Sorting & processing the catch

**Crew members must be instructed about the potential risks when sorting and processing the catch. Consider, for example, the use of knives and gloves, and pay attention to poisonous/dangerous marine life that can cause painful injuries. Stones, ammunition and other objects in the catch can also cause injuries.**



**Threats**

* Cuts and injuries
* Physical overload
* Slipping and getting knocked overboard
* Poisoning



**Step 1: Collective measures**

Collective measures

* Provide a conveyor belt at the correct height to limit physical strain
* Instruct the crew how to safely handle knifes
* Instruct the crew about the symptoms of a weever sting (see appendix sorting & processing the catch)
* Instruct the crew how to handle objects such as stones and ammunition on the conveyor belt
* Regularly rotate the work
* Ensure a stable and non-slip surface
* The emergency button of the conveyor belt must be visible and within reach from the workplace

**Step 3: Personal protective equipment**

* Use safety gloves and safety footwear
* Do not wear jewellery, prevent your hair from getting stuck, wear fitting work clothes
* Use lifejackets when working on deck

**Step 2: Individual measures**

* Always check knifes before use
* Store knives safely
* Adopt a stable working posture (bent knees, two feet on the ground)
* Keep a close eye on the conveyor belt for foreign objects and warn colleagues in time verbally