

A SAD STORY

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It seems only a very short while ago that we learned that the supermarket Tesco Stores Ltd. was to sell tinned tuna from St Helena in its shops. At last it seemed that the island had found an outlet for what is undeniably an excellent product. It was not easy to find which of the Tesco stores were stocking the line, but it was always worthwhile tracking down the distinctive packaging. Not only was the fish delightful but for those of us with the interests of St Helena at heart we felt that we were making a positive contribution to the island's precarious economy. Sadly now this little delicacy is no longer available, and we learned from courteous representatives at the Tesco headquarters that difficulties with the supply and its high cost has resulted in the withdrawal of the unique line. Indeed this is yet another example of the difficulties faced by the Saints in finding their place in the world at large. A very sad tale so often repeated over the years.

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