Dynamite Fishing

Why do we use dynamite fishing, when it puts a lot of living things in danger? Dynamite or blast fishing is when you use dynamite or TNT to catch fish by killing them before they swim away. Some people think dynamite fishing is better than regular fishing because it helps fishermen find more fish. Those who are against it say that it's too dangerous to marine life, threatens the environment and is especially dangerous to people. Even with all this said some fishermen still uses dynamite fishing compared other safe methods like a net. I agree with the people who think dynamite fishing is dangerous. When it explodes, BOOM!!!!! Dynamite is dangerous to marine life, the food chain and people.

First of all, dynamite fishing is dangerous because it hurts marine life. When the dynamite explodes, it not only kills the fish, it destroys the marvelous coral reefs “Coral reefs are often dynamited to harvest small fish.” (http://www.starfish.ch/reef/conservation.html) Without the coral reefs, other marine creatures that depend on the reefs for necessities such as sharks, plants and plankton will die. If they die, we end up having lesser fish supply. This is important because if there is a decrease of an animal, the food chain will shift and we might end up with lesser food supply.

Secondly, dynamite fishing is dangerous because it affects the food chain. Certain dynamite called TNT produces some toxins or poisons that can be harmful to living animals and to people. When the dynamite kills the fishes, they can be poisonous when eaten “Poison fishing commonly referred to as “cyanide fishing.”… Fishers using this method dive down to the reef and squirt cyanide or other poisons in reef crevices to stun fish, making them easy to catch…The impact of these poisons on the
reef ranges from coral bleaching to death.” (Unknown, 2009) This is important because fish and meat are part of our daily food servings; if fish is toxic, we may lose the majority of our meat supply.

Furthermore, the most important reason, dynamite is dangerous to people. The fishermen who use dynamite can get hurt and get killed because accidents can happen. If they set off a bomb to close to their boat, they could cause major or even fatal damage. Some fisherman have died or lost limbs because the fused a bomb drifted back to their boat. If they had been close to the shore, they would have put other lives in danger. One fisherman is quoted saying, "Dynamite fishing ruined my life." Due to lack of fish he was forced to abandon fishing and was forced to engage in farming which he was not used to because he was a fisherman all his life. This is important because we should not lose a life because of dangerous way of fishing and I believe we should not have some people’s lives ruined just to benefit our own.

Some might say dynamite fishing is the easiest way to catch fish since it kills the fish before they could swim away. However, the possible price for the fisherman who does this technique could be their life (Unknown, 2009). It has wounded a lot of people and caused them to quit fishing. Also, dynamite fishing is not the only way to fish. For example, you can catch just as many fish by capturing them with a net which is a safer way.

In conclusion, I think that dynamite fishing is dangerous. It hurts the innocent lives of sea creatures, the food chain and most importantly, hurts people. Some animals are endangered due to lost of habitat or prey, and the coral reefs are in ghastly shape. If you think that coral reefs can grow back
as quickly as they appeared, think again. It takes centuries to grow the coral and almost half a century to have it grow back. Don't be satisfied with how the underwater world looks now; do something to preserve it. If you don't, we'll lose that marvel forever.
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