

# The best sea fisheries in Europe?

The sea in front of you once supported prolific fisheries for herring, mackerel, haddock, wild salmon and other species.

## Herring

Shoals feed on plankton near the surface of the sea by night.

Local people made a living and caught their supper from the sea.

Visit Ullapool for award winning local seafood!

## Whiting



## Plaice



## Haddock



## Cod



## Nephrops prawn (Langoustine)

Lives in burrows where the seabed is muddy.



## Priest Island (RSPB Nature Reserve)

Traditional herring drift net fishing boat

Minke whale

## Gannet

Look for gannets diving in! They may be following shoals of herrings or mackerel.

Creel fishing for crabs, lobster and nephrops prawn

## Mackerel

Factory ships from eastern Europe exploited shoals in 1970s and 1980s.

Scottish record rod-caught haddock, mackerel, and skate were caught near here.

## Skate

Huge skate may still breed near here.

Skate egg-case

Can we learn to look after our seas?

## Once there were big fish . . .

In the 1960s, the British skate fishing championships were held in Ullapool, and in 1965, the European sea angling championships.

Many fisheries collapsed due to overfishing, ecosystem breakdown, seabed damage and inadequate fisheries management.

## But all is not lost!

Juvenile cod, haddock, whiting, plaice, skate and many other species still live here.

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