

## Eating jellyfish could save endangered fish

Scientists think they have found an answer to the problem of food shortages. One solution could be for us to eat jellyfish. This could also help to protect fish and other sea life that are endangered. Researchers from the University of Queensland in Australia conducted a study of fishing around the world. They discovered that fishing nets caught 92 endangered species of seafood and 11 species of marine life classed as "critically endangered". The researchers said this was not illegal as the creatures were not protected. Researcher Dr Leslie Robertson said: "Despite national and international commitments to protect threatened species, we actively fish for many of these threatened species."

The researchers warned we are eating species of fish and other sea life that are on the brink of extinction. They suggested that eating jellyfish could help protect fish that are in danger of disappearing from our seas and oceans. Jellyfish could become a common sight on menus, and we could ask for jellyfish and chips instead of fish and chips. The researchers said jellyfish could be a sustainable alternative at seafood restaurants and fish shops. Dr Robertson said seafood is "not as sustainable as consumers would like to think". She added: "It is possible to manage our fisheries sustainably and eat species that can survive the fishing pressure. We just have to care about weird-looking squishy things like sea cucumbers."

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### TRUE / FALSE

1. Scientists have found the answer to food shortages. T / F
2. The research is from a university in Sydney, Australia. T / F
3. Over 100 endangered species of marine life are caught in fishing nets. T / F
4. It is not illegal to catch the endangered species. T / F
5. Researchers said we are eating fish that are in danger of extinction. T / F
6. Jellyfish and chips could soon be on restaurant menus. T / F
7. Researchers said jellyfish are not a sustainable alternative to fish. T / F
8. A researcher said we shouldn't care about squishy sea cucumbers. T / F

**EXTINCT FOOD:** These foods could become extinct in the future. How important are they to you? Why? How would you feel if they became extinct? Complete this table.

	How Important	Why?	How You Would Feel If They Became Extinct
Bluefin Tuna			
Chocolate			
Bananas			
Soy beans			
Honey			
Coffee			