

LONGLINER IN OPERATION

LONGLINE FISHING BOATS

Nobody knows exactly how many longline boats are out in the ocean but estimates indicate there are over 5000 longline vessels fishing for tuna and tuna like species in the world.

OVER 5000 LONGLINE VESSELS



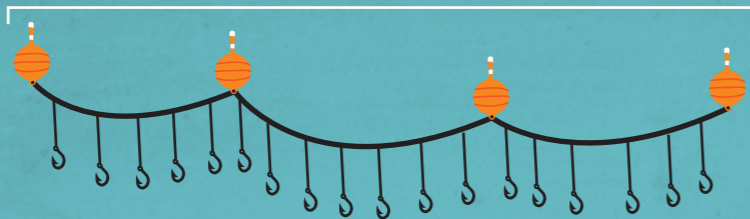
SIZE

Longline fishing boats can be up to 60m long, however, most are so-called small scale vessels of less than 24m.



LONGLINES + HOOKS

up to 150 km long



up to 3000 hooks

MARINE ANIMALS DYING

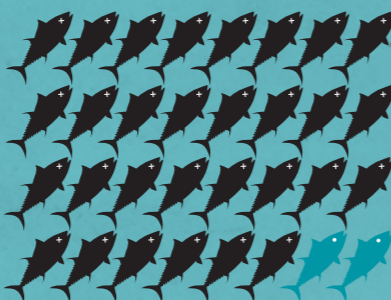
300.000 sea turtles and at least 160.000 seabirds and millions of sharks die annually in longline fisheries.

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SEA TURTLES

160.000
SEA BIRDS

MILLIONS
SHARKS

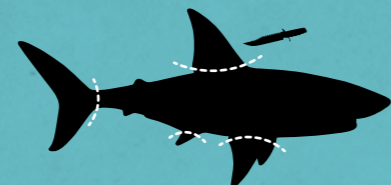
OVERFISHING



All target tuna species now either overfished, being overfished or depleted.

SHARK FINNING

Sharks often targeted for their high value fins make up as much 50% of catches in some longline fisheries.



UP TO
50%
OF CATCHES CAN BE SHARKS

PIRATE FISHING AND TRANSSHIPMENT

Many vessels transfer their catches at sea resulting in high amounts of unreported and illegal fishing.



MISTREATMENT OF CREW

Vessels can stay at sea for several years keeping their crew in a captive environment.

1 YEAR | 2 YEARS | 3 YEARS



SOLUTIONS

- Reduce fishing capacity and enforce sustainable catch limits
- Ban all at-sea transshipments
- proper monitoring and 100% observer coverage

MITIGATE BY-CATCH BY:

- Not targeting sharks and banning shark finning
- Use circle hooks and other best practise mitigation methods