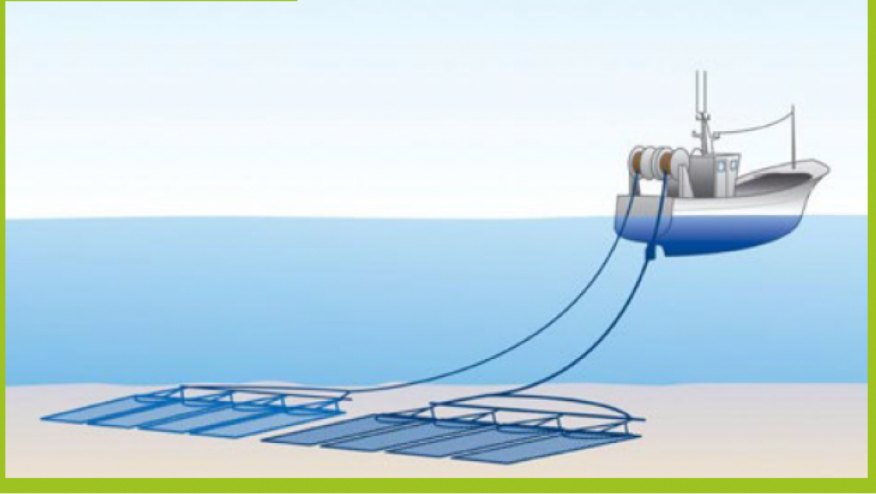
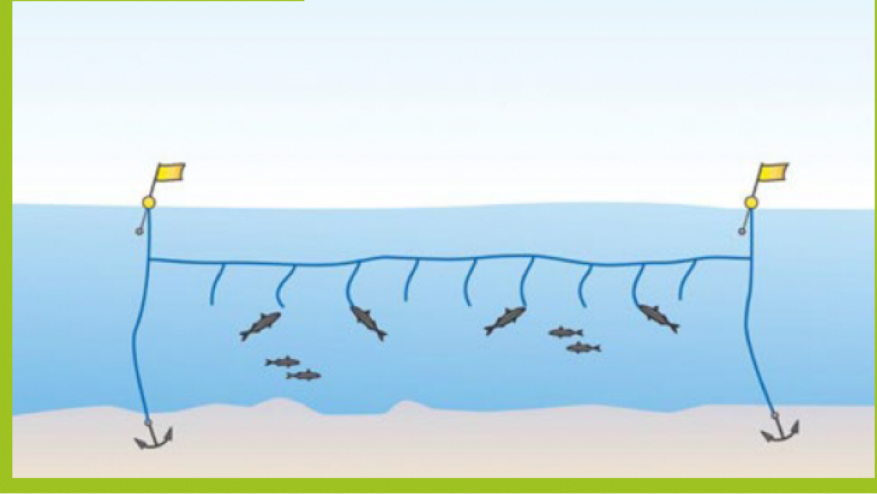


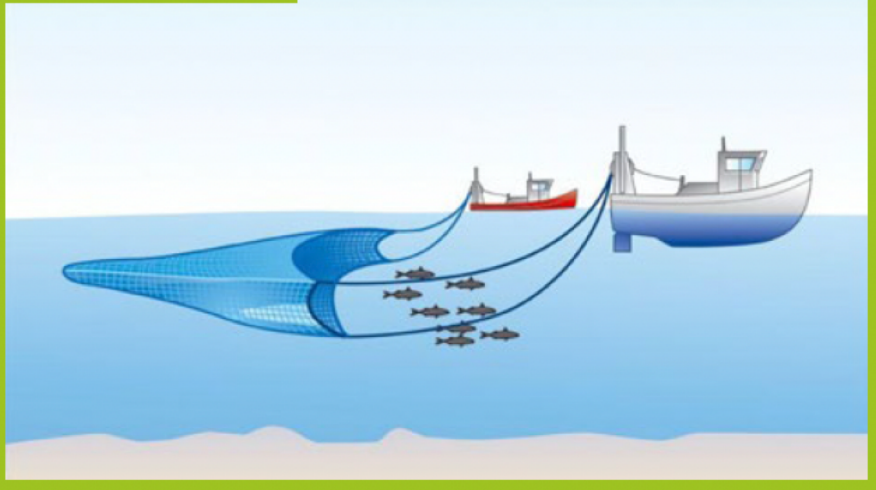
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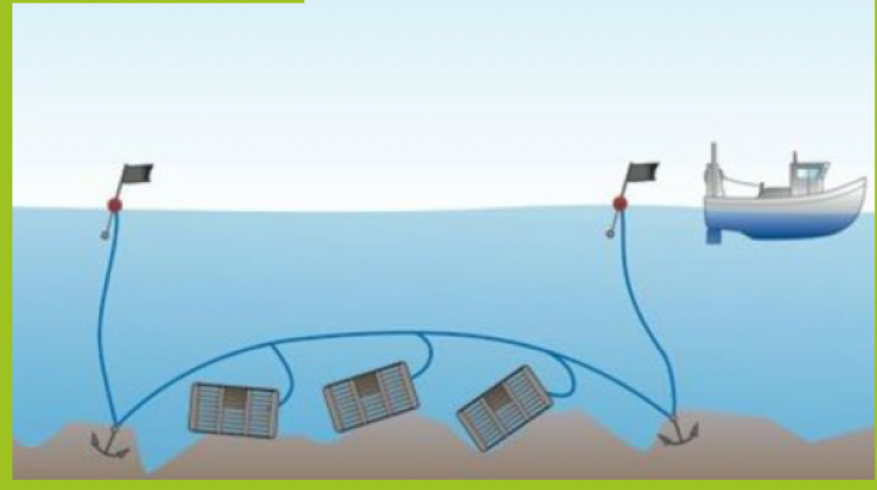
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Pelagic Nets



Pots



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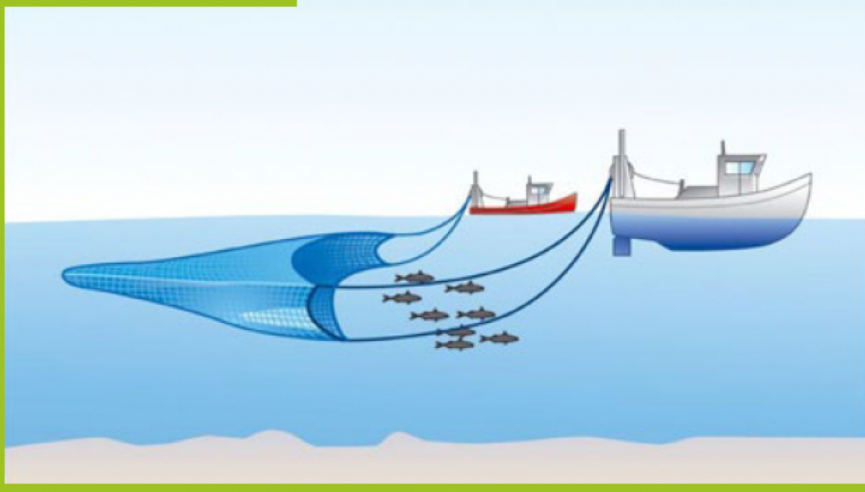


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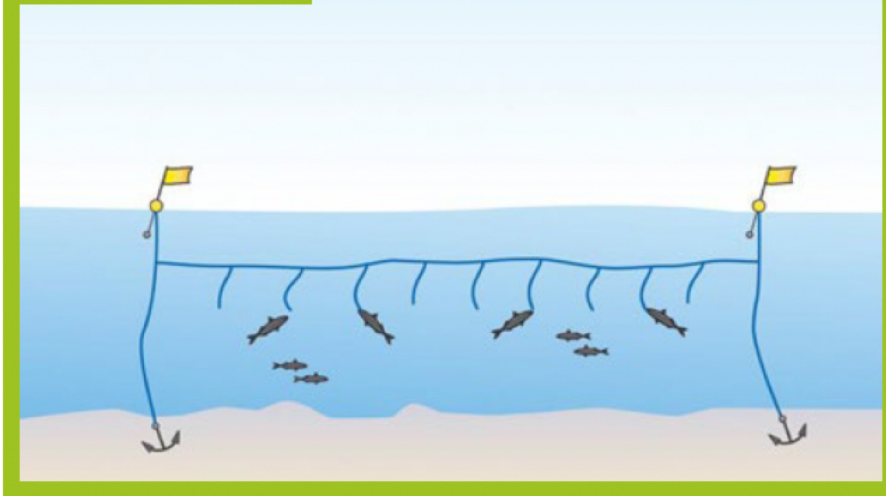


Pelagic Nets

Nets can vary in design and shape but are all dragged behind a boat to collect species that live in mid water. Due to the size of these nets and where they are within the water column, they can also catch other species not intended to be caught.

This is what is referred to as bycatch and can include other species of fish and sharks. These nets also accidentally catch turtles and dolphins that are feeding on the same fish being targeted by fishers; being unable to surface for air they eventually drown.

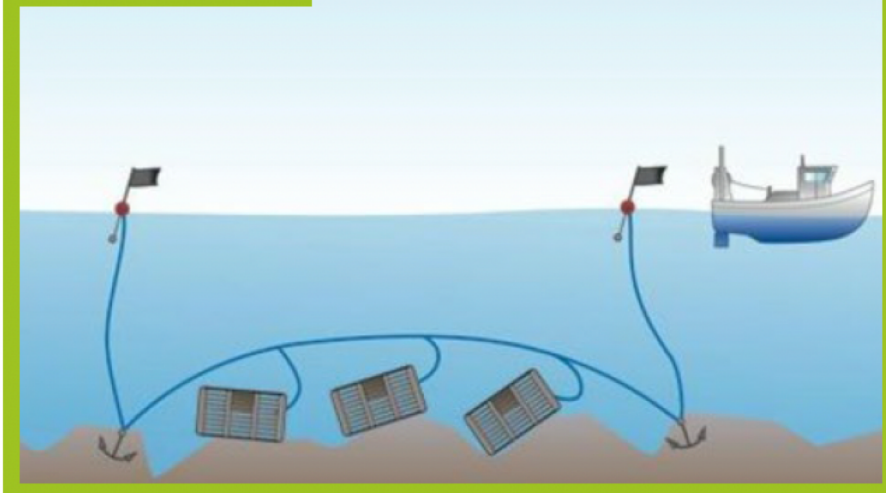
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