

Alliance with fishermen

Greenpeace has been working with coastal fishermen for a reform of the EU Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)



Our fish and our fishermen are in trouble

- * The CFP has been introduced to ensure profitable and sustainable fishing
- * But it's threatening our fish and our local fishermen.
- * This year, we have a once in a decade opportunity to fix it.
- * But we can't do it without you.



Why are the fishing laws broken?

- * More than 70% of the world fish stocks are overexploited and depleted
- * 62% of fish stocks are overfished in the Atlantic and 82% in the Mediterranean
- * The EU's combined catch is the third largest in the world
- * The EU fleet is capable of catching 2-3 times more fish than the ocean can handle
- * If overfishing continues at the same intensity, we risk the collapse of all fish species in 50 years



Why are the fishing laws broken?

- * The current system favours the most destructive parts of the fishing industry. Many boats using high-impact methods of fishing have been awarded quota and have received billions in taxpayer subsidies
- * European vessels have the right to fish in developing countries where destructive operations are threatening the lives of millions of local fishermen which depend on fishing for food and income
- * Meanwhile, small-scale fishermen are being shut out, even though most of them fish sustainably.



The UK Fleet

Under 10 metres



Over 10 metres



Under 10 meter boats

- They represent **77%** of the UK fleet but they only have **4%** of the fishing quota
- The majority of these boats use sustainable methods of catching fish
- Small-scale fleet also contributes **65%** of full time employment at sea
- Importance for coastal communities
- They are competing against UK and EU industrial vessels



The Cornelis Vrolijk



- * UK largest vessel
- * Overfishing in West Africa
- * In only one day this boat can catch what 56 local boats would catch in the whole year
- * Very little fish left to catch for local fishermen
- * Threatening the livelihoods of local fishing communities

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Greenpeace, NUTFA and other UK Fishermen's Associations and fishermen have signed a joint declaration on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy



What do we want?



What have we been doing?



So far 15,000 of these cards have been signed...



We have also met the politicians

30 MEPs are now Fishermen's Friends




But... we still need your help!



Join us. **Be a fisherman's friend** and Sign the Ipad petition to the Fisheries Minister




Spread the word!

 You can help us support fishermen who fish in the right way and put the health of our seas first. Send a video petition to fisheries minister Richard Benyon to ask him to fix the laws that govern fishing in Europe.

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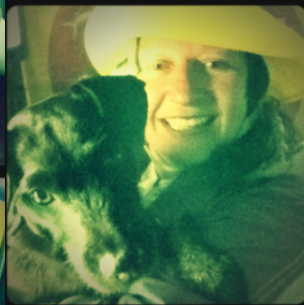
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Why do we need your help?

The more voices we have, the more we will be heard by our politicians!



Remember to...

- * Avoid the most popular fish species such as cod, salmon, tuna, haddock and prawns
- * Choose fish which is sourced locally from small UK fisheries
- * Choose line-caught fish wherever possible
- * Talk to your fishmonger



Support our Campaign and Be a Fisherman's Friend!



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