

Magna Carta for Women

The Magna Carta for Women is a comprehensive women's human rights law and legal basis for implementation of programs for women. It seeks to eliminate discrimination through the recognition, protection, fulfillment and promotion of the rights of Filipino women. The State in ensuring the full integration of women's concern in the mainstream of development shall provide opportunities to enhance and develop their skills, acquire productive employment to contribute to the communities. Gender Sensitivity and Magna Carta for Women are always included in the training topics.

Under the law, BFAR is responsible for designing women friendly and sustainable fishery technology. For this year, BFAR will introduce the construction of fishing gears so that they will be partners with their husband in income generation.



The BFAR GAD Project

BFAR conducts a 32 hours training to women and fisherfolk, Senior Citizens and Persons with Disability in partnership with the LGU. Each trainee is provided with a starter kit consisting of Colored plastic envelope, Ballpen, Notebooks, Net scissors and Twine or Poly rope.

Prior to net preparation and gear construction, lectures on the overview of the Giant Squid industry, holding facilities culture and trade is made as well as on handling, packing, transport of squid, cost and returns of the gear, maintenance are taught so womenfolk can be partners with their husband in income generation. Women and fisherfolk also learn the needed facilities in marketing squid for the local and international market. Trial fishing is conducted to guarantee the efficiency of the gear to catch squids.



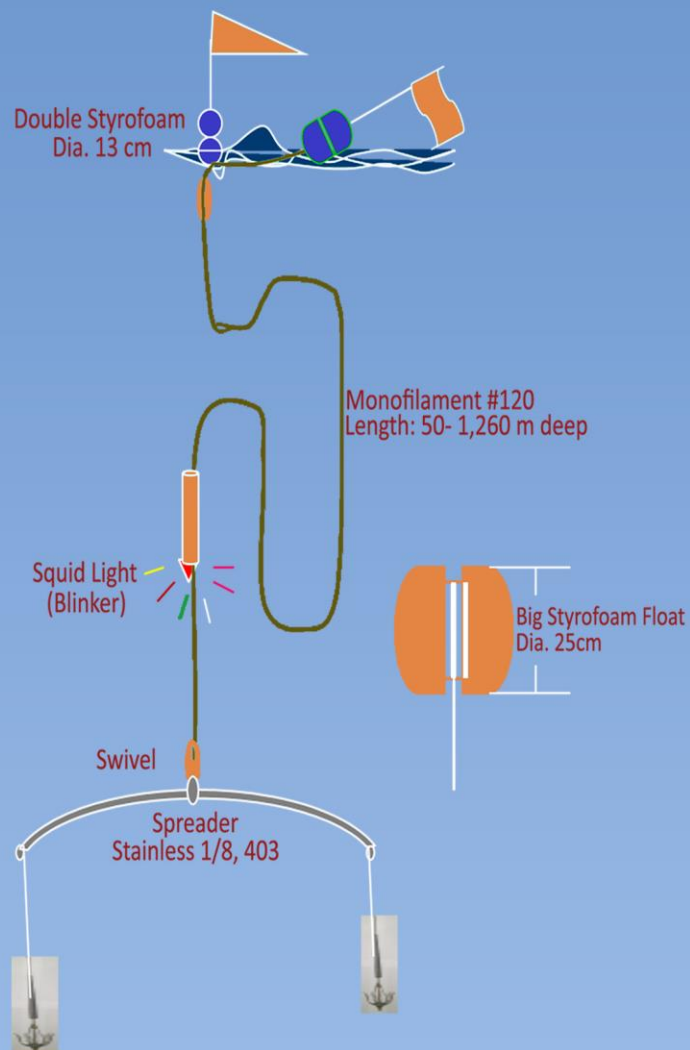
Promotion of Women Friendly Gear: Giant Squid Jig Making



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Diagram of a Giant Squid Jig



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