

The Environmental Justice Foundation

The Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF) is a UK-based non-profit organisation working internationally to protect the environment and defend human rights. EJF believes environmental security is a human right.

EJF's Oceans Campaign aims to eradicate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) or 'pirate' fishing. We are working to create full transparency and traceability within seafood supply chains and markets. We actively promote improvements to policy-making, corporate governance and management of fisheries along with consumer activism and market driven solutions.



EJF's ambition is to secure truly sustainable, well-managed fisheries and with this the protection and effective conservation of marine biodiversity and ecosystems. EJF believes that there must be greater equity in global fisheries to ensure developing countries and vulnerable communities are given fair access and support to sustainably manage their natural marine resources.

EJF's Oceans Campaign is a global solution to tackle the threat of IUU fishing, which has been successful at a local, national and international level. It combines community-based work, regional information-sharing and international advocacy.

Advice on combatting IUU fishing has been sought from a variety of stakeholders including Government representatives from eight West African States. EJF's work in West Africa has received widespread praise, including from the World Bank and European Union, and was awarded the 2012 Energy Globe award for sustainability.

Community Surveillance

EJF works with fishing communities in Sierra Leone and Liberia to monitor vessels and record irrefutable evidence of trawlers fishing illegally. Evidence including photographs, video and GPS coordinates of offending fishing trawlers are submitted to coastal, flag and port States to ensure vessels are sanctioned and their catch is not exported to the world's valuable seafood markets.

Since January 2010 EJF has documented over 275 pirate fishing incidents reported by over 25 different communities. Resultant fines have generated revenue exceeding \$1.5 million for the Sierra Leone Government. More recently, EJF has used monitoring of Satellite AIS to generate further evidence of IUU fishing. In the past six months this has resulted in separate Government investigations being launched in Ghana, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, South Korea, the Netherlands and Spain.