

Squid fishing: New Opportunities in Deep Sea Fishing

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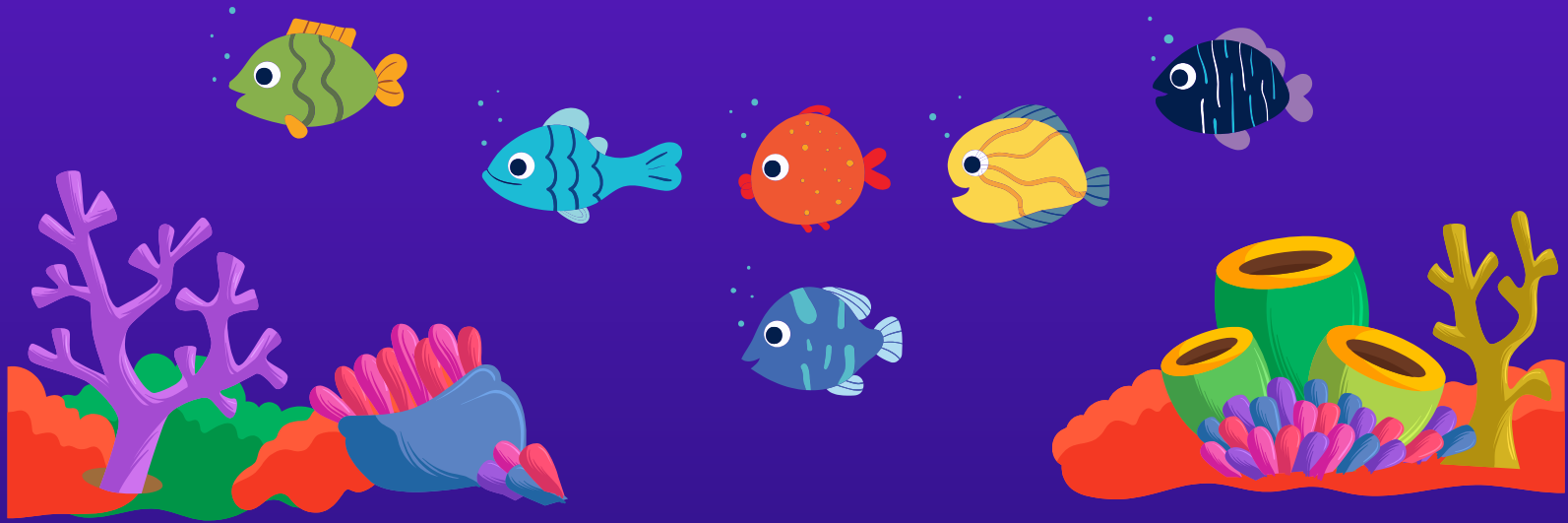
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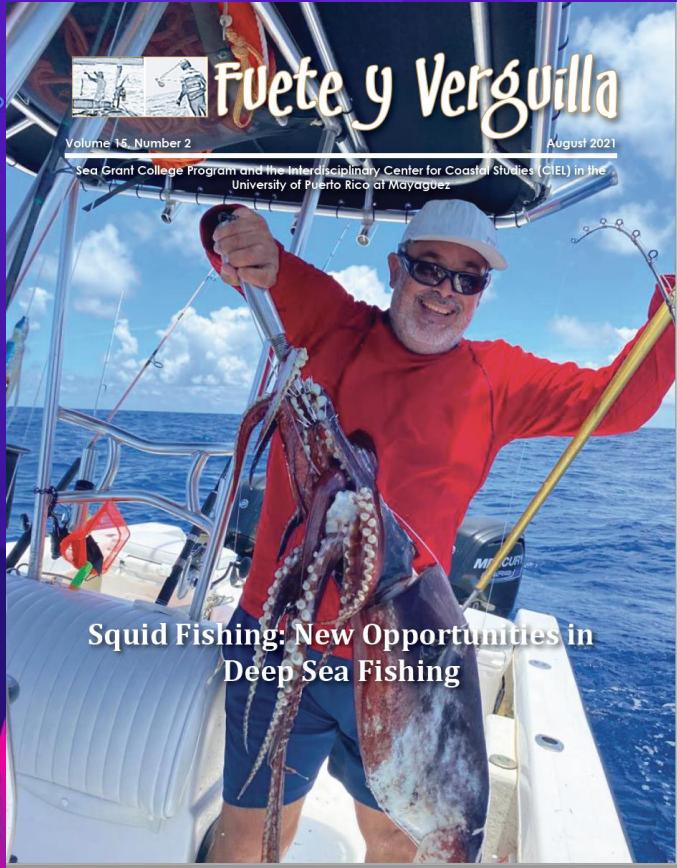


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- The waters surrounding the Puerto Rican archipelago and the US Virgin Islands are rich in species diversity, both economically and recreationally important. Two of these species are the diamondback squid (*Thysanoteuthis rhombus*) and the neon flying squid (*Ommastrephes bartramii*). Many people enjoy eating squid; however, they are seldom fished in local waters and are usually purchased imported and frozen.
- Meanwhile, it wasn't until recently that USVI fishers -very successfully- began fishing and selling them.
- Captain Marcos Hanke Herrero, being a consummate fisherman, took it upon himself to learn more about squid fishing. He intended to transmit this knowledge to other commercial fishers and thus add new funds to that obtained from usual catch sales.

Alternative Resources





Fuete y Verguilla is a magazine dedicated to the commercial fishing sector, therefore; it has been the medium chosen by the Caribbean Fishery Management Council to bring fishermen the necessary information to make them aware of this new type of fishing from the experience acquired by Captain Marcos Hanke.



One of the fishermen who welcomed the deep squid fishing proposal was Francisco Águeda from Villa Pesquera La Coal in San Juan. He has already sold at least four squids to several restaurants from San Juan to Isabela at a price of \$16.00 a pound.

Thanks to Marcos for his excellent work and his desire to educate and bring new alternatives to fishermen in both Puerto Rico and the USVI and thanks to the Council for trusting that *Fuete y Verguilla* is the best means of bringing this information to fishermen.

Thank you!

