

MAURITANIA FISH MARKET

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Go down to the Atlantic coast beach of Mauritania's capital Nouakchott at sunset, and you'll see a very unusual fish market. A fishing boat laden with the day's catch is ready to come ashore, but the crew is afraid the wind and surf may capsize the boat as they do, losing their catch in the process.

So they float just outside the surf line so buyers with boxes and baskets can wade out to buy the fish right off the boat, and wade back. Only when the boat is empty will the crew attempt to beach it. Just one of this West African country's intriguing sights.

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