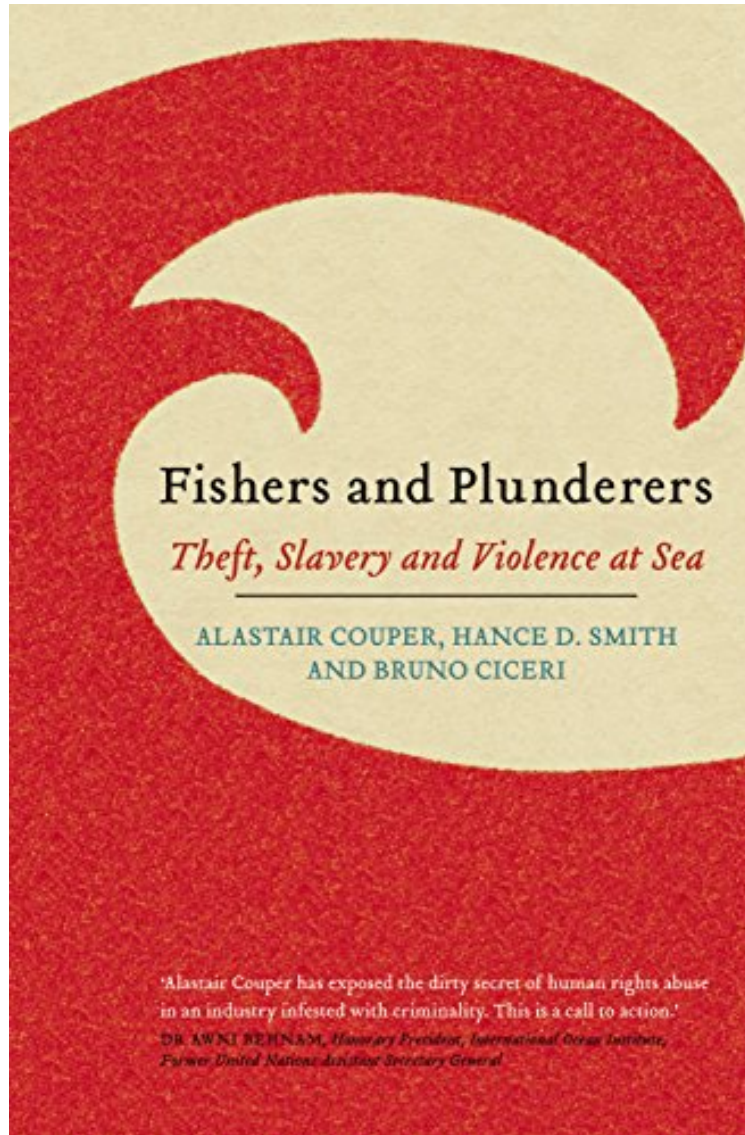


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**Alastair Couper, Hance D. Smith, Bruno Ciceri : Fishers and Plunderers: Theft, Slavery and Violence at Sea** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fishers and Plunderers: Theft, Slavery and Violence at Sea:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Peripatetic piscine pirates plunder pelagic plenty - Seamen suffer slavelike servitudeBy PopupThe first half concentrates on the fish stocks, and how they are depleted through not-unconscious overfishing and unsustainable fishing practices. Especially noteworthy are the 'Distant-Water-Fisheries' i.e. vessels that come from far away and sweep up all the fish they can get, freeze on-site and transship the haul to

transport ships, sometimes staying out for years on end. The unsung heroes of the authors are the Small Scale Fishers (SSF) that are being outcrowded by the evil foreign fish-factories. To make matters worse, the foreign vessels often get state support to exploit far from home. For example, the EU Common Fisheries Policy pays of the fishing fees, in order to keep the European fishers busy in waters off the African coast. My one beef with this part of the book is that the text is extremely rich in jargon and acronyms. To sum it up, and only slightly paraphrase the text: MSC certified SSF in EFZs/EEZs suffers from IUU and FOCs from DWFN using FADs, supported by e.g. EU's CFP. The second half looks at the conditions of the fishers, and this is the scariest part of the book. The authors chronicle examples of all kinds of barbarism, from exaggerated promises to violence to outright slavery and sexual depredation.

Unfortunately it reads more like a laundry-list of examples than a survey of industry-wide practices. The book would have been much better if it focused on analysis rather than anecdotes. I believe that the different authors have written different parts of the book, as the writing style varies markedly. I think they would have done better to write two books - one on the fate of the fish, and another about the fortunes of the fishers. While the contents are worthy, and the text is educational, the prose is just a little bit too dry and boring for me to give it more than three stars, though. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great statistics and figures By DC Book Angel An exhaustively written book about the underlying abuse of humans, law, and communities in the global seafood trade. Great statistics and figures, important examples and background, and a call to us all to consider buying TRULY local to USA fisheries when satisfying our yen for seafood. Do you really want to eat the food a slave touched to get it to you?

In *Fishers and Plunderers*, Alastair Couper, Hance D. Smith and Bruno Ciceri focus on the exploitation of fish and fishers alike in a global industry driven by profits, with little consideration given to either resource conservation or human rights. With vast overprovision of vessels and shortages of fish, labour costs are targeted and young men are trafficked from poor areas onto vessels in virtual slavery. The resultant poverty and debt bonding pushes many towards trafficking drugs and piracy - although the criminality linked to the industry extends far beyond the level of the individual, vessel or fleet. The book provides evidence of these crimes and injustices, with the authors arguing for regulations which if implemented could protect the rights of fishers across the board. In doing so, the authors shed a much needed light on a largely hidden world. Those wishing to better the lives of fishers both at sea and ashore will find it to be a persuasive and essential guide.

"Today, reality TV shows about commercial fishing depict a world of crusty, charismatic sea captains and crews who may work hard and get wet but exult in a love of their job and often hit a lottery of big paydays. Yet commercial fishing remains by far the most dangerous occupation in the world...as is confirmed in the excellent book, *Fishers and Plunderers*."