



Why do we need large scale vessels ?

Provides Food

- We could not feed the growing 7 billion global population on small scale fisheries alone

Offer essential employment for fishermen and their communities

- Offers high quality employment for high skilled and trained fishermen and their landings ensure employment throughout the entire chain of production

Environmentally Friendly

- Compared to other animal protein sources, fish coming from large vessels has a significantly lower carbon footprint as it does not need to be artificially fed, does not require the use of scarce water supplies and is not the result of multiple trips

No competition between Large & Small scale

- Big vessels are able to exploit stocks not accesible to small vessels

Maritime Infrastructure

- To a high degree, large and small vessels are interdependent. Port infrastructures would be unsustainable without large vessels providing the continuity of landings necessary to support marketing and ice facilities

Safety

- Better health and working conditions for the crew in order to guarantee safety on board over long distances. International safety conventions are mainly addressed to fishing vessels over 24m

Storage quality

- Only large scale vessels can accommodate freezing and storage facilities on board allowing the capture of distant stocks

Sustainability

- All EU fleets large and small are under strict management systems

Control

- The EU fleet is the best monitored and controlled in the World.