

Wesmar Sonar Helps Prawn Trawler Increase Catch!

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Greg Albert is the owner of the F/V Cape York & F/V Emserve, both prawn trawlers operating in the Torres Straits and Gulf of Carpentaria in Australia. Greg is a firm believer in the benefits of sonar when prawn fishing. Back in the days when GPS and chart plotters were not available, Greg was using the sonar to stay close to the prawn grounds which are sometimes close to coral reefs.

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The WESMAR sonar is able to detect the hard spots, or ledges where there is a higher likelihood of catching the prawns. In fact, banana prawns sometimes school up and I can pick them up with the sonar. The HD800's split screen feature is fantastic for trawling. It is like having 2 sonars in one!"

