

Deep-Set Buoy Gear Offers a Better Way to Catch Swordfish

Innovative fishing gear minimizes injury and death for whales, sea turtles, and other ocean life

1 Minimal bycatch

Deep-set buoy gear is used during the day, when swordfish feed in deep, colder water, which allows fishermen to more accurately target swordfish and avoid harming sensitive species found in warmer water near the surface.

2 Strike detection

When a fish bites, a white buoy floats to the surface or a yellow buoy submerges, alerting the fishermen that they have a strike.

3 Active tending

Fishermen stay close to their buoys at all times and are able to quickly retrieve marketable fish and release other species.

4 Higher prices

Unlike swordfish caught with long lines or drift gillnets, buoy-caught fish are landed immediately and delivered to market sooner, yielding a better product that demands a higher price.

5 Additional benefits

Deep-set buoy gear allows fishermen to catch other marketable species, such as opah, that also are found in deep, colder water.

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