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Eating jellyfish could save endangered fish – 24th October, 2020

## Level 0

Eating jellyfish could protect endangered sea life. Researchers studied fishing around the world. They found fishing caught over 100 endangered species. This is not illegal because the fish are not protected. A researcher said: "We actively fish for many of these threatened species."

Jellyfish could become common on menus. Jellyfish are more sustainable than other sea life. A researcher said other seafood is not sustainable. She said we should fish for species that can survive the fishing pressure. She added: "We just have to care about weird-looking squishy things like sea cucumbers."

## Level 1

There may be an answer to food shortages - eating jellyfish. This could also protect endangered fish and sea life. Researchers did a study of fishing around the world. They found that fishing nets caught 92 endangered species and 11 "critically endangered" species. This is not illegal as the fish are not protected. A researcher said: "Despite...international commitments to protect threatened species, we actively fish for many of these threatened species."

We are eating sea life that could go extinct. Eating jellyfish could protect fish in danger of disappearing from our oceans. Jellyfish could become common on menus. Jellyfish are a sustainable alternative to other kinds of fish. The researcher said seafood is not as sustainable as we think. She said we should fish for species that can survive the fishing pressure. She added: "We just have to care about weird-looking squishy things like sea cucumbers."

## Level 2

Scientists may have an answer to the problem of food shortages - eating jellyfish. This could also protect endangered fish and other sea life. Researchers from Australia conducted a study of fishing around the world. They found that fishing nets caught 92 endangered species of seafood and 11 species of "critically endangered" fish. The researchers said this was not illegal as the fish were not protected. Researcher Dr Leslie Robertson said: "Despite national and international commitments to protect threatened species, we actively fish for many of these threatened species."

The researchers warned we are eating sea life that is on the brink of extinction. They said eating jellyfish could help protect fish that are in danger of disappearing from our oceans. Jellyfish could become a common sight on menus. The researchers said jellyfish could be a sustainable alternative to other kinds of fish. Dr Robertson said seafood is not as sustainable as we think. She added: "It is possible to manage our fisheries sustainably and eat species that can survive the fishing pressure. We just have to care about weird-looking squishy things like sea cucumbers."

## Level 3

Scientists think they have found an answer to the problem of food shortages. One solution could be for us to eat jellyfish. This could also help to protect fish and other sea life that are endangered. Researchers from the University of Queensland in Australia conducted a study of fishing around the world. They discovered that fishing nets caught 92 endangered species of seafood and 11 species of marine life classed as "critically endangered". The researchers said this was not illegal as the creatures were not protected. Researcher Dr Leslie Robertson said: "Despite national and international commitments to protect threatened species, we actively fish for many of these threatened species."

The researchers warned we are eating species of fish and other sea life that are on the brink of extinction. They suggested that eating jellyfish could help protect fish that are in danger of disappearing from our seas and oceans. Jellyfish could become a common sight on menus, and we could ask for jellyfish and chips instead of fish and chips. The researchers said jellyfish could be a sustainable alternative at seafood restaurants and fish shops. Dr Robertson said seafood is "not as sustainable as consumers would like to think". She added: "It is possible to manage our fisheries sustainably and eat species that can survive the fishing pressure. We just have to care about weird-looking squishy things like sea cucumbers."