



Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch

New and Updated Ratings

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Species	Scientific Name	Location	Method	Rating	Justification
Swordfish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	United States - California, Eastern Central Pacific Ocean	Buoy gear, Harpoons	Best Choice	Swordfish caught in California with buoy gear or harpoons is rated a Best Choice due to a yellow Management rating and green ratings for all other criteria . The swordfish population is healthy, and very little bycatch of other species occurs. Management is rated moderately effective overall because specific measures to prevent the overfishing of swordfish aren't precautionary enough. These fishing gears don't contact the seafloor, and policies to protect the ecosystem are in place. However, stronger measures may be needed to protect top predators' roles in the food web.

Updated Ratings

Species	Scientific Name	Location	Method	Previous Rating	Updated Rating	Justification
Scup	<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>	United States - Northwest Atlantic Ocean (Mid-Atlantic and New England fisheries)	Bottom trawls	Good Alternative	Good Alternative	Scup caught in the U.S. Atlantic with bottom trawls remains a Good Alternative due to red Other Species , yellow Management and Habitat , and green Target Species ratings. The scup population is healthy, but these fisheries also catch at-risk or overexploited species, such as Atlantic sturgeon, loggerhead turtles, rays, sharks, and others. Management is rated moderately effective overall. While the scup stock is managed well, rebuilding goals for some species haven't been met, and others have unknown stock statuses. Trawling occurs over more resilient sandy and muddy habitats, and harmful impacts on the ecosystem are unlikely.