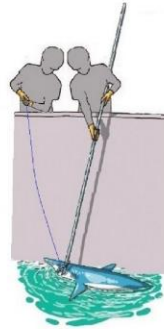




Making and Using Fishhook Removal and Line Cutting Tools for the Safe Release of Sharks and Rays in Handline Fisheries



Always use C Hooks. They usually hook fish in the jaw and improve the chance of survival. They also catch more tuna and allow live tuna to be landed for best quality

Do not use a gaff or try to bring large sharks onboard the vessel with a tail rope or other means. It is much better to remove the fishhook or cut the fishing line while they are in the sea alongside the fishing vessel



You can easily and affordably have these tools made in your local town by the same shop that makes knives and farm tools



Ring shaped hook removal tool

Rounded and smooth, not sharp

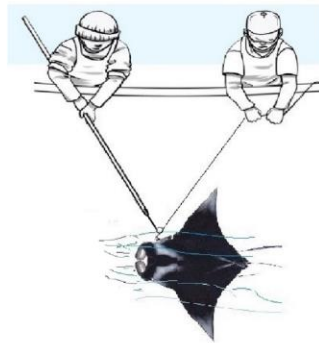


Sharpen this edge only

Line cutter



De-hooker use: With one person holding the fishing line the other places the de-hooker ring around the fishing line and lowers it down onto the fishhook



Push down firmly on the hook and then twist the tool away from the fish to remove the hook



To use the line cutter, have one person hold the fishing line while the other fits the guide over the line and slides it down close to the fishhook



Tighten the line and pull up the cutter quickly to cut the line near the fishhook



Store the tools covered and with the metal well-oiled when not in use