

Memorandum to Save the Malaysian Billfish

We, the undersigned, would like to bring to the attention of the authorities that the Malaysian Billfish is under threat from the commercial fishing industry. Billfish in Malaysia fall victim to daily harvesting by the commercial fishing industry, reducing a valuable recreational resource to fish crackers, porridge and salt fish. Once considered a by-catch, the Malaysian Billfish is now deliberately harvested for its commercial value.

At present, the Billfish is not protected by law and is therefore profusely harvested. Drastic and immediate action must be taken by the relevant authorities and the federal Government to stop this slaughter before it is too late.

Billfish in Malaysia travel great distances across oceans to be in Malaysia and bring revenue from the tourist and sport fishing industries. Revenue upon which many local communities depend. Billfish are the icon of sport fishing in this country attracting international anglers from far and wide to fish in Malaysia.

To fully protect the Malaysian Billfish, we call upon the Malaysian Government:

- **for a total ban on Billfish commercial harvest and sale in Malaysia**
- **to identify and gazette non-trawler zones at main Billfish habitats**
- **to set up and empower regulatory bodies to strictly enforce the above proposals**

We have already lost the internationally protected Leatherback Turtle from Malaysia. Let us not make the same mistake with the Malaysian Billfish.

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