## **A UK PROBLEM**

The UK is the second biggest tuna market in the world, consuming 778,000,000 TINS

in 2008 alone

# THE UK IS THE **LARGEST CONSUMER OF TINNED TUNA IN** EUROPE



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Taking action on FADs and purse seining

# HOW'S MY FISHING?

The majority of tinned tuna worldwide is caught using fish aggregation devices (FADs) which are floating objects usually equipped with satellite-linked sonar devices. Tuna instinctively gather around the FADs, allowing them to be scooped up in vast nets known as purse seines. These purse seines are a huge curtain of net that encircles a school of tuna and then closes when a line is pulled. Sharks, rays, other fish and even turtles also get caught.

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**THE SOLUTIONS: POLE AND LINE MARINE RESERVES PURSE SEINING WITHOUT FADS** 

## **70% OF TUNA PURSE SEINE** FISHING **USES FADS** ... and rising

## DWNDLNG **4.3 MILLION TONNES OF TUNA CAUGHT** per annum

| **0.5** m

**(B**)

## **FUNA TRADE GLOBAL VALUE \$2.7 BILLION**

per annum

1986 1996 2006 1966 **TUNA CAUGHT (TONNES)** 

1 **2 m** 

1.75M

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200 m

# PERSESEINING WITH FADS

# WIPED OUT WORLDWID **UP TO 90%**

of large predatory fish stocks

## Sharks and rays

More than three-quarters of species are under threat. Silky and whitetip sharks are in particular trouble from FADs.

As shark fins have become increasingly valuable in countries where shark fin soup is a delicacy fewer sharks are being released.

Turtles 6 of the 7 sea turtle populations are in trouble.

Juvenile and threatened tuna species Purse seining on FADs is responsible for high levels of bigeye and yellowfin bycatch.



Tuna Skipjack tuna



A Shelter and protection theory

Small fish are attracted by the body of the FAD and its mooring, as they offer some protection from predators.

### **B** Orientation theory

Fish use FADs as physical reference point. Some tuna species leave FAD at night and return during the day.





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per year globally. That's equivalent to almost

**Tonnes of FAD bycatch** 

182,500



## **WHAT'S BYCATCH?**

Non target species caught by indiscriminate fishing



3 mil

Larger bycatch Top predators like sharks and rays. Even marine turtles

Juvenile Including threatened tuna species

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28



fully fished

9

overexploited or depleted

MERCIALLY EXPLOITED TUNA

vulnerable to extiction endangered critically endangered