

Seabird-safe practices for ocean risk zones

If you are fishing in an area that is considered high risk for threatened seabirds, you may need to use more tools and practices to keep birds safe.

The table below shows the seabird-safe practices for different ocean risk zones and the seabird safety ratings for each practice.

Seabird-safe practices	Seabird safety ratings		
	High-risk zones	Medium-risk zones	Low-risk zones
Bird-scaring lines + night setting + line weighting	Best	Best	Best
Hook-shielding devices	Best	Best	Best
Underwater bait setter	Partial	Best	Best
Night setting + line weighting	Partial	Best	Best
Bird-scaring lines + night setting	Partial	Best	Best
Bird-scaring lines + line weighting	Partial	Best	Best
Bird-scaring lines	Poor	Partial	Best
Night setting	Poor	Partial	Best
Line weighting	None	Poor	Partial

Seabird safety ratings

Best

Threatened seabirds are unlikely to be caught (i.e. you have minimised captures).

Partial

Threatened seabirds may still be caught.

Poor

Threatened seabirds are likely to be caught.

None

Threatened seabirds are highly likely to be caught.

