

Surveys On-Board Fishing Vessels

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Activity	What are the hazards?	Who might be affected?	Risk Level			Control Measures	Risk Level		
			Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level		Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level
Hauling and shooting of fishing gear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crushing injuries in the event that fishing gear such as a trawl, dredge or pot may drop or fall when being lifted on board or moved on the deck Clothing or PPE snagging in otter board, pots or other fishing equipment during deployment, leading to immersion and drowning. 	Staff	3	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow skipper/crew to conduct normal fishing operations and do not get involved in this activity unless requested by the skipper Follow the skipper's instructions at all times Wear correct PPE at all times, including steel toe capped boots Stay well away from moving ropes/wires and winches during deployment Ensure no loose items are hanging from clothing or PPE, as it may become snagged, when deploying gear. Remove any unnecessary items that may add to risk of snagging such as jewellery 	3	1	3
Working on the open deck across which winch wires/ropes/gear are operated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving winch cables, pot ropes, or trawl ropes pose a hazard 	Staff	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of the location of winch wires on the vessel. Follow the directions of the skipper/crew. Keep well clear of cables and drums when winch is in operation A clear view of the work area and all the moving 	2	1	2

						<p>equipment must be maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A safety-style knife must be readily available on board to cut ropes, clothing free quickly 			
Working on an open deck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cables or ropes under tension could cause bodily injury if they break Tripping hazards also include fixed protruding structures and other equipment on the deck Falling overboard leading to hypothermia or drowning 	Staff	3	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of the location of wires or ropes under tension. Avoid these areas if you do not have to be there to work. Locate your work area away from these where possible Follow direction of vessel skipper/crew Be aware of fixed protruding structures when crossing the deck Ensure all your equipment on deck is stowed securely and out of the path of workers on deck Wear a lifejacket at all times on deck Ensure good communications between skipper and crew, including MOB procedures 	3	1	3
Carrying out work on an operational fishing vessel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musculoskeletal and minor injuries 	Staff	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual Handling training to be undertaken by staff Appropriate manning levels in accordance with Manual handling guidance An individual manual handling assessment for the local task Wear appropriate PPE at all times, including steel toe capped boots 	2	1	2

Sorting through catch to pick out fish and fauna for identification, measuring and further analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injury through punctures, crushing by pincers or stings inflicted e.g Weaver fish's dorsal spine, jellyfish, crustaceans, and urchins with spines. As well as sharp manmade materials like glass, metal, needles 	Staff	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure samplers are competent in the identification of potentially harmful fauna. Make visual inspection before starting to sort Ensure proper handling of crustaceans, speak to skipper/crew if unsure Wear thick gloves if appropriate Sort through catch in a shallow tray If injured, clean wound promptly and apply sterile waterproof dressing Waterproof any open wounds Ensure hands are thoroughly cleaned to remove remaining jellyfish tissue 	2	1	2
Lone working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unknown skipper or crew-possible risk intimidation or violence 	Staff	3	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the line manager when arriving at the vessel and when you return to the shore Inform line manager of the survey location and the approximate duration of the survey If staff do not feel comfortable with the working conditions then do not proceed with the survey and inform the duty officer and line manager 	2	1	2