

Reef Fish Depredation



What is depredation?

It occurs when the fish or animal you caught is partially or entirely eaten by another animal.

Who is causing depredation?

Many sharks, dolphins and other fishes have been seen depredating reef fish.



How can I reduce depredation?

Do ...

- Rotate your fishing locations - depredation is habit forming, changing where you fish breaks the habit!
- Retrieve fish quickly - predators target struggling fish.

Don't ...

- Chum the water - this attracts larger predators.
- Attempt to hurt or kill the animal - many sharks, dolphins and other fishes are protected by federal law or fishing regulations.
- Intentionally feed the animals - they can associate fishing with an easy meal and feeding them can attract more to the area.