

A school of fish, likely salmon, swimming in clear blue water. The fish are silvery with dark spots and are moving in various directions, creating a sense of movement and depth. The lighting is bright, highlighting the scales and fins of the fish.

# **ENDANGERED OCEANS**

**Our Problem with Overfishing**

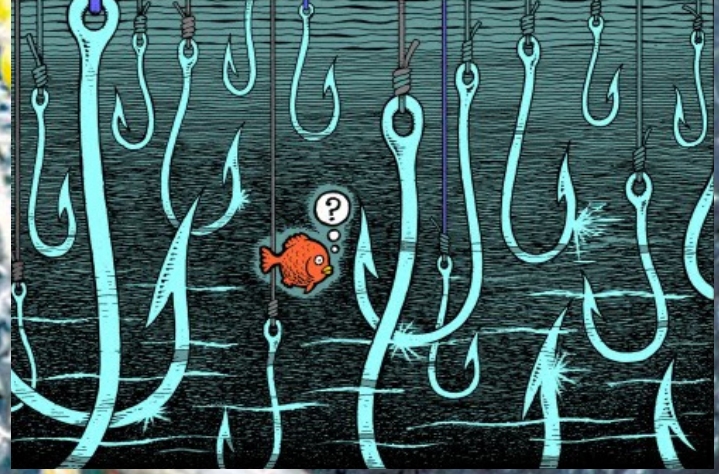
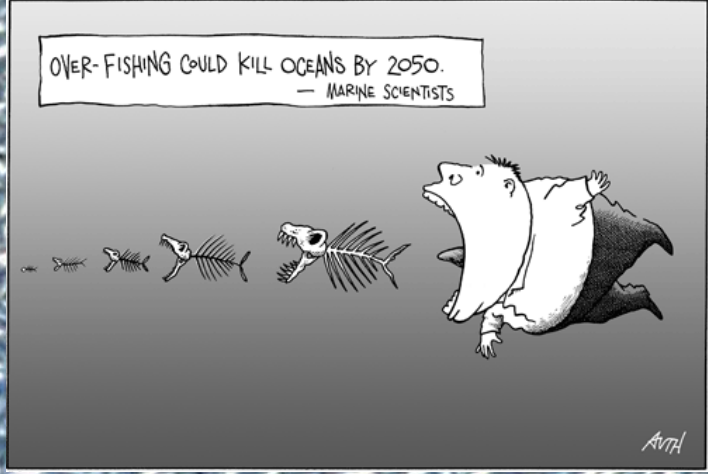
# Too Many Fish, Too Little Time

## Annual Global Marine Catch

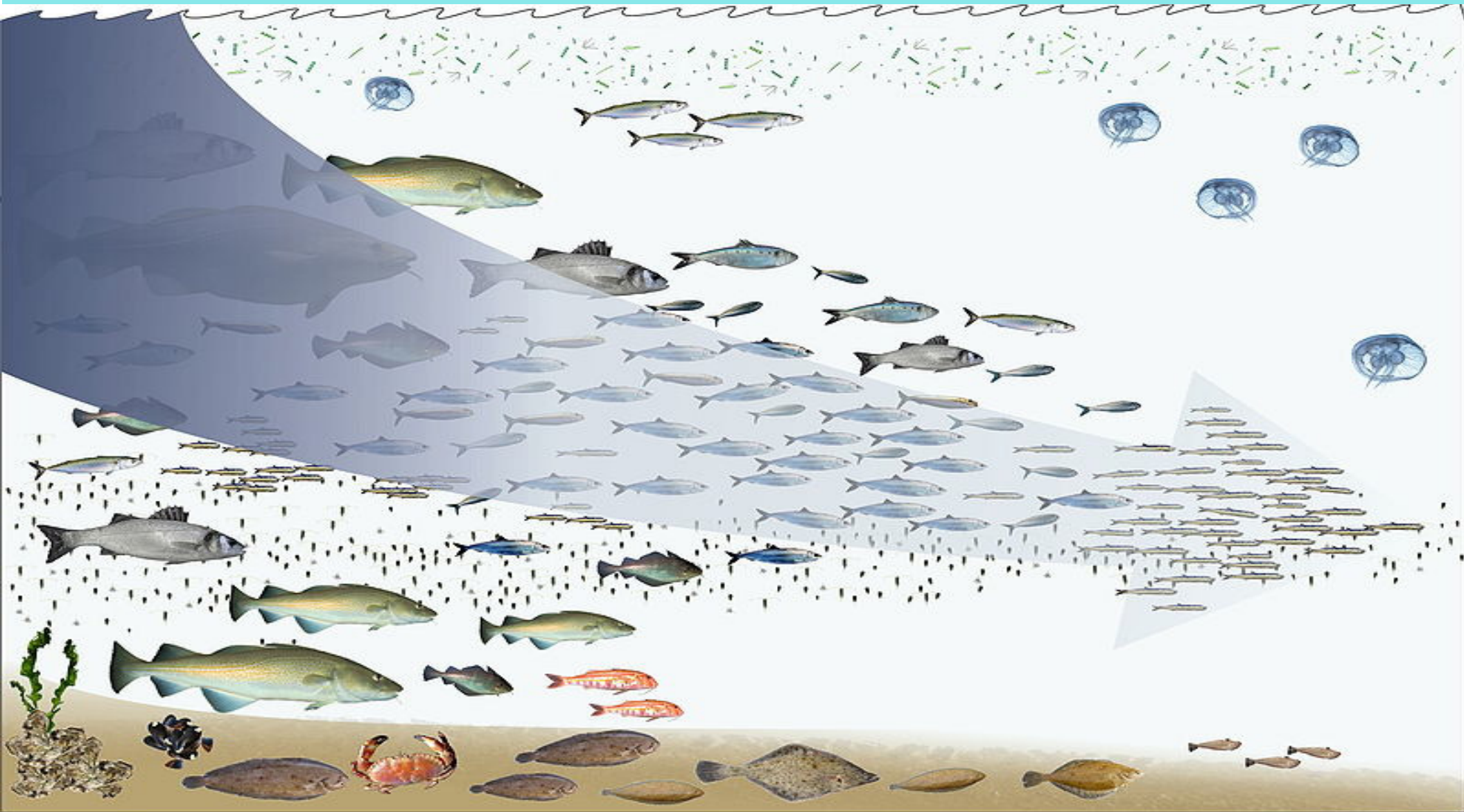
1950: 18.5 million tons

1992: 82.5 million tons

Over 400% *increase* within last 50 yrs.



**70% of all commercial fish species are *beyond* an ecologically safe limit**

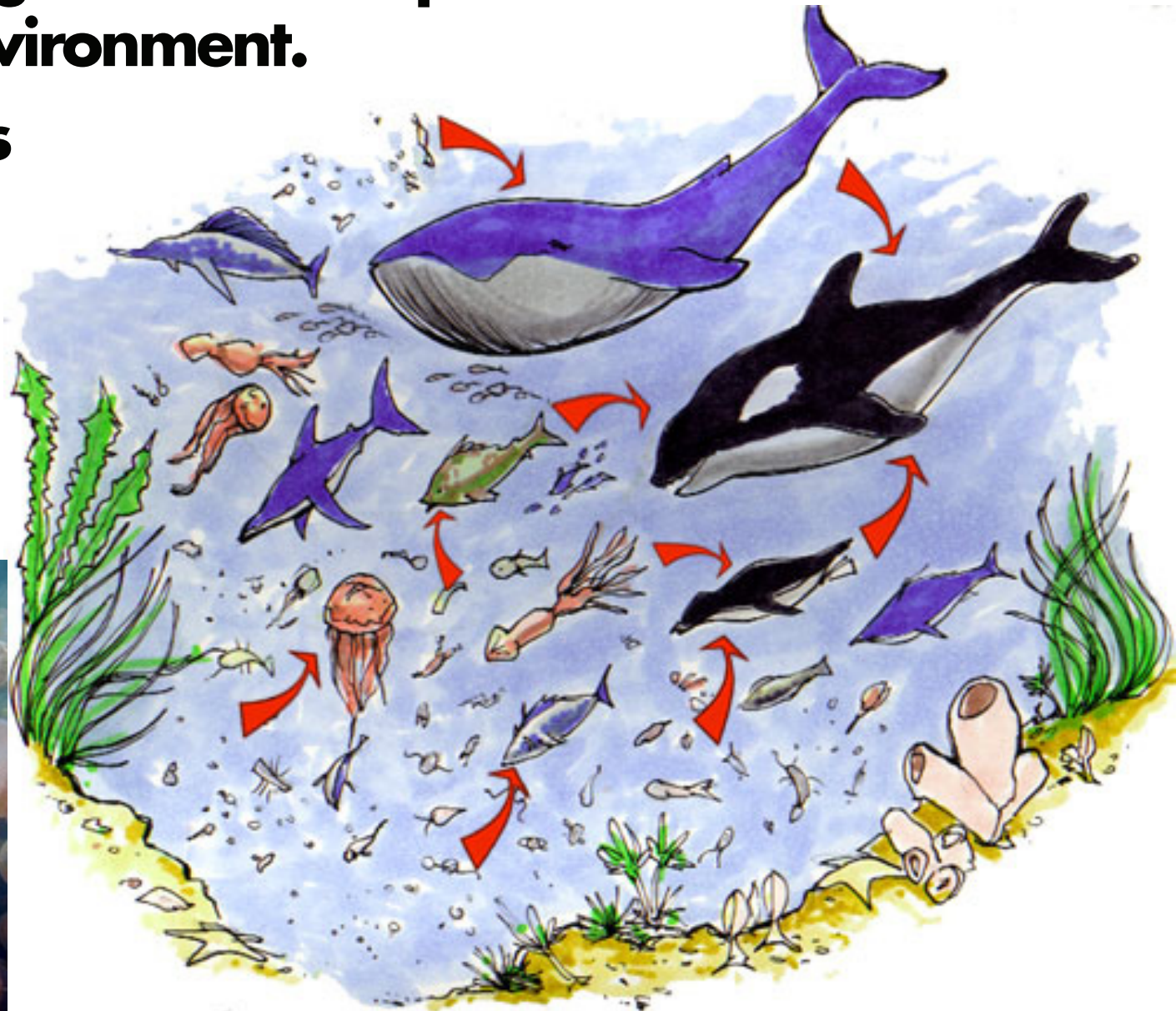


**90% of all important food fish populations have been wiped out, leaving *only* 10% of original stocks**

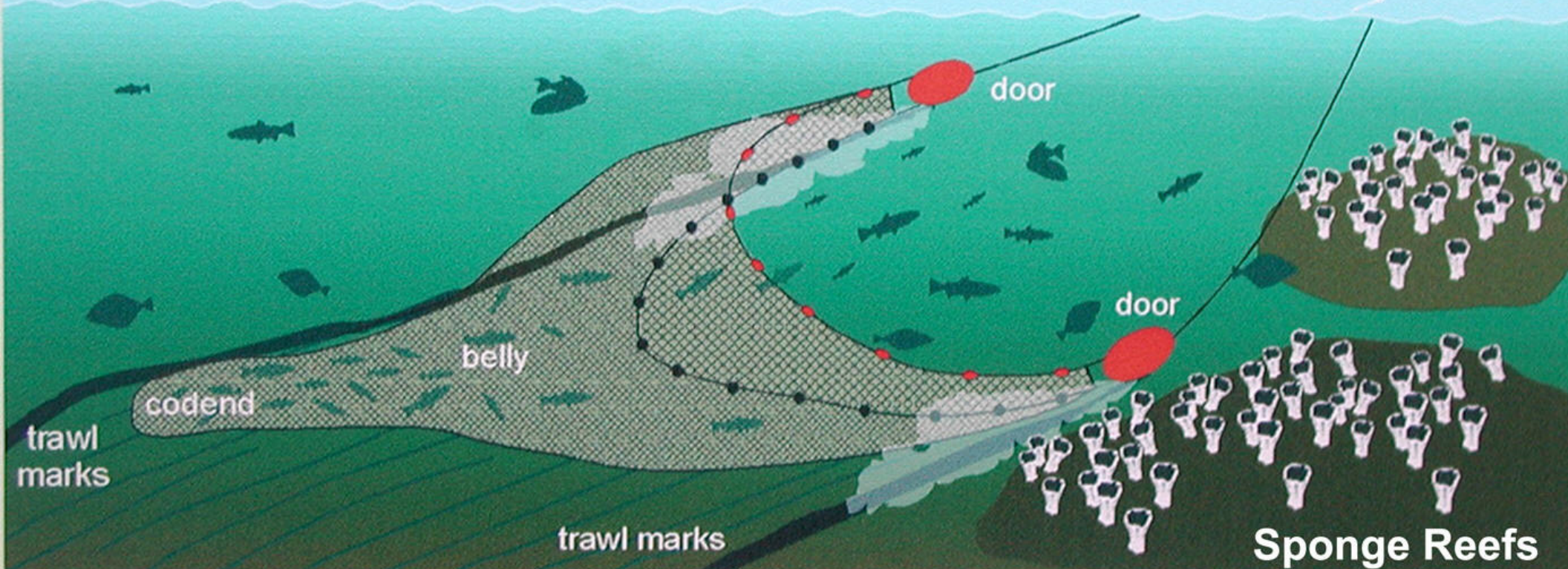
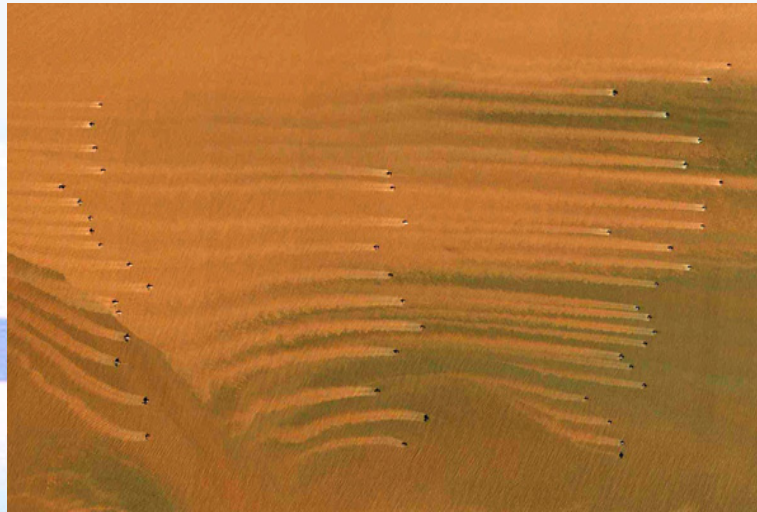
# The Oceanic Connection

-Small changes and imbalances in the ecosystem can cause drastic changes for other species within the same food chain and environment.

-Jellyfish swarms blooming across the globe cause huge imbalances within affected ecosystems

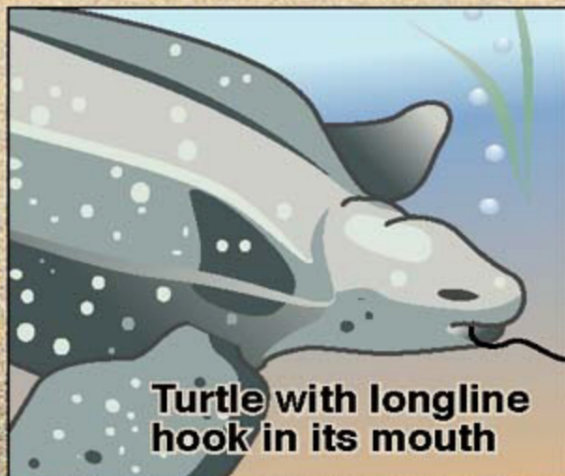
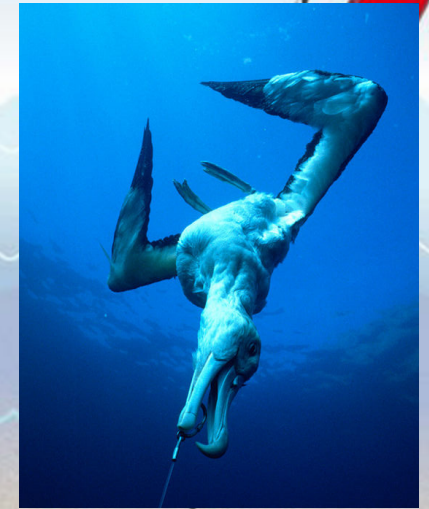
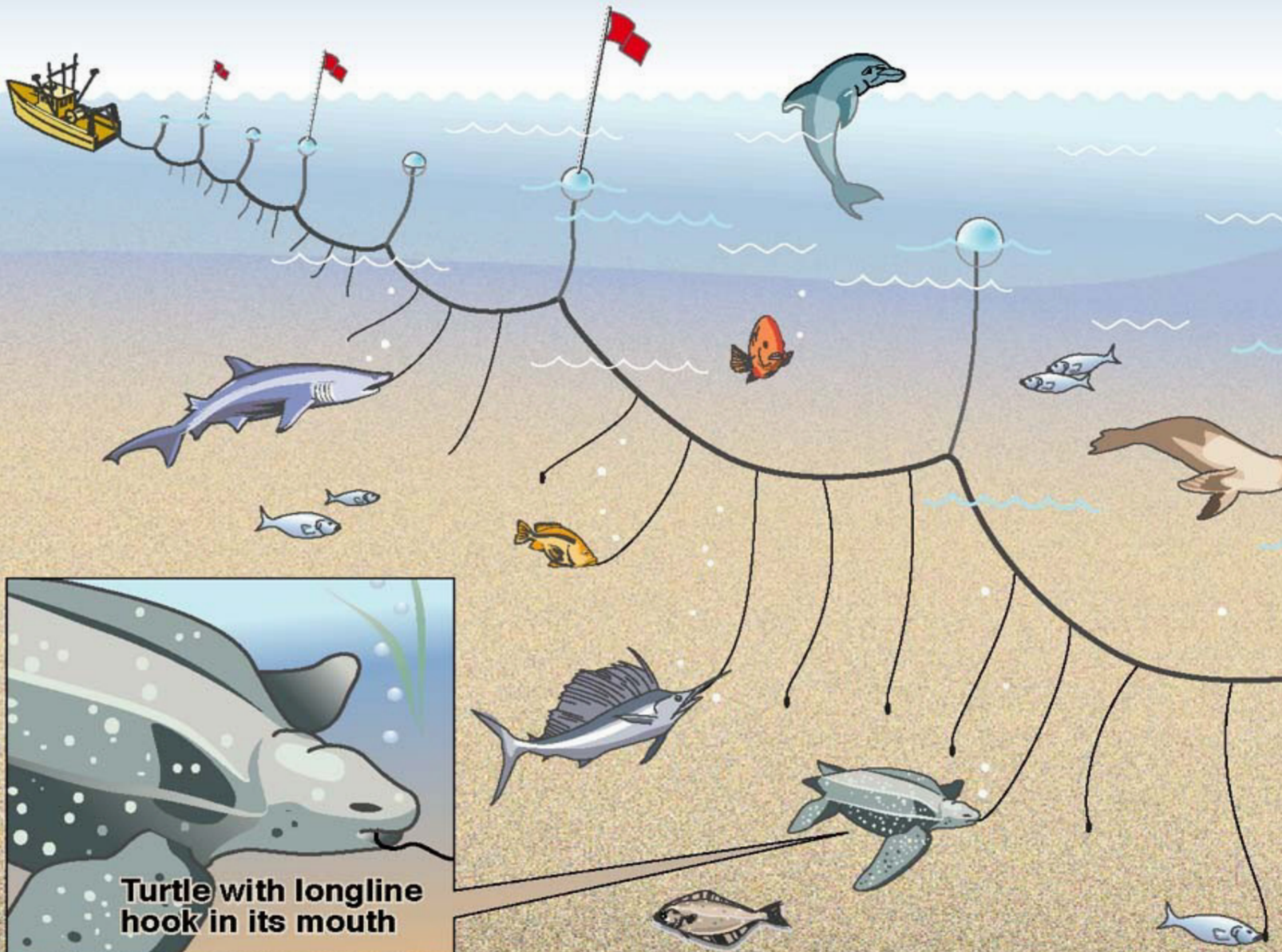


# Bottom Trawling



# Longline Fishing

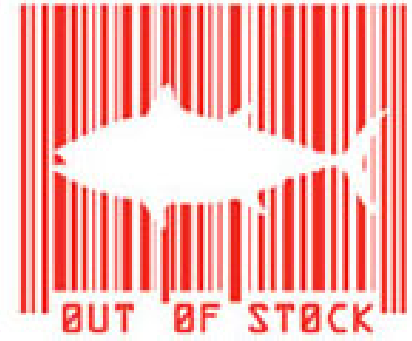
Longline fishing accidentally kills thousands of endangered sea turtles and sea birds each year



# Worldwide Tuna Extinction



*Check the tuna can  
before the checkout*



**“ WOULD YOU CARE MORE  
IF I WAS A PANDA? ”**

The Bluefin Tuna is being fished to extinction.  
So like a few other species, it would appreciate your help.



# Shark-Finning

**-Over 100 million sharks killed every year**  
**-4% shark harvested, 96% wasted**



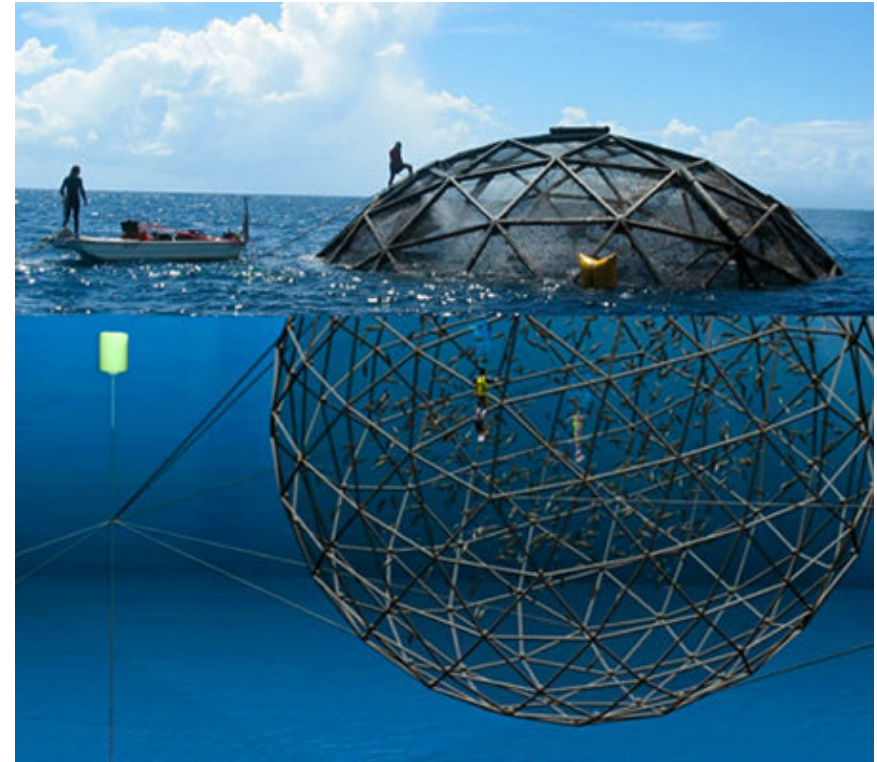
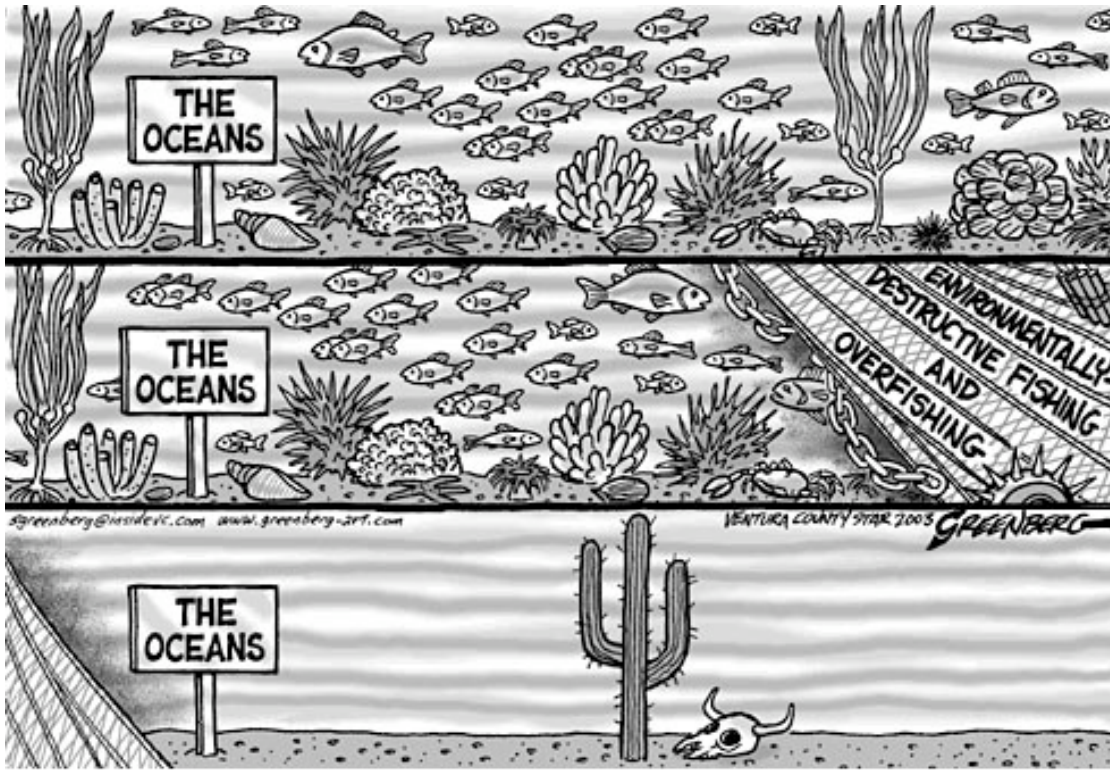


# Dolphin Slaughters

- Dolphins are amongst the smartest creatures on the planet
- 20,000 dolphins slaughtered in Japan annually
- Dolphin hunts are ancient traditions for many cultures
- Meat is often consumed but contains high mercury levels



# Why We Should Care



**Above: Tuna Cage for farm raising tuna**  
**Left: A plea for an increase in marine reserves**

# What I Can Do to Help

- Know what you eat and choose the most sustainable option
- Don't waste food
- Only take what you need from the ocean
- Leave the ocean in a better condition than you found it, remove trash and invasive species
- Don't support harmful industries such as shark-finning, whaling, dolphin trade or trawling/longline fishing
- Respect the ocean and be kind to other living creatures
- Spread the word, watch documentaries such as *The Cove* & *Sharkwater*, visit [Greenpeace.org](http://Greenpeace.org)

