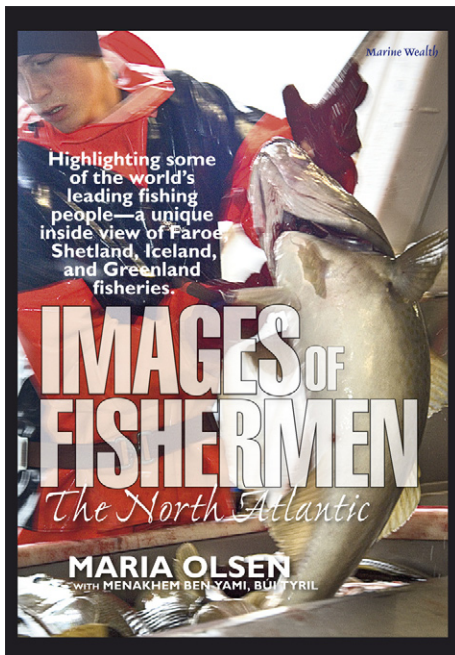


# Experience life at sea – in stunning pictures



## **IMAGES OF FISHERMEN: The North Atlantic**

by Maria Olsen (photographs),  
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### **RESUME**

#### *Title*

Images of fishermen: the North Atlantic.

#### *Subtitle*

Highlighting some of the world's leading fishing people -- a unique inside view of Faroe, Shetland, Iceland, and Greenland fisheries.

#### *Short description*

What's the secret behind the thriving fishing communities of the North Atlantic islands? This book gives a gripping behind-the-scenes photographic glimpse into what reality is like on the fishing grounds through the evidence of six amazing photo essays. Challenging the conventional wisdom of often failing management regimes, the book likewise offers some thought-provoking analyses of current fisheries management issues based on a study of the successful Faroe effort system.

**Y**OU MAY SAY AT LAST,  
here's a book that presents,  
in compelling language, the

reality of North Atlantic fisheries as seen through a photographer's lens; what's more is that this is a powerful showcase of some thriving fishing communities with a comprehensive case study focusing on the management system applied in the Faroe Islands.

IMAGES OF FISHERMEN: The North Atlantic indeed highlights some of the world's leading fishing people, offering a unique, inside view of Faroe, Shetland, Iceland, and Greenland fisheries.

This may well be the first book on the market to cover commercial fishing this comprehensively using photojournalism in conjunction with an expert treatise.

Through six photo essays, professional photographer Maria Olsen delivers a feast of more than 200 amazing pictures, documenting diverse fishing trips while covering several fishing methods including benthic and midwater trawling, pair trawling, gillnetting, and longlining.

IMAGES OF FISHERMEN also contains an authoritative treatise written by the world-renowned fisheries adviser Menakhem Ben-Yami on contemporary fisheries management issues, first and foremost related to the special case of Faroe. The book is introduced with a brief overview of the great fishing traditions of the four tiny North Atlantic island communities, written by Búi Tyril.

You'll be likely to find yourself browsing through IMAGES OF FISHERMEN over and over because it's both enjoyable, informative and captivating. While the stunning photographs are powerful enough to capture the interest of anyone, anywhere, the book is a tribute to those who fish for a living and bring seafood to the world. It carries a serious message: both science and popular opinion have more than once been mistaken about the true nature of commercial fishing and its interplay with marine ecosystems.

*(See reviews on the following page.)*

## REVIEWS

Images of Fishermen ... a wonderful book. (...) Some absolutely stunning photography... It's a fantastic book; if you've got somebody that's interested, folks, I suggest it!

— *L. J. Wallace, host of Water's Edge radio program, Charleston, South Carolina*

"I'M NOT A HUGE fan of coffee-table books. (...) For this book, I may make a rare exception. Images of Fishermen is a blend of modern-day North Atlantic ride-along, history lesson and industry update. Photographer Maria Olsen does not simply offer a catalog of fishing beauty shots. Sure, there are a few, but the meat is in the stills of the crew on deck attaching the trawl sonar, processing cod, mending nets. Olsen immersed herself in her subject, and she got close enough to reveal its reality as well its beauty."

— *National Fisherman*

"FROM TIME TO TIME books arrive at our office doorstep that make us sit up and pay real attention. (...) Images of Fishermen ... has made the hairs on the back of our neck stand up from the visual feast that is featured within this beautifully crafted book. (...) Very few books accurately record the hard work that goes into bringing you the freshest of seafood to your supermarket shelf. Very few books accurately evoke admiration and respect of fishermen's harsh work environments. This is however one such book! Ultimately this is one of those books that is so enjoyable, informative and captivating that you'll find yourself browsing through its pages over and over again."

— *Marine Times Newspaper*

"[THIS IS A] stunning collection of images from trips on board ... trawlers, gillnetters and longliners ... [The photographer] manages to tell the story of each trip — from cod longlining to demersal twin rig trawling — through high quality colour shots of fishermen at work ... What makes the book so ceaselessly fascinating is that, to get the magnificent range of images and insights into different facets of life on a fishing boat, Maria Olsen has clearly got some dirt under her nails and got close to her subject matter. (...) The framing of the images also throws the viewer right on deck. (...) When taking shots of the crews at work Maria Olsen really throws the camera around, playing with unconventional angles and framing that gives a palpable sense of the chaos and drama of living and working on a fishing vessel."

— *Fishing News / Fishing News International*

"IMAGES OF FISHERMEN: The North Atlantic features scores of full color pictures taken on board fishing boats in Faroe, Iceland, Greenland, and Shetland, each a different kind of boat. As a glimpse into the life on board the fishing boats, this book really is unique and photographer Maria Olsen has done the skippers and crews proud... A gorgeous book to dip into and browse through — it's a book where the pictures really do tell the story."

— *Mary Blance, BBC Radio Scotland (The Shetland Books Programme)*

"THIS BOOK HIGHLIGHTS and brings to life the arduous work behind every catch of fish and its long road to the retail display. A very informative book on several fisheries in the North Atlantic with concise text and excellent photos. One might say the photos are almost too good, bearing in mind that the weather out there is not always as beautiful as pictured here. But these pictures create an atmosphere and in some magic way make the reader identify with the labor at sea... The book will give the reader a comprehensive insight into commercial fisheries."

— *Jörgen Niclasen, 1998-2003 Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Affairs, Faroe Islands*

"THIS IS AN EXCELLENT book for anyone interested in the North Atlantic and those people who make a living from fishing these waters. The photographs are first rate — they tell the story of what it is to be a fisherman in the North Atlantic today. This book will delight readers... It will also be an education for those who live in the cities of Europe, who have ever wondered how the fish they buy from the supermarket or eat in a restaurant ever gets there in the first place."

— *John Goodlad, former long-time Chief Executive of Shetland Fishermen's Association*

"NORTH ATLANTIC fishermen have, through centuries, refined their catch technologies, and their efforts have had profound impact on the economies of their communities. This fine and impressive book tells their story. Dr Ben-Yami's sharp treatise is a must read for anyone wanting to explore the interplay between fishermen, fisheries development and management, and the responsible utilization of marine resources."

— *Jóhann Hauksson, host of radio program Morgunhaninn, Reykjavík, Iceland*