HARVEST REFUGIA – *SAFE HAVEN BENEATH THE SEA*



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The concept of Harvest Refugia originated with the ancient Greeks. They realized that if they hunted all the available animals in a province there would soon be nothing left. Therefore, they set aside a parcel of land protected from all hunting so as to be a source of shelter and safety for game animals where they could reproduce without harassment. They were serious about this because the penalty for violating it was death!

It would seem that "modern man" has been unable to grasp this concept. Why? The reasons are many: ignorance, greed, unable to accept facts, lack of information, and apathy. Without going into laborious detail here I'll just leave you with this……YOU DO THE MATH!

Human Over-Population……6,800,000,000 (and counting)
Fishing within 200 miles of land……98% (most open ocean is desert)
Commercial take of fish per year……90,000,000 metric tons
Sport and poaching take of fish per year……Unknown (millions of anglers)
Costs incurred for $70 billion worth of fish…….$124 billion ($54B subsidies)
For every 1 pound of shrimp taken……6 pounds of other sea life dies
Avg. population densities in reserves……..90% higher (than unprotected)
Current amount of ocean protected……< 1/10 of 1% (not sustainable)

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Before it really is too late.