What is the porpoise of overfishing?

Key Issue

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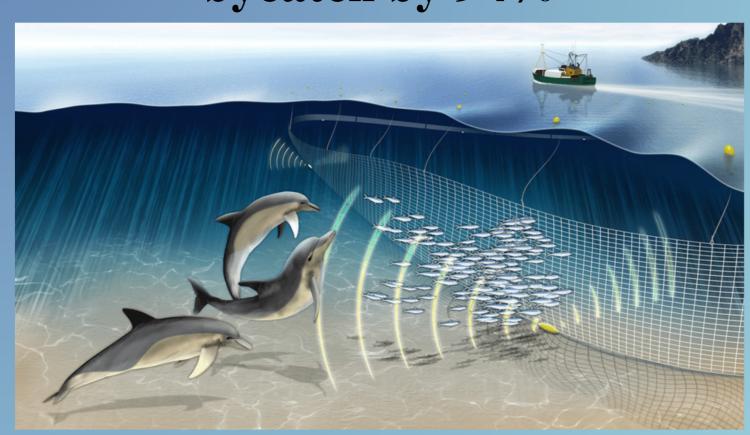
Every year, thousands of porpoises are caught in fish nets even though they are protected by law. The fishermen want to have access to the North American market, and the U.S. government, under the U.S MMPA, shall ban all seafood imports caught with fishing gear that kills or seriously injures marine mammals.

~2871 porpoises die in Norwegian fish nets every year [3]



Bycatch is organisms that are caught by ships by accident when other types of organisms are being caught. [7]





By producing very loud sounds, the pingers act as a repellant for the porpoises, driving them away from the fish nets, reducing bycatch by up to 94%.

Extinction of the Yangtze River dolphin [6]

Bycatch led to the extinction of the Yangtze River dolphin in China in 2007. It is the first cetacean species to be driven to extinction by human activity.







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