How to go eco-friendly crabbing

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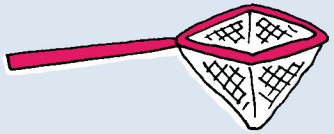
What you need:

- line (buy at a seaside shop)

- mesh bag - the sort you get with laundry powder tablets (optional)

- bait - bacon, cheese and fish all work (never use limpets or other wildlife as bait
- net



- large bucket

1. Tie the mesh bag onto the line Put the bait into the bag (If you don't have a mesh bag tie the bait onto the line)
2. Dangle into the water and when a crab finds the bait put the net under it and carefully pull it up
3. Put the crab in the bucket (don't mix small and big crabs because they'll fight)
4. For a closer look, use your thumb and forefinger and gently pick it up from the back at widest part of shell

Don't keep the crabs out of water for long, and put them back gently

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