



Culture of the CATCH

Down in Antigua, the fishing culture and ecosystem are under threat from the expanding tourism industry

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Top: This is the typical catch a fisherman in Antigua will find from the Caribbean Sea.
Above: To accommodate incoming cruise ships, harbors around the island are dredged causing sediment deposition on the coral reefs, ultimately leading to a decline in the fish population.



Above: A local fisherman cuts up the catch of the day on the dock. It will be handed over to the "middle men" to be sold later that day. The middle men will mark up the price of the fish and sell it to restaurants, hotels and resorts. Fishermen use middle men because restaurants pay only once a week, while fishermen need money after returning from the ocean each day.
Right: The bulk of one man's catch lies on the dock ready to be sold.

