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The fight for legal seafood

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Combatting illegal fishing is a colossal global challenge. Illegally caught seafood reaches our markets and it is impossible to differentiate from seafood caught legally. So how legal is the fish we are consuming in the EU?

Illicitly caught fish products are currently estimated to cost between 10 and 23 billion US dollars annually, representing about 15 % of world catches. What are the effects of this? Fishing activities that do not abide by national and international regulations exploit fish stocks well beyond their sustainable levels putting the survival of the stocks at risk, and damaging marine ecosystems. But they also have serious social effects.

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Invest consciously

Are you sure your money is not invested in sectors that damage the planet?

You may not know it, but maybe your money is invested in fossil fuels, or other sectors that damage the environment and your health. Make sure your bank investments contribute to a cleaner and more responsible economy and green stable jobs.

Take the [WWF ecoguide May challenge](#) and green your bank account.



LATEST NEWS

Pitfalls and potentials of bioenergy

28 April - On the occasion of the European Parliament's final vote on the indirect land use change impacts of biofuels (ILUC), WWF, with a coalition of NGOs, released policy recommendations on the



role of bioenergy in the EU climate and energy policy post 2020.



Over 80% of future deforestation confined to just 11 places

28 April - Up to 170 million hectares of forests could be lost by 2030 in some of the world's richest wildlife places, including endangered species such as orangutans and tigers.



Global call for Norway to end coal investments

27 April - Ahead of an important Norwegian parliament vote, WWF with five organisations launched a worldwide petition asking the world's largest sovereign wealth fund to move to clean investments.



Ocean wealth valued at US\$24 trillion, but sinking fast

23 April - WWF report shows that the world's ocean are at greater risk and its resources are rapidly eroding despite its values. The report presents an action plan to save it.



EU's warning of trade ban against Thailand for illegal fishing

21 April - WWF with other NGOs welcomed the Commission 'yellow-carding' of Thailand. The world's third-largest seafood exporter will have to take more actions to avoid imports ban in the EU.



WWF European Policy Office Annual Review 2014

20 April - Last year saw the election of the new EU Parliament and the appointment of the European Commission. Challenges remain in ensuring the environment stays high on the EU political agenda.



Global players asked to act against illegal fishing

20 April - In the framework of the Seafood Expo Global and a debate on good fisheries governance, WWF and EU Fish processors and traders sent a call to action to combat illegal fishing worldwide.

TOP TWEETS [@WWFEU](https://twitter.com/WWFEU)

Happy #WorldHeritageDay!
RT to tell @UNESCO that you love
#Doñana! #SOSDoñana #Natura2000

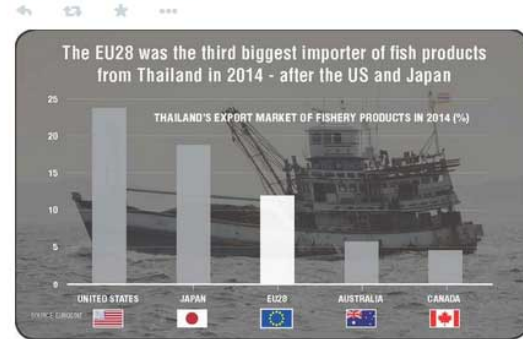


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In 2014 #Thailand's export market of fishery products to the #EU was over 10%. Let's stop #illegalfishing #IUU

Oceana Europe, EJP and Pew EU



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WWF at the Seafood Expo Global

"WWF is doing a big contribution together with other NGOs to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing", said EU Commissioner Karmenu Vella at the debate on seafood traceability organised by the NGO coalition (EJF, PEW, Oceana and WWF) and hosted by the Commission at the last Seafood Expo in Brussels.



President of South Korea, Kim Young-Suk; Peter Andrews, from the British Retail Consortium and Guus Pastoor, president of the European Fish Processors Association joined the debate that gathered more than 150 people.

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STORIES FROM AROUND EUROPE



New law undermines Hungary's natural wealth

The Hungarian Parliament accepted a bill that takes land management rights away from state nature conservation organisations. This act, on top of recent years decisions, clearly shows the government intention to further decrease the level of nature conservation and the country's natural resources. [Read more](#)



"Listen up and stop the poisoning! The eagle is down!"

WWF and partner organisations are campaigning in Serbia to stop the increasing pesticide poisonings of endangered species like the white-tailed eagle. 8 eagles were poisoned in 2014, which represents a big loss for the species annual growth. Improper pesticide use also affects other animals species and human health. [Read more](#)

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