

Security for stownet fishing operations

Sixth Regional Coast Guard Headquarters

The fishing season for stownet fishing operations in Bisan Seto is from 15 January to 30 November.

Stownet fishing boats and general ships proceeding through Bisan Seto are requested to strictly observe the Maritime Traffic Safety Law and Regulation for Preventing Collisions at Sea, and in addition, to secure the safety of maritime traffic in this particular sea area.

1. Stownet Fishing Boats

- (1) Watch out for the movements of passing vessels.
- (2) Maintain navigable width so that passing vessels can navigate safely in the fairway.
- (3) Make sure to correctly hoist light beacon or day shapes, as well as buoys and other signs, based on laws.
- (4) Make sure to use AIS systems correctly.

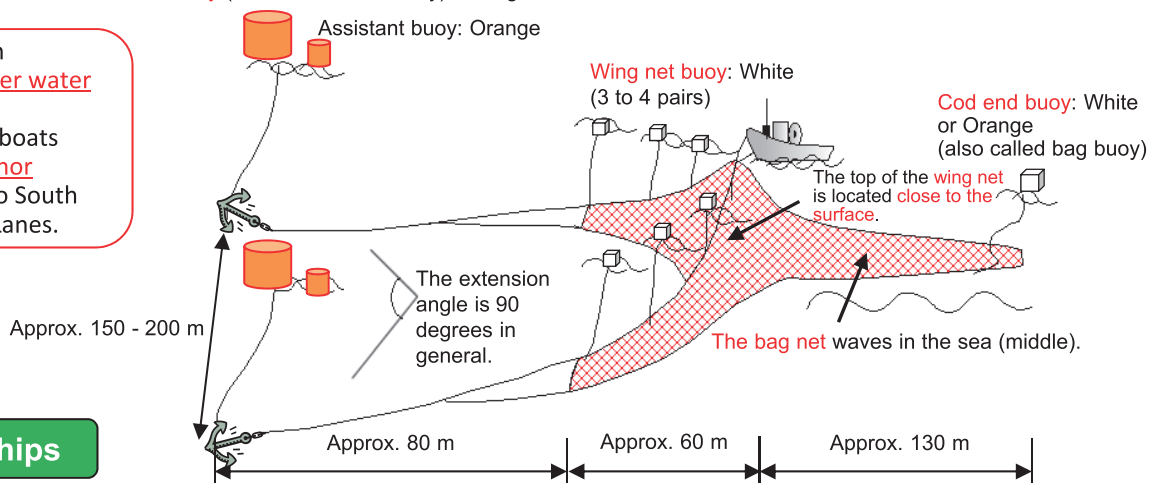
Anchor buoy (also called head buoy): Orange

Assistant buoy: Orange

Wing net buoy: White (3 to 4 pairs)

Cod end buoy: White or Orange (also called bag buoy)

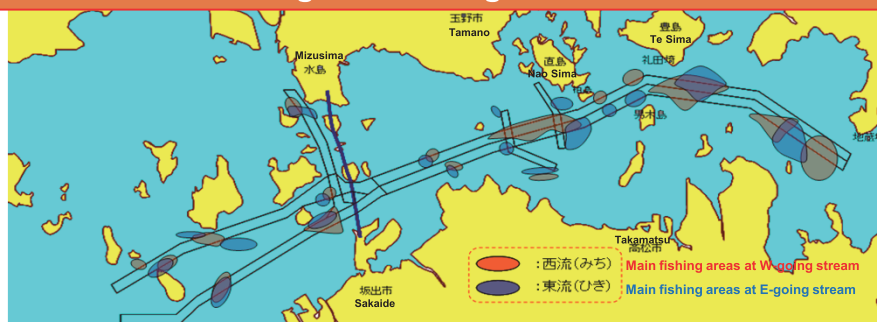
Notes: i. Buoys can sometimes go under water in strong tides.
ii. Stownet fishing boats may stay near anchor buoys in Bisan Seto South and North Traffic Lanes.



2. General Ships

- (1) Watch out for the movements of fishing vessels engaged in stownet fishing operations and other vessels.
- (2) Obtain information, as necessary, on stownet fishing vessel operations from the Bisan Seto Vessel Traffic Service Center.
- (3) Reduce the ship's speed when proceeding through waters in the vicinity of stownet fishing vessel operations.
- (4) Huge vessels in particular are strongly advised to obtain information on stownet fishing vessel operations from the Bisan Seto Vessel Traffic Service Center, and to proceed through waters with sufficient care.

Main stownet fishing areas along Bisan Seto Traffic Routes



< Information on stownet fishing operations >

Bisan Seto Vessel Traffic Service Center (Call Sign: Bisan MARTIS) TEL.0877-49-2220
(PC web site) <https://www6.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/bisan/>



A reference map showing conditions of stownet fishing operations can be obtained from the Internet Web sites. (See the front page.)

Notes: This map may not show exact operating positions. When proceeding, navigators are advised to confirm actual positions and operating situations on their own for safety. This map is available only during the daytime.

【 Example 】

