

Guide for releasing fish

Caught something undersize or protected? Release it carefully and immediately, following these simple steps to ensure the fish has the best chance of survival.



- 1** If possible, keep fish in water when de-hooking and cut the line for swallowed hooks



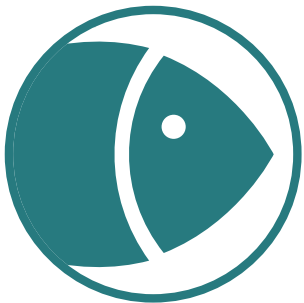
- 2** If you must take the fish out of water, use a soft, knotless landing net



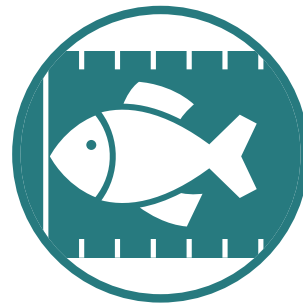
- 3** Use wet hands or a wet cloth when handling



- 4** Hold the fish horizontally while supporting the body



- 5** Avoid touching gills or eyes



- 6** If required, lay fish on a wet towel or brag mat, and not on a hot, dry surface



- 7** Minimise time fish are out of water



- 8** Use a release weight to return undersize or unintentionally caught demersal fish

All fishers can help ensure fish for the future by following the rules and catch care guidelines.