

**For immediate release:**

**Cine N°417**

**Ba Kagne, Overexploitation of young fish in West Africa**

**Background:**

The Senegalese NGO Océanium, which has been active in protecting marine resources for over 20 years, produced this film in partnership with the WWF West African Eco-region.

It is a tool for outreach aimed chiefly at small-scale fishermen in the region, and describing the adverse effects of over-fishing of juvenile fish and fry. The aim is to bring about a change in attitudes and in these practices which are so harmful to the sustainable renewal of fisheries resources.

Specific explanations are given about species with long breeding cycles (taking sharks as an example), for which it is important to allow longer periods for stocks to replenish. A short history of fishing in Senegal gauges the ever-faster decline in resource levels and the harmful practices behind these trends (fishing during breeding seasons, the use of destructive fishing gear, non-selective fishing, bycatch discarding, non-enforcement of conservation rules)

A set of five urgent recommendations is set out with a view to engaging small-scale fishermen in responsible fishing (observing closed seasons during breeding, limiting catches to adult fish, banning beach nets, creating marine protected areas to be managed by the local populations and limiting access to the resource)

Produced by OCEANIUM / WWF WAMER, 2003, French, 10 min.

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**Materials for the Media:**

[www.oceanium.org](http://www.oceanium.org)

in attached : poster Ba Kagne

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