



“Processing the Catch”

Unloading the fyke net in an efficient manner

Learning Objectives

- Learn how to remove the catch safely from the fyke net
- How to identify the nekton
- How to measure them

Collecting the catch

Once the high tide has receded you can now collect the catch and transfer it to a holding container for processing. **This task requires a minimum of two people.**



Before commencing

Make sure you have nets, recording equipment and the container full of water in close proximity before you commence collecting the catch.



Process

1. Lift the bottom of the tunnel up so fish and crustaceans can't escape. Make sure the cod end of the tunnel remains submerged in order to protect the catch.



Step Two

Remove the stakes and roll up the wings of the fyke net. This will allow you to pick up the tunnel of the fyke net. It is important that one person keeps the bottom of the tunnel up to prevent the escape of nekton.



Step Three

Lift the net up from the mouth of the tunnel net. Keep the cod end of the net in the water for as long as possible. This will allow the specimens to make their way to the end of the net.



Step Four

Quickly transfer the net to the sorting container and submerge the end of the net into it in order to minimise dehydration of the catch.



Step Five

As quickly as possible free any specimens caught in the net and place in the water of the container.



Processing

The catch is now ready for processing!

