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Field methods for sampling demersal fish populations and observing their behavior

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ABSTRACT

While populations of shallow water organisms can be observed directly by divers using SCUBA equipment deepwater demersal and benthic organisms must generally be sampled by remote methods. A number of sampling methods can be used to obtain information on the populations and behavior of demersal organisms. The objective of this paper is to describe the relative selectivity of these methods and to describe the types of methods that are appropriate for obtaining different types of population and behavioral information on these organisms.

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