

Animals in Danger – Overfishing

Imagine you work as part of the SEA LIFE team. You have been asked to create engaging sentences or small paragraphs to be used as part of a **display board** next to **one of the marine habitats**. Some types of marine life are particularly affected by modern day fishing techniques.

You can use the information within the article **‘Overfishing - how it affects marine life’** to support ideas. This article focuses on two types of marine life: Skates and rays or schooling fish. Use research to identify and find out more about a particular species of skate, ray or schooling fish.

Which species have you chosen to focus on? _____

Where in the world can this species’ habitat be found? _____

Identify the key information you want to include about how this species and how it is affected by fishing practices that take place in the world.

What might be the impact on this species as a result of overfishing? Consider the possible effect on the size of this species’ population.

Write your final information piece about your chosen fish, in a way that informs and engages visitors to SEA LIFE.

Extension activity

Create a balanced argument that presents the pros and cons of fishing in the oceans.

- Why is fishing important for human survival?
- What negative impacts of fishing are taking place in the world’s oceans on particular species?

Arguments for fishing (for human survival)	Arguments against fishing (for species survival)