

# Handline tuna fishery

## Common livebait used in the handline tuna fishery of 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 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 kanagartha*

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: Silverside

Dhivehi name: Thaavalha