

Worldwide fish stocks in danger of depletion: report

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The article, to be published in Science Magazine on Friday, says authorities must try to contain a trend that has trawlers venturing further offshore and destroying habitats as they search for large species.

The paper, called the Future for Fisheries, describes measures that should be taken to "bring fisheries back from the brink and reduce the danger of extinction for many species."

The world's fisheries have become so stretched because boats have been moving into deeper water to find larger, high-priced fish, such as tuna and groupers, as smaller species become fished out.

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