**CONSERVATION STRATEGY – EU FISHING QUOTAS**

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| Because boats have to meet quotas, many fish (dead and alive) are thrown over board. | They help protect critically endangered species like North Sea cod. This ensures the continued biodiversity of our oceans. | The EU paid compensation to fishermen who lost their boats and their jobs. Compensation was paid to fishermen who were seeing declining catches and incomes. | Many coastal settlements lose their principal function, If they lose their function the resulting unemployment will often lead to outward migration, resulting in depopulation and a spiral of decline. | Ensures that food webs and chains remain intact so that other species don't become endangered. |
| The government has to pay to monitor the quotas and they also lose out on revenue, from previously higher catches. | Because of fishing quotas many boats are decommissioned. This not only mean fishermen lose their jobs, but also people that repair the boats, sell the fuel and buy and trade the catch | Quotas ensure the long-term protection of the fishing industry. It should mean that the tradition of fishing and the related jobs could continue indefinitely. | Fish inflation. Because the amount of fish, especially wild fish being caught is reducing, it means that the price of many fish is increasing. | Fishing quotas can create an illegal trade (black market) in fish. It can also mean that unregulated oceans become overfished |
| Species caught as a result of overfishing should also be reduced as fishing becomes more targeted and regulated. | **SHADE IN THE BOXES BASED ON WHETHER THEY ARE AN ADVANTAGE OR DISADVANTAGE OF THE FISH QUOTAS** |

**Other Problems causing declines in global fish stock: Pollution:** Any form of pollution, whether it be oil spills, plastic bags, sewage or industrial waste can kill and harm sea life.

* **Dynamite and Cyanide fishing:** Both practices kill un-targeted fish as well as the sea bed and coral reefs.
* **Drift nets:** Drift nets can damage the sea beds, but also catch un-targeted animals e.g. turtles and dolphins.
* **Deforestation:** Deforestation increases the surface run-ff of soil. Soil entering the sea can cause sedimentation but also reduce visibility killing coral reefs.
* **Tourism:** Tourist developments create pollution and disturb nesting turtles. Tourists also buy products from the sea like shells and coral. Divers can also damage reefs and disturb animals.
* **Global warming:** Rising sea levels are killing coral reefs and changing ecosystems.
* **Local delicacies:** Delicacies like turtle eggs, shark gin soup, blue fin tuna and whale meat are driving many animals close to extinction. Read shark fin soup articles below.
* **Aquaculture:** Aquaculture is farming sea animals. Unfortunately many farmed animals are actually fed on wild fish. Some fish are also genetically modified and could possibly escape and breed with wild fish. Finally large concentrations of farm animals create a lot of waste which can kill the sea floor.

