

FISHERMEN MALINDI PROFITING FROM PIRACY

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To benefit from the piracy in the Somali waters.
That's what the pirates do with collecting huge ransoms.
But now they're not the only ones anymore.
Fishermen along the Indian Ocean Coast in Kenya record bigger fish catches.
They say it's because the pirates chased away the big foreign fishing trawlers that emptied the ocean.
Meaning that fishes now have the time to grow nicely big and give good business.

BETA LENGTH 1'52"

SOUNDBITE OCEAN

The Indian Ocean Beach at Malindi just after sun rise.
Fishermen's wives wait for husbands who return from night fishing.

SOUNDBITE WALKING WITH FISH

They bring home tuna, king fish, and shark.
The fishermen see their fishes grow bigger by the day.
Just as Abdullah Ali, 35-years old, and father of one.

QUOTE ABDULLAH ALI

Before we have no fish.
We looked for fish, but no people got food from fish.
Now we see at lot of fish starting.

According to the fishermen fishing trawlers are scared of pirates.
They used to scoop all the fish from the ocean.
Leaving nothing behind for the local fisher men.

QUOTE KAZUNGU KATANA

Malindi Beach Management
Since trawlers are no longer fishing here.
The small scale fishermen now are just engaging in nice catch on fish.

The pirates make millions by hijacking trawlers and other vessels.
And because of the size of the area where they operate...
even an international naval force is unable to prevent it.

SOUNDBITE WAR SHIP

But the Kenyan fishermen admire their big fishes.
They sell it on the beach to middle man for 1 Euro per kilo.
Enough to easily make 10 Euro per day.

QUOTE AHMED CLAY, middle man
Now look at this fish here.
10 people can make their business of this.

The fish goes to Malindi town.
Where Faris Ablas sees his sales go up.

QUOTE FARID ABLAS
We expect for better.

It's unlikely the piracy in the Somali waters will end any time soon.
So the fishermen comfortably wait for high tide,
for another round of fruitful fishing.