

Pole-and-line bait

Common livebait used in the pole-and-line tuna fishery of Maldives

Skipjack, small yellowfin and bigeye tuna are caught using pole-and-line. 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: *Spratelloides gracilis*
English name: Silver sprat
Dhivehi name: Rehi



Scientific name: Caesionidae
English name: Fusilier
Dhivehi name: Muguran



Scientific name: Apogonidae
English name: Cardinal fish
Dhivehi name: Boadhi



Scientific name: *Encrasicholina heteroloba*
English name: Anchovy
Dhivehi name: Miyaren



Scientific name: *Chromis viridis*
English name: Blue-green damsel
Dhivehi name: Nilamehi



Scientific name: *Atherinomorus lacunus*
English name: Silverside
Dhivehi name: Thaavalhu