tunguska asteroid impact over Siberia, Russian Federation, on 30 June 1908.

There are currently almost [133 international days](#) recognized by the United Nations.

More information:

26 April: International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day ([A/RES/71/125](#))

2 May: World Tuna Day ([A/RES/71/124](#))

18 June: Sustainable Gastronomy Day ([A/RES/71/246](#))

30 June: International Asteroid Day ([A/RES/71/90](#))