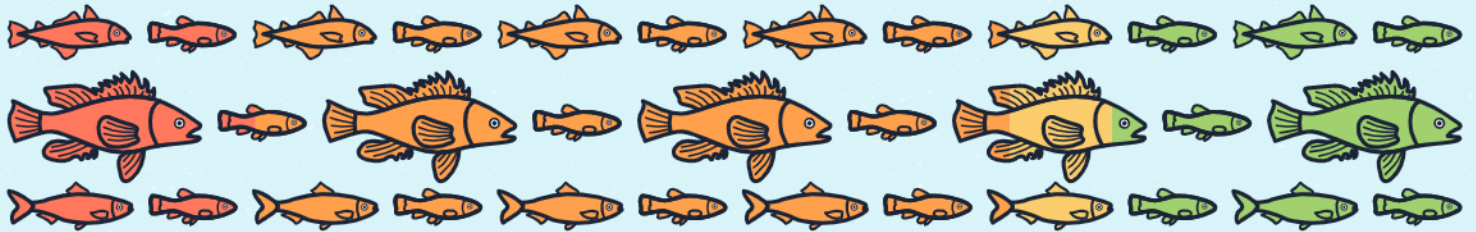


# OVERFISHING

is the reduction in fish numbers in a body of water due to excessive fishing.



**17%** ↘  
of fish stocks are currently overexploited

**52%** ↘  
are fully exploited

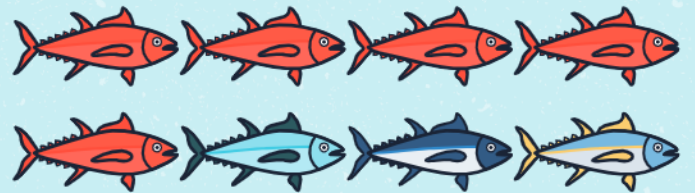
**7%** ↘  
are depleted

**24%** ↘  
are not yet at full capacity

Source: United Nations



More than one million people worldwide depend on fish as their primary source of protein. Today, **humans eat twice as much fish** as we were eating 50 years ago.



Due to overfishing, the world's fish species are rapidly decreasing. **Five out of the eight** tuna species are at risk of extinction.

Fishing nets gather everything in their path. Animals like turtles, dolphins, sharks and small fish are pulled up by nets then tossed back into the sea, often dead or dying.



Approximately → **20%** of the fish caught worldwide have been illegally fished. When fishing bans or strict rules are applied to an area, boats will simply move elsewhere.

Over the past 50 years, overfishing has wiped out over **90%** of the ocean's top predators (sharks, tuna, mackerel). This has caused huge disruption to the marine ecosystem.

