

FISHING



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Aquaculture

Fish farming, or aquaculture is responsible for over a third of the fish consumed globally

Tens of thousands of fish are crammed into cages and fed a diet high in animal protein, antibiotics and dyes. The fish suffer from cannibalism, disease and boredom from being trapped, constantly bumping into each other and the walls of the cage.

The concentrations of fish hundreds of times greater than would naturally occur lead to major problems with disease and parasites.

Deformities and blindness are a common occurrence caused by inbreeding at the fish hatcheries and the unnatural conditions on the farms.

The lives of fish living in these conditions are miserable and short. Fish are unable to



show any natural behaviour and are forced to live in filthy overcrowded conditions.

Industrial fishing

Large industrial fishing fleets have exceeded the ocean's ecological limits. As larger fish are wiped out, the next smaller fish species are targeted and so on. Simply put, more and more people are competing for less and less fish and worsening the existing fish population crisis in the ocean.

Fishing nets also kill up to 300,000 whales, dolphins and porpoises globally. Entanglement is the greatest threat to the survival of many species. Moreover, industrial fishing destroys habitats as well as their inhabitants.

Summary

The slaughter process fish suffer is no better than the lives they endure. Fish are cut apart whilst still alive with no effort made to stun many types of fish. Fish are often left to bleed to death or suffocate without water.

Contrary to popular belief, recent scientific studies have shown fish to have a very



highly developed sense of pain, capable of learning and storing long term memories' and have sophisticated social structures. The consumption of fish just because they are unable to cry out like other animals is a guilty response by people who do not want to take responsibility for the harm they are causing.

Many of the world's fish populations are on the brink of or have already collapsed with around 90% of the world's large fish already gone. Turning to farmed fish as a response only intensifies the problem and results in greater suffering for the fish.

We are directly contributing to this suffering, environmental and population destruction as well as the death of billions simply by making the choice to consume fish. You can choose to stop funding these industries by keeping fish off your plate for good.

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