

Marine menace — overexploitation of West Africa's fish stocks

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Background:

The organised "looting" of fish stocks in West Africa is exacerbating the poverty of the region's people who depend directly on fishing sector and derive no benefits from free trade agreements.

This film directed by Vincent Bruno and produced jointly with the Senegalese Fishing Federations shows how overfishing of European seas is leading to the plundering of West African waters—most of the fish sold in Europe comes from West Africa.

This documentary highlights the impacts of free trade between the North and the South in the fisheries sector. The situation in Senegal is profiled as an illustration of the effects created by a market economy. It explores critical issues such as the unfair competition between foreign industrial fisheries and West African artisanal fisheries, subsidies paid to European producers, rising local fish prices, and the export of the most sought-after fish such as grouper to Europe.

"Une pêche d'enfer" Surexploitation des stocks halieutiques en Afrique de l'ouest.
Directed by V. Bruno, Fédérations pêche Sénégal 2006, French, 23 min.

Where

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