



**Rebuilding our
fishing industry**



SUSTAIN



UKIP WILL reclaim our territorial fishing waters, restore our fishing fleet and introduce sustainable fishing practices.

We will introduce:

- A 12-mile limit for UK fishermen only, and a 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone under UK control
- Selective fishing gear for accurate species targeting
- Seasonal closure areas to aid spawning and replenish stocks
- Voluntary closure areas and no-trawl zones to protect shellfish grounds
- Fishery protected areas with no energy/aggregate exploitation
- 'Land what you catch' self-management with regional control
- Development funding for fleets, harbours and shipbuilding for Fishery Protection

DISCARD



UKIP WILL withdraw from the Common Fisheries Policy and EU control over our fishing grounds and fish stocks.

We will put an end to:

- Foreign vessels claiming 'historic rights' to fish our inshore waters
- Fishing by vessels over 221kw (300hp) inside the 12-mile limit
- Quotas which cause unnecessary discards - and the new 'discard ban' which will distort the market and harm the environment
- The EU's drift-net ban designed for the Mediterranean
- Electric pulse trawling (banned by China, allowed by the EU) and pair trawling for bass that devastates fisheries
- International factory fishing fleets in UK fishing waters
- £2.5 billion taken out of the UK economy every year



PRESERVING OUR FISHERIES

The UK has almost 70% of Europe's fishing grounds, but only 13% of its fishing quota. Since 1973, the disastrous EU Common Fisheries Policy has led to the devastation of European fish stocks, and the decline of the UK fishing fleet.

The UK currently imports £2.66 billion worth of seafood annually - two thirds of what we eat. We import cod and haddock from Norway, Russia and China while our own fishermen dump the same species because of an EU ban.

The EU's 'one size fits all' policies lead to inappropriate permissions and bans, industrial fishing fleets clearing fisheries, spawning grounds unprotected and huge amounts of unnecessary discards.

Abundant fish such as huss (dogfish - see photo, inside right) are discarded because they are the 'wrong species' to land under EU regulations.

And when the EU fleets have exhausted our stocks, they move on to Africa, where they turn subsistence fishermen into desperate pirates.

It's time we put a stop to it.

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