

Al Jumhuriyah al Arabiyah as Suriyah

The Syrian Arab Republic

Current Year: 2009



Current Ranking	20th		Fish Price	0.60 US\$
Annual Profit	-156,016	S.P.	Fish Caught	6,779
Starting Funds	364,036	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	187
Ships Owned	10		1 S.P. =	0.0192 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0		Change	N/A US\$

Current Strategy	My strategy is to buy one or two more ships and then to send all of them out in order to maximize profit and minimize cost. I also do not want to buy more than a couple of ships because I do not want to contribute to a rapid decrease in the fish population. I also do not want to have to pay the dry docking cost.
How it is working	Well, I forgot to submit my first annual report so that definitely set me back early on in the game.
New Strategy	Most importantly, I need to submit my annual reports. Other than that, I think I will stick to my current plan and try to buy ships during the next annual report. Those who sent out all of their ships this year were very successful, so I think I will follow their lead and try to make up for lost profit.
Class Application	In class, we have been learning about the four levels of analysis. In this simulation, we are analyzing the actions of the states on an interstate level, since treaties, alliances, and power struggles are all bound to take place at some point. In fact, the prospect of a treaty is already on the table to reduce the number of ships sent out to fish.

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Current Year: 2010



Current Ranking	20th		Fish Price	0.57 US\$
Annual Profit	-45,915	S.P.	Fish Caught	4,273
Starting Funds	318,121	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	231
Ships Owned	11		1 S.P. =	0.0192 US\$
Ships to Send Out	11		Change	+0.0000 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to buy one more ship for eleven ships. I will send out all of my ships in order to maximize my profit and avoid paying the dry docking cost.
How it is working	My strategy is working well because I am making money and slowly digging myself out of a financial mess.
New Strategy	I am considering joining the Spillane Treaty but I am not sure if my record is financially stable enough right now. Perhaps I will wait to sign the treaty until I begin climbing in the standings. For now, I think I will continue sending out all of my ships.
Class Application	The theme of reciprocity has come up in the simulation, especially due to the draft of a treaty. Each state who signs the treaty can only send 80% of their ships, plus one. Therefore, people are slowing the declination of the fish population while giving up some profit so there will be enough fish to continue the simulation.

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Current Year: 2011



Current Ranking	16th		Fish Price	0.79 US\$
Annual Profit	10,784	S.P.	Fish Caught	4,423
Starting Funds	328,905	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	186
Ships Owned	11		1 S.P. =	0.0193 US\$
Ships to Send Out	11		Change	+0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to send out all of my ships in order to maximize profit and avoid dry docking costs.
How it is working	This strategy, although simplistic, has been very successful for me since it has helped me to climb four spots in the ratings, and to turn my annual profit into a positive value.
New Strategy	Although my current strategy has been working well for me, I do need to consider the issue of the declining fish population. If possible, I would like to chip in with some other people to purchase the biographical survey. Depending on the data, I would consider signing a treaty limiting the number of ships sent out.
Class Application	Today in class, we talked about free riders and the problem that they can cause in society, and especially in anarchies. My main concern with a treaty, as is a concern for most people, is that people may want to undermine the system and take advantage of the increasing price of fish by sending out more ships than allowed. Since this simulation is set in an anarchical system, there really is no sure way to reinforce the treaty.

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Current Year: 2012



Current Ranking	16th		Fish Price	0.47 US\$
Annual Profit	-19,409	S.P.	Fish Caught	7,736
Starting Funds	309,497	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	194
Ships Owned	11		1 S.P. =	0.0192 US\$
Ships to Send Out	11		Change	-0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to send out all of my ships to continue to maximize my profit and avoid paying the dry-docking fee.
How it is working	My strategy is not working as well as it has been in previous years because my profits have started to turn negative again. This is probably due to the fact that many people are sending out many ships as well, thus diminishing the value of the fish.
New Strategy	I am strongly considering signing a treaty to restrict the number of ships allowed out and to ensure that the fish population remains above 500. I have also contributed money to view the biological survey so I can determine how endangered the fish population is and how much I need to alter my current strategy.
Class Application	In class, we have been learning about power calculations and rational actors. As much as all of the countries involved in this simulation want to maximize their profit by sending out ships, they also do not want to destroy the fish population. The price of fish is decreasing; so, many people are not making a substantial profit anymore. As a result, I believe that many countries, including mine, will want to change their strategies to better accommodate long-term success.

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Current Year: 2013



Current Ranking	15th	Fish Price	0.53 US\$
Annual Profit	5,241 S.P.	Fish Caught	3,306
Starting Funds	314,737 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	193
Ships Owned	11	1 S.P. =	0.0193 US\$
Ships to Send Out	11	Change	+0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to send out all of my ships in order to maximize profit and avoid dry docking costs.
How it is working	My strategy is working as well as possible given the current circumstances. The price of fish is very low because many people are still sending out all of their ships.
New Strategy	I have decided to sign the treaty, so I will reduce the number of ships that I send out. Many other countries have already committed to this treaty, so the price of fish will start to increase again. Not only will the treaty diminish the rate at which the fish population is depleted, but it also would allow me to collect extra credit points at the end of the simulation, even if I am not in the top five spots.
Class Application	In class, we have discussed the importance of identity in the interaction between states. Through signing the treaty, I have practiced this idea of identity because all of the countries who are members share the idea that the fish population needs to be regulated at the expense of personal gain.

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Current Year: 2014



Current Ranking	15th		Fish Price	3.54 US\$
Annual Profit	-135,240	S.P.	Fish Caught	1,297
Starting Funds	179,498	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	100
Ships Owned	11		1 S.P. =	0.0192 US\$
Ships to Send Out	2		Change	-0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to reduce the number of ships that I send out by signing the Selliasrev Treaty.
How it is working	My profits have gone down, even though the price of fish has significantly increased since last year. However, the number of fish caught has decreased substantially.
New Strategy	I need to send out a few more ships in order to avoid having negative cash on hand. However, I will continue to dry dock most of my ships.
Class Application	In class, we have been discussing the mentality of realists who believe that only one country can gain power. A few countries who have opted out of signing the treaty have decided to send out all of their ships, while ignoring the consequences that their actions may entail.

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Current Year: 2015



Current Ranking	14th		Fish Price	4.49 US\$
Annual Profit	-86,891	S.P.	Fish Caught	2,507
Starting Funds	92,607	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	105
Ships Owned	11		1 S.P. =	0.0193 US\$
Ships to Send Out	4		Change	+0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to send out as little ships as possible without having negative cash on hand. I am trying to comply with the treaty that I signed.
How it is working	The number of ships and the number of fish caught has decreased because of the treaty. However, my current profit is not going to be sufficient to cover my docking costs, so I may need to start sending out more ships.
New Strategy	I am going to send out a few more ships and possibly give some away to Tunisia. The docking costs are starting to take a toll on my finances, so I really need to get rid of a few ships so I do not have to pay so much. In the end, I will have lost less money by giving the ships away for free than if I continued paying docking costs for them.
Class Application	In the textbook, it talks about the role of collective security in international politics. By signing the treaty, I have joined an alliance that is opposed to the dominant strategy of countries who have not signed the treaty, such as Malta.

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Current Year: 2016



Current Ranking	9th		Fish Price	1.29 US\$
Annual Profit	-33,377	S.P.	Fish Caught	4,011
Starting Funds	59,229	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	122
Ships Owned	9		1 S.P. =	0.0193 US\$
Ships to Send Out	6		Change	+0.0000 US\$

Current Strategy	I am trying to send out as little ships as possible while still maintaining positive cash on hand. I also gave away two of my ships to Tunisia so I do not have to pay as much in docking costs.
How it is working	My strategy is working pretty well; I have continued to rise steadily in the standings, and I am currently at an all-time high position. Although my profits are still negative, they are also slowly beginning to rise.
New Strategy	I am going to continue to comply with the treaty to the best of my ability. My main priority is to keep positive cash on hand, while sending out as little ships as possible.
Class Application	The consequences of anarchy are starting to take root in the simulation. As important as it is that all countries begin to cut back on the number of ships they send out, there is no one power that has the authority to regulate the number of ships sent out. As a result, we have had several arguments in class over what strategy will keep the simulation alive and how to get all countries to adhere to regulatory policies.

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Current Year: 2017



Current Ranking	14th		Fish Price	0.64 US\$
Annual Profit	-31,044	S.P.	Fish Caught	6,032
Starting Funds	28,185	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	167
Ships Owned	2		1 S.P. =	0.0192 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0		Change	-0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to get rid of as many ships as possible, while maintaining positive cash on hand. I gave seven of my ships to the Kingdom of Morocco as a part of the treaty. This will definitely alleviate my docking costs.
How it is working	My strategy is working pretty well since many countries are starting to go bankrupt. I have maintained a positive cash on hand and net worth.
New Strategy	According to the treaty, the countries that are able to do so are to give away as many ships as possible at no costs to five countries that will try to take over the top spots. At the end of the simulation, the extra credit points will be split among all of those who complied with the treaty. I have decided to stick with this treaty and I am looking to get rid of my last two ships soon.
Class Application	In the textbook, it discusses the role of deterrence in international affairs. Deterrence refers to the use of a threat to punish a global actor for their negative actions. In this game, members of the treaty have been using deterrence to persuade the other states from sending out all of their ships. They have threatened to send all of the ships in the treaty to its top countries during the final years, thereby forcing out the non- members from the top positions.

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Current Year: 2018



Current Ranking	14th		Fish Price	0.41 US\$
Annual Profit	1,282	S.P.	Fish Caught	5,535
Starting Funds	29,467	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	185
Ships Owned	2		1 S.P. =	0.0194 US\$
Ships to Send Out	2		Change	+0.0002 US\$

Current Strategy	I have significantly reduced the number of ships that I have. By sending out the lone two, I keep my cash on hand value afloat and avoid paying docking costs.
How it is working	It is working pretty well. Many countries are going into bankruptcy, so my ranking should rise over the next few years.
New Strategy	I am going to continue to send out my two ships until an opportunity arises where I can get rid of them and sit back with no ships and positive cash on hand for the rest of the simulation.
Class Application	Groupthink is a concept discussed in the textbook that refers to the “mob mentality” of a group. After a few members of the treaty decided to “gang up” against countries like Malta, other members of the treaty decided to follow along, without realizing the consequences of their impulsive decision. Now, Malta has made deals with other countries both inside and outside of the treaty, making it an even stronger state with more connections. This makes it even more difficult to negotiate with Malta.

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Current Year: 2019



Current Ranking	12th	Fish Price	0.73 US\$
Annual Profit	0 S.P.	Fish Caught	2,322
Starting Funds	29,467 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	121
Ships Owned	0	1 S.P. =	0.0195 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0	Change	+0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to get rid of all of my ships so I have positive cash on hand and no docking costs. I gave my remaining two ships to France, who offered to take ships out of the game when she hit complete bankruptcy.
How it is working	My strategy is working well, especially since I rose two spots in the standings. However, the countries who, according to the treaty, are supposed to be in the top five are having a little difficulty dominating those top spots.
New Strategy	Since I now have no ships left, I can just concentrate on sending in my annual reports and doing my journal entries. Getting rid of all of my ships while I still had positive cash on hand was very important, since my profits were decreasing and docking costs were severely hurting my cash on hand.
Class Application	As we get deeper into the simulation, an increasing number of countries have begun to experience financial problems. Now, they must turn to some of the more powerful states to bail them out. The textbook explains this type of interaction through the dependency theory, whereby a country must borrow goods or money to sustain its economy.

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Current Year: 2020



Current Ranking	12th	Fish Price	1.60 US\$
Annual Profit	0 S.P.	Fish Caught	3,537
Starting Funds	29,467 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	105
Ships Owned	0	1 S.P. =	0.0195 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0	Change	+0.0000 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire no new ships and to “ride out” the rest of the simulation. This way, I will be able to stay in the game without worrying about negative net worth or cash on hand.
How it is working	My strategy is working just as I had hoped it would: I have gotten rid of all of my ships while I still have positive cash on hand, and I have helped to reduce the number of ships sent to fish.
New Strategy	I am going to continue operating under my current strategy, most likely for the rest of the simulation.
Class Application	<p>As the final stretch of the simulation draws near, all of the countries involved in the treaty are wondering how their membership in it will pay off.</p> <p>It definitely incorporates some socialist aspects, since all extra credit points earned by the top- ranked members will distribute their points amongst the rest of the group.</p>

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Current Year: 2021



Current Ranking	11th	Fish Price	1.60 US\$
Annual Profit	0 S.P.	Fish Caught	3,837
Starting Funds	29,467 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	124
Ships Owned	0	1 S.P. =	0.0193 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0	Change	-0.0002 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire no new ships and to “ride out” the rest of the simulation. This way, I will be able to stay in the game without worrying about negative net worth or cash on hand.
How it is working	My strategy is working just as I had hoped it would: I have gotten rid of all of my ships while I still have positive cash on hand, and I have helped to reduce the number of ships sent to fish. In addition, I have moved up in the rankings without even sending out any ships!
New Strategy	I am going to continue operating under my current strategy, most likely for the rest of the simulation.
Class Application	<p>After observing the strategies utilized by the top- ranked countries, it is apparent that they gained an economic surplus (concept discussed in the textbook) early in the game by investing in numerous ships.</p> <p>They had to spend money in order to make money, and now the top three countries have accumulated much more wealth than those below them.</p>

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Current Year: 2022



Current Ranking	11th	Fish Price	2.56 US\$
Annual Profit	0 S.P.	Fish Caught	1,197
Starting Funds	29,467 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	86
Ships Owned	0	1 S.P. =	0.0191 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0	Change	-0.0002 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire no new ships and to “ride out” the rest of the simulation. This way, I will be able to stay in the game without worrying about negative net worth or cash on hand.
How it is working	My strategy is working just as I had hoped it would: I have gotten rid of all of my ships while I still have positive cash on hand, and I have helped to reduce the number of ships sent to fish. Unfortunately, the price of tuna is starting to increase, which is lost profit, but the price could also be increasing because the tuna population is starting to decrease dangerously.
New Strategy	I am going to continue operating under my current strategy, most likely for the rest of the simulation.
Class Application	In a way, this simulation has required the states involved to undergo international integration, by which individual states shift their sovereignty to a more global stage. This simplifies the decision-making process and somewhat balances out anarchy.

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Current Year: 2023



Current Ranking	11th	Fish Price	4.55 US\$
Annual Profit	0 S.P.	Fish Caught	2,860
Starting Funds	29,467 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	112
Ships Owned	0	1 S.P. =	0.0192 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0	Change	+0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire no new ships and to “ride out” the rest of the simulation. This way, I will be able to stay in the game without worrying about negative net worth or cash on hand.
How it is working	My strategy is working just as I had hoped it would: I have gotten rid of all of my ships while I still have positive cash on hand, and I have helped to reduce the number of ships sent to fish. It does seem as if the fish population is starting to decrease. Even as more ships are being sent out, less fish are being caught and the value of tuna is going up.
New Strategy	I am going to continue operating under my current strategy, most likely for the rest of the simulation.
Class Application	The textbook discusses the fluctuation of exchange rates in the global economy. My exchange rates have not fluctuated drastically, but the value of the United States dollar has always been higher than that of my currency. This relates to the long- term supply and demand for it.

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Current Year: 2024



Current Ranking	10th		Fish Price	2.22 US\$
Annual Profit	0	S.P.	Fish Caught	3,505
Starting Funds	29,467	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	124
Ships Owned	0		1 S.P. =	0.0194 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0		Change	+0.0002 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire no new ships and to “ride out” the rest of the simulation. This way, I will be able to stay in the game without worrying about negative net worth or cash on hand.
How it is working	My strategy is working just as I had hoped it would: I have gotten rid of all of my ships while I still have positive cash on hand, and I have helped to reduce the number of ships sent to fish. And, once again, I have moved up in the standings without sending out any ships!
New Strategy	I am going to continue operating under my current strategy, most likely for the rest of the simulation.
Class Application	Over the course of this simulation, I have noticed the importance of interdependence, or the simultaneous dependence, of multiple states. In this case, it relates to both political and economic interdependence, since states are making both economic transactions (buying ships) and political ones (joining the treaty).

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Current Year: 2025



Current Ranking	10th	Fish Price	4.79 US\$
Annual Profit	0 S.P.	Fish Caught	1,063
Starting Funds	29,467 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	124
Ships Owned	0	1 S.P. =	0.0195 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0	Change	+0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire no new ships and to “ride out” the rest of the simulation. This way, I will be able to stay in the game without worrying about negative net worth or cash on hand.
How it is working	My strategy is working just as I had hoped it would: I have gotten rid of all of my ships while I still have positive cash on hand, and I have helped to reduce the number of ships sent to fish. All I am doing now is praying that those who are still fishing are not going to deplete the tuna population before the 25 years have passed.
New Strategy	I am going to continue operating under my current strategy, most likely for the rest of the simulation.
Class Application	After studying concepts like interdependence and reciprocity, self-reliance is another, slightly different concept that plays a role in this simulation. Morocco, for instance, has refused to join the treaty and is instead relying on its own ships and net worth. Obviously, this strategy has proved successful since it is the top contender.

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Current Year: 2026



Current Ranking	9th	Fish Price	12.54 US\$
Annual Profit	0 S.P.	Fish Caught	1,899
Starting Funds	29,467 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	122
Ships Owned	0	1 S.P. =	0.0194 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0	Change	-0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire no new ships and to “ride out” the rest of the simulation. This way, I will be able to stay in the game without worrying about negative net worth or cash on hand.
How it is working	My strategy is working just as I had hoped it would: I have gotten rid of all of my ships while I still have positive cash on hand, and I have helped to reduce the number of ships sent to fish. I am concerned about the fish population, since prices have skyrocketed from last year and the number of ships being sent out has not decreased substantially.
New Strategy	I am going to continue operating under my current strategy, most likely for the rest of the simulation.
Class Application	In class, we have been discussing the role of liberalism in international politics. In the treaty especially, it is evident that liberalism dominates the decisions made. Given that the world as a whole is essentially an anarchy, it recognizes the importance of global institutions to help maximize a common benefit for all.

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Current Year: 2027



Current Ranking	9th		Fish Price	14.10 US\$
Annual Profit	0	S.P.	Fish Caught	628
Starting Funds	29,467	S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	124
Ships Owned	0		1 S.P. =	0.0193 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0		Change	-0.0001 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire no new ships and to “ride out” the rest of the simulation. This way, I will be able to stay in the game without worrying about negative net worth or cash on hand.
How it is working	My strategy is working just as I had hoped it would: I have gotten rid of all of my ships while I still have positive cash on hand, and I have helped to reduce the number of ships sent to fish. I have missed out on some very profitable years, however, which I will take into consideration in future years.
New Strategy	For now, I am going to continue operating under my current strategy. Maybe I will buy a few ships at the end of the game and send them all out just for kicks. I don’t think that this strategy will be enough to get me get into the top five though, so it may just be a waste of my time.
Class Application	In class, we have been discussing how economic and ideological conflict can often lead to military conflict. As the competition grows intense during these final years, some countries are beginning to ignore treaty agreements. This particular simulation does not allow countries to engage in military conflict, but I can name several discussions that would have lead to war.

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Current Year: 2028



Current Ranking	12th	Fish Price	118.04 US\$
Annual Profit	-29,433 S.P.	Fish Caught	142
Starting Funds	34 S.P.	Total Ships Fishing	86
Ships Owned	0	1 S.P. =	0.0191 US\$
Ships to Send Out	0	Change	-0.0002 US\$

Current Strategy	My current strategy is to help the game survive any way possible. I have agreed to sacrifice much of my cash on hand to help those countries that have to dock ships. Hopefully, this will be enough to keep the game alive for five more years.
How it is working	My strategy, unfortunately, did not work as intended since the simulation ended after this year due to the practically nonexistent tuna population.
New Strategy	My strategy now is to do extremely well on other assignments in the class since I not only did not receive extra credit points, but I am also missing out on five years' worth of points in annual reports and journals.
Class Application	Since I used money to help alleviate the docking costs for the top countries within the treaty, I am practicing foreign assistance. I did so in hopes that the simulation will stay alive and that I may continue to earn participation points through the annual reports.
