

# **Penguins are Facing Extinction – Livestock and Overfishing are to Blame**



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Penguins and other species are facing extinction as fishing fleets harvest their prey for livestock feed.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the African penguin, *Spheniscus demersus*, Galapagos penguin, *Spheniscus mendiculus*, yellow-eyed penguin and *Megadyptes antipodes* are now classified as endangered. Glyn Davies, executive director of global programmes at the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), said: "The decline of species is reaching a critical point and we cannot ignore the role of unsustainable livestock production."

In addition to unsustainable extraction of fish for livestock feed, our demand for seafood is also driving marine ecosystems into an alarming downward spiral.

Experts predict many (if not all) of our fisheries will collapse in just a few short decades. The truth is, with a population of 7.5 billion people and growing, any notion of so-called "sustainable fishing" is a fantasy.

The good news is that we can \*easily\* stop this assault on our oceans right now. All it takes is for each of us, individually, to have the will to do so.

Animal foods (including meat, fish, dairy, eggs, etc.) are unnecessary for our health, and producing animal foods at scale is causing immense environmental devastation both on land and in the seas.

Please consider these issues, abstain from animal products, and go vegan.

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***For more, please see the following:***

- Independent article, "World Penguin Day: Species facing extinction as fishing fleets harvest their prey for livestock feed";
  - Dalhousie University study projecting virtually "fish-free" oceans by 2048;
  - Study published in Science Advances concluding that the Sixth Mass Extinction has already begun; and
    - Our video, "*Livestock and the Sixth Mass Extinction*", which further discusses these issues.
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