

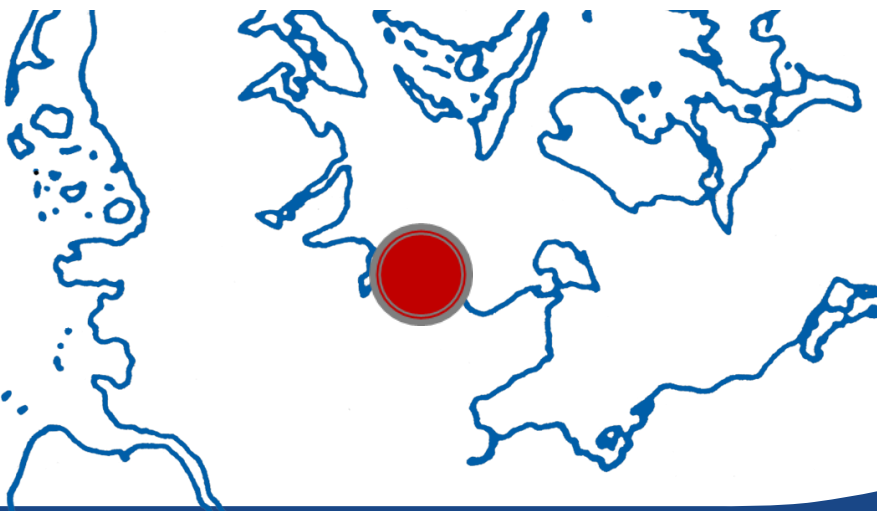


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Fish traps - an alternative to gillnet-fishing in German Baltic Sea waters?

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- **Situation:** Most of the FLAG areas' fishermen have to fish protected areas. They are therefore interested in developing techniques which meet nature conservation concerns.
- **Collaboration** between environmental NGOs, scientists and fishermen on alternative gear types to replace bottom-set gillnets: aims at the reduction of unwanted bycatches of marine mammals and birds → several projects
- **FLAG** invited one of the leading environmental NGOs and other partners to develop a joint proposal to investigate an innovative baited fish trap.



Multi-goal:

- Development of sustainable fisheries techniques
- Improvement of stakeholder cooperation
- Direct sales of sustainable fish products



What happens in the project?



- **Testing of the fish pots:** Up to 30 fish traps of round shape will be set during normal fishing operations allowing to compare catch efficiency with traditional gillnets. An accompanying scientific program intends to test different variables such as catch positions and water depth, light attraction and bait types (herring, sprat and sand eel).
- The research institute is providing a **monitoring program for fishermen** and sporadic observer missions (1/month) will be conducted.
- **The fish caught with alternative gear types will be sold directly by fishermen engaged in the project accompanied by a marketing concept and public relation campaign.**



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