

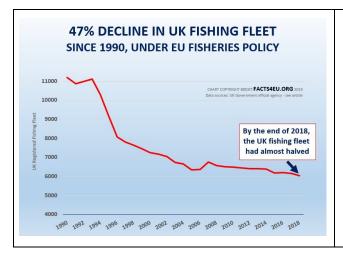
## THE BRITISH FISHING INDUSTRY AND THE EU

Brexit factsheet no.9 - Fisheries



The EU's Common Fisheries Policy has filleted the UK's fishing fleet In the last 30 years our fleet has <u>almost halved</u> and we're now <u>a net importer of fish</u>

The official data below comes from the UK Marine Management Organisation (MMO), from Eurostat, and from DEFRA.



## The UK is a maritime nation, surrounded by water

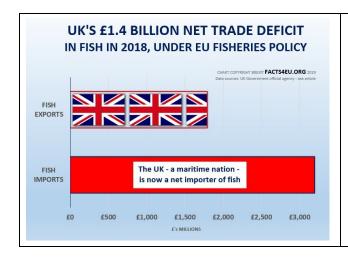
- In the last 30 years, UK has lost an average of 172 boats per year from the fleet
- In some years, as many as 20 boats per week were mothballed or scrapped
- The UK's fishing fleet has almost halved in 30 years

All of this has happened under the EU's Common Fisheries Policy

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The EU's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) is "designed to manage a common resource, it gives all European fishing fleets equal access to EU waters" [EU Commission]

Under the EU, the UK – a maritime island nation – has become a net importer of fish.



How can a nation surrounded by sea be turned into a net importer of fish?

- In 1990 the UK exported 53% more fish than it imported
- By 2018 the UK imported 78% more fish than it exported

Since 1990 the EU has turned the UK into a net importer of fish

- Last year (2018) the UK fleet landed under £1bn of fish
- In 2017 the British public consumed £4.7bn of fish

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During any 'Transition Period' the EU will be free to impose even more rules on the UK's fishermen, damaging our fishing and coastal communities even further. MPs will be able to do nothing about this.

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