

Handline tuna fishery

Common livebait used in the handline tuna fishery of the Maldives

Large yellowfin tuna (YFT) are caught using handline. Fishers use livebait to attract and catch the tuna. This livebait is caught using lift nets from the inshore waters of the Maldives atolls.



Scientific name: *Selar crumenophthalmus*
English name: Bigeye scad
Dhivehi name: Mushimas



Scientific name: *Decapterus macarellus*
English name: Round scad
Dhivehi name: Rimmas



Scientific name: *Pterocaesio tile*
English name: Fusilier
Dhivehi name: Garahitha Muguraan



Scientific name: *Rastrelliger kanagurta*
English name: Indian mackerel
Dhivehi name: Karaverimas



Scientific name: *Odonus niger*
English name: Redtooth triggerfish
Dhivehi name: Vaalan rondu



Scientific name: *Atherinomorus lacunus*
English name: Bluestripe herring
Dhivehi name: Gumbalha