

Documentary film review **The End of the Line**

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INDUSTRIAL FISHING: Spanish *Albatun Tres* is 115 metres long and is the world's largest tuna purse seiner. Around 10% of the catch is unwanted bycatch and includes endangered species of sharks and turtles. Picture credit: **Greenpeace Nederland, oceanen** *Source:* PerthNow



BRUTAL REALITY: End of the Line is the first major documentary film to reveal the devastating impact of overfishing of the worlds oceans. *Source:* PerthNow

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WHEN you snap the tuna tin open, have you ever wondered if the ocean will run out of fish?

Rupert Murray's *The End of the Line* documentary casts the question 'are our oceans being overfished' and answers it with brutal and frightening clarity - start imagining a world without seafood.

At current rates, the ocean's stocks will be depleted by the middle of the century, the film reveals.

Touted the inconvenient truth on the ocean, this little-known, barely-screened documentary presents hard evidence and marine experts in a neatly wrapped take-home message for every shopper.

“The first thing we can do is choose sustainable seafood. It is outrageous we are sold overfished species from destructive fisheries,” Genevieve Quirk, Greenpeace oceans campaigner said.

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Based on the book by UK Daily Telegraph environmental reporter Charles Clover, smart, industrial and high-tech “fishing” of the ocean by big corporations and rich hunters is exposed in all its bloody glory as the far too effective machine that it is.

This is a hard-hitting film dressed in graphic images and powerful, unarguable statistics already being felt by poor coastal communities working inside a self-destructing industry.

“Man is at war with the ocean and is winning,” says French-born marine-biologist Daniel Pauly.

The film urges for a global reduction of fishing to prevent the industry from collapsing to a point where it is no longer viable or profitable.

It also points the finger at democracy for not making the political changes that it must.

“Man is not going to change and the sea is going to be dead,” says a fisherman who has seen the inconvenient consequence of endless lines and trawlers.

This is a documentary that will change the way you think about seafood and give you the power of knowledge to make a change.

Anyone who sees this film will find it very hard to eat tuna in the same way again.

The End of the Line will screen in cinemas nationwide from May 10.

Australians can refer to Greenpeace’s Canned Tuna Guide at www.greenpeace.org.au/tuna, which explains which supermarkets are selling overfished tuna, and how to get them to change.

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The real problem is not that Australian's like to eat fish or that our cats like to eat fish, for we are only 22 million strong. The problem is the masses in over populated countries that have too many people and not enough resources to feed them. It hurts to say it, but there are too many people and not enough food resources, one has to be lowered or the other hired, simple as that.

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