

LIVE BAIT RIG

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WHAT YOU NEED

- * Trace = 1 metre of 400lb mono
- * Circle Hook = 16/0 to 20/0
- * Crimps
- * 6/0 or 7/0 CIRCLE HOOK



MAKE UP YOUR RIG

1. Crimp one end of trace to make you loop end
2. Thread crimp onto trace
3. Crimp largest circle hook
4. Attach small circle hook to the bite of the hook with wax thread

ATTACH THE LIVIE

- * Using the smaller of the circle hooks, thread the bait fish onto hook by entering through the mouth and up through top jaw



ABOUT THIS RIG

Use for any small fish, ideally, Small tunas 2-3 kgs, rainbow runner, mad fish, & queenies

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BE PREPARED

ALWAYS HAVE A BRIDLE RIG MADE UP and ready to go
You never know when you are going to pull something that will make a good livie

STEP ONE

1. Make up you're the basic trace, loop one end and hook at the other end, we've used crimps.
2. Use up to 400lb mono for the trace.



STEP TWO

1. Make a Dacron loop, finished loop should be about 10cm long.
 - * To make the loop cut a piece of Dacron in excess of 30cm long, need to allow for your knot. Tie the loop using a double granny knot.
2. Secure the loop to the gape of the hook. The same as you do for light tackle ie. Loop the Dacron loop around the hook and pull up to secure. Make sure that your knot is the end that is against the hook.



STEP THREE

1. Place loop onto the end of a pull through needle
2. Pick up live, place upside down and hold firmly. The reason we hold upside down—some fish species, particularly Tuna almost go to sleep when upside down
3. Pass needle and loop through the eye socket, forward of the eyes.
4. Carefully pull through
5. Drop needle, place the end of the loop you've just pulled through, onto the hook.
6. Twist and thread hook back through the loop as you do in light tackle. The hook should finish 3 to 4 inches in front of the fish.

SOME TIPS

- * Always leave the area that you caught the livie before placing the livie back into the water. The catch creates interest and there could be a shark waiting for the livies return
- * The reason we hold the bait fish upside down while operating on it—this usually quietens all tuna species
- * Whether using J hook s or circle hook the rig is the same.
- * **Strike methods** are the same as light tackle. Free spool the fish, let it run for 10 or 15 seconds.
- * **With Circle hooks** slowly increase the drag to about 4kgs and wait for the hook to set before starting the fight. You'll know when it happens.
- * **With J Hooks** we just go straight to strike.
- * User for 50 to 130lb tackle
- * Leader up to 600 lb, most use 400 lb

HOOK SIZES

- * Circles: 14/0 to 18/0
- * J Hooks: 10/0 to 18/0
- * As a rule of thumb 14/0 J hooks up to 80lb
- * 14/0 + up to 130lb
- * 14/0 and smaller for up to 50lb
- * Match the hook size to the bait size not what you expect to catch
- * Remember 10/0 Gamakatsu, that we use for Light Tackle, are too small for this.....if you use they'll probably straighten.