

TURTOSave

Ribolovni alati sigurni za kornjače

Turtle-Safe Fishing Gear

EUIPO registracija 015091663-0001 – TurtOSave kavezna vrša

Ova posebna vrša namijenjena je prvenstveno za ulov rakova, ali se koristi i za ulov ribe. Dizajnirana je tako da prilagođeni ulazi sprječavaju ulazak kornjača, dok određeni mehanizmi zadržavaju ulov. U Hrvatskoj je dopuštena u morskom ribolovu, uključujući bočata staništa u koja povremeno zalaze i riječne kornjače. Iako su slatkovodne vrste, mogu podnijeti slanu vodu te se katkada pojavljuju i u Jadranskom i Egejskom moru – često uz naplavine, poput pravih skrovitih argonauta.

U staništima riječne kornjače sve je prisutniji plavi atlantski rak, strana vrsta koja se smatra pravom gurmanskom poslasticom. Zbog njegove vrijednosti iz godine u godinu raste broj ribolovnih alata i intenzitet lova pa je važno da ti alati budu sigurni za one ugrožene vrste koje moraju izranjati po zrak.

TurtOSave kavezna vrša posebno je prilagođena za zaštitu odraslih kornjača – ponajprije ženki koje nose jaja i time imaju ključnu ulogu u očuvanju prirodnih populacija. Štiti i radoznale mužjake, dok je rizik za mlade jedinke minimalan, uđu li zbog svoje veličine u vršu. Takvi su slučajevi rijetki jer uglavnom odabiru drukčija staništa od onih u kojima je ribolov vršama dopušten.

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This specialized fishing trap is primarily intended for crab fishing but is also used for catching fish. It is designed in such a way that its modified entrances prevent turtles from entering, while specific mechanisms retain the catch. In Croatia, it is permitted for use in marine fishing, including brackish habitats where river turtles occasionally appear. Although they are freshwater species, they can tolerate saltwater and sometimes occur in the Adriatic and Aegean Seas—often near floating debris, like true hidden argonauts.

In Balkan terrapin habitats, the Atlantic blue crab, an alien species considered a true gourmet delicacy, is becoming increasingly present. Due to its value, the number of fishing tools and the intensity of fishing increase year by year, making it essential for these tools to be safe for endangered species that need to surface for air.

TurtOSave fishing trap is specifically adapted to protect adult turtles—primarily egg-carrying females, which play a crucial role in maintaining natural populations. It also safeguards curious males, while the risk for young individuals is minimal should they enter due to their size. Such cases are rare, as juveniles typically prefer different habitats from those where cage trap fishing is permitted.

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