

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY  
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **50**

Assignment: **F**

Country: **Fiji**

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Title: A proposal to provide sanctions to alter the manner that drift-net fishing is preformed in international waters.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Justification Clause: Throughout Eastern Asia and Africa, drift-net fishing is a large source of income; however, a main issue is that not every fish caught in the nets, is the species they intended to catch. By the time that they discover these other species on deck, they have already perished, and have to be disposed of. Every single year, for the last twenty years, 15% of all fish caught, were unintentional. That's 40,000 fish that die each year for an unreasonable cause.

Section 1: Our solution, is not to restrict the amount of fish they catch, but instead the size of the gillnets they use. The United Nations did pass a proposal in 1992, mandating that the length of a gillnet in international waters, must remain under 2.5 kilometers. Yet, though it has made a difference, it still is not enough. We believe reducing the size of the net to at most 2 kilometers would help in the effort to save tens of thousands of fish each year.

Section 2: The Marine Life division of the United Nations Environmental Program will enforce our initiative, by licensing every fishing ship before it goes to port at the onset of each fishing season. If caught in international waters with an illegal net, the company owning the ship will be subject to a 500-1000\$ fine on the first offense, and a 6 month suspensions from international waters on the second offense and beyond.

Section 3: No funding is required to support this proposal.

Section 4: This proposal will go into effect upon passage.