

# SCIENCE BRIEFING

## Blue Implosion - How EU Failure to Enforce Fish Discard Ban Could Drive Fisheries Management System to Collapse

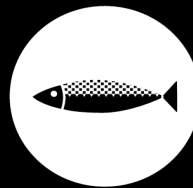
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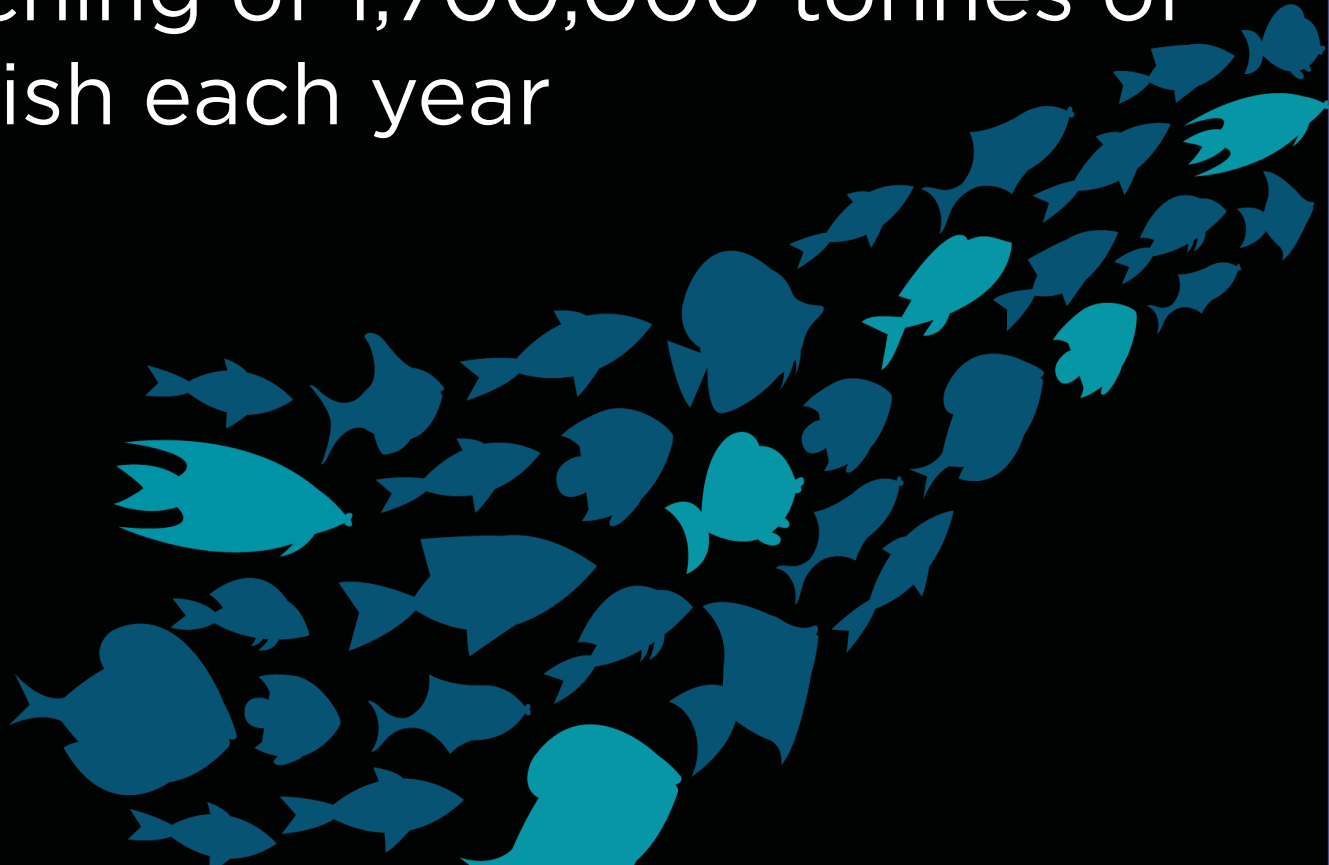
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# THE CONTEXT

2013 reform of EU Common Fisheries Policy aimed to end overfishing and reduce catching of 1,700,000 tonnes of unwanted fish each year



TACs should follow scientific advice for maximum sustainable yield to end overfishing

The Landing Obligation was introduced to drive an improvement in selectivity, minimise killing unwanted fish, and document all catches



# THE IMPACT

- Decline of fish populations
- Decline in TACs and quotas for the industry

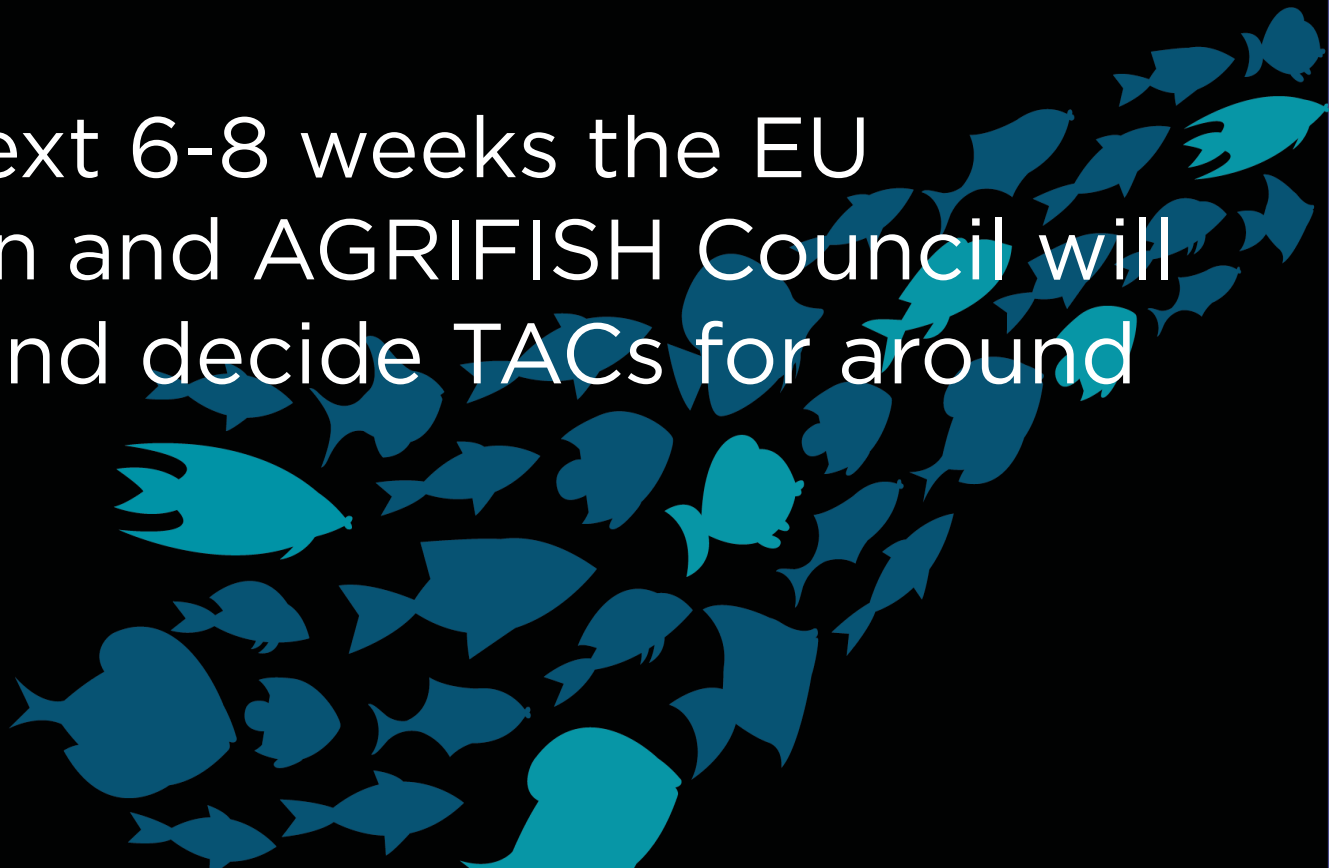
Collapse of vulnerable fish populations

- Inaccurate data undermining scientific advice
- Governments unable to make appropriate fisheries management decisions



Lisa's findings expose the scale of the impact of not enforcing the Landing Obligation but continuing to set TACs as though it were

Over the next 6-8 weeks the EU Commission and AGRIFISH Council will negotiate and decide TACs for around 130 stocks



# ACTION NEEDED

All EU lawmakers should mandate the use of Remote Electronic Monitoring on all EU vessels

Commission propose and MS Ministers agree to TACs at levels advised by scientists as 'wanted'

