


Shellfish Need Your Help!

The life of shellfish is often ended in an extremely painful and distressing manner. They may be killed in any of the following horrendous ways:

BOILED ALIVE
CUT UP whilst STILL ALIVE!!
Have their FLESH SCRAPED OUT whilst STILL ALIVE!!



Crabs and Lobsters in particular **have complex nervous systems** and there is a growing body of scientific research which suggests that they **definitely feel Pain & Distress**. Oxford University zoologist, Dr. John Baker, found that lobsters dropped into boiling water showed **'Powerful Struggling Movements'** for up to **2 minutes** and he concluded that these were not reflex actions but **indications of pain**. And the distress can start much earlier as they often endure **Cruel Forms of Trapping, Transport and Storage**. Traps lost on the seabed or washed up on inaccessible beaches leave their victims to die an agonisingly slow death. Live crabs and lobsters are also often transported in densely packed containers and stored in overcrowded tanks with their claws tied.

At the **Shellfish Network** we are working hard to bring this often overlooked cruelty to the attention of the world in order to make a positive change to the lives of shellfish everywhere.

How Can You Help?

If you believe that these cruelties should be banned then please write to your M.P. at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. You might point out that the Dept. of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs counterpart in New South Wales, Australia, has issued guidelines to the catering industry on avoiding cruelty to shellfish, along with the New Zealand Animal Welfare Act, 1999.

If you would like more information and/or to make a donation towards our work then please complete the tear-off section and post it to the following address:

Shellfish Network, Parkside House, Elmbridge Lane, WOKING, Surrey GU22 9AE



Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Fax _____

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I enclose a donation of £_____ (Please make cheques payable to: 'Shellfish Network')