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Endangered seas

Sarah: Wentworth, have you noticed how expensive fish is?

W: Yes indeed. Anything that becomes scarce also becomes expensive...that's the law of the market unfortunately.

Sarah: how come the fish has become so scarce?

W: well before, the seas of the world used to teem with fish. Today the fishermen's drift nets wreak havoc on fish stocks. As a result, the fish stocks are not renewing properly.

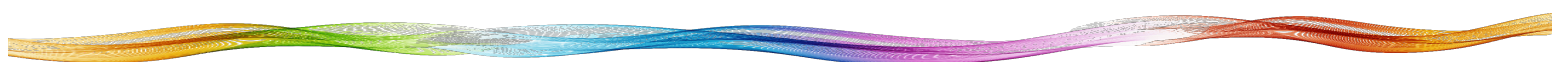
Sarah: I guess the scientists' pleas to introduce fish quotas were ignored for too long.

W: Yes. Overfishing is concerned but humans are also smearing the oceans with millions of tons of hard trash.

Sarah: I know. The sea is as well the victim of pollution flowing from the land and air, as it is burdened with oil dumped by millions of motorised vessels and super tankers which empty their tanks and cause oil spills.

W: Unfortunately yes. But we should all care. The future of humankind is absolutely dependent on the state of the ocean.

Sarah: well apparently all the polluters haven't realised it yet...





GLOSSARY:

Endangered seas	Fish quotas
To notice	Overfishing
To become	Humas
To teem	Millions of tons
To wreak havoc	Hard trash
To renew	The victim
To introduce	The pollution
To ignore	From the land and air
To smear	Oil
To flow	Motorised vessels
To burden	Super tankers
To dump	The tanks
To empty one's tank	Oil spill
To cause	Humankind
To care	The state of the ocean
To realise	The polluters
Fish	Scarce
The law of the market	Expensive
The seas of the world	Unfortunately
The fishermen	How come
Drift nets	As a result
Fish stocks	Properly
The scientists	Too long
The pleas	Dependent



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