

Fishing

Fish... Fish... Fish... So many fish in the sea... or is there? Do you think that we have an endless supply of fish? Well your wrong there read my facts and think **twice** about fish.

There are many reasons for the shortage of fish in our oceans. Over 30% of the worlds fish are captured leaving the remaining fish unable to repopulate. This means that eventually the fish will become extinct.

When fishermen throw their nets into the sea, fishing for specific fish e.g. Tuna, scallops and salmon etc, they also catch unintentional fish in their nets. This equates to over 63 BILLION fish captured every year. That is a lot of fish many will not be sold or eaten. What a waste?

Did you know? That some fishermen catch their fish by bottom trawling. This type of fishing damages the sea floors ecosystem. Sometimes the damage is unrepairable.

Also, some people are taking fish illegally, they are taking them at the wrong time of the year, or they are taking them from the wrong place. Or even worse they are taking too many.

We should learn from the Aboriginal people who only caught the fish that they could eat, and they also used every part of the fish. If we did as they had done our sea world would be thriving not dying.

We could also only buy fish that have the 'ASC or the MSC' logo this way we know we are buying fish from the people that do the right thing with fishing. When we fish, we only catch sized fish and what our family can eat. We catch fish with a license and at the right time of the year.

Our wildlife is important to us and we do not want to lose any part of it as it will then change our food chains and create havoc. If we follow the rules, we will have many amazing years fishing.

<http://www.marineconsevation.org.au/pages/fisheries.html>

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/threats/overfishing>

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