

Top Chilean Captain Credits WESMAR Sonar For His Success

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and my catch improved thanks to it.”**

Hernando Soto Torre, Captain of the 60 ton bottom trawler Polaris, fishes for Hake off the Southern Coast of Chile and has great respect for his WESMAR HD800-45kHz sonar. In fact he says the WESMAR sonar has many advantages but to him the biggest one is its reliability. “For 36 months I had lots of trouble with the systems on board the vessel. The only equipment working consistently was my WESMAR sonar.”

To him this was a critical issue. He is bottom trawling for Hake, and relies on the sonar to catch fish. The most important feature to him is the bottom profile capability. It provides critical topography of the bottom, and important detail showing the hake, which are notorious for hanging tight to the bottom and easy to miss without the profile mode.

With its enhanced profile feature, the WESMAR HD800 sonar maneuvers the focused soundbeam from horizontal to vertical, clearly showing bottom topography and fish schools close to it. Fish detected ahead of the vessel can be tracked with precision as they go under the vessel and carefully followed and measured for thickness and depth. Split screen mode allows captains to use both the forward scan and profile views simultaneously so they can scan ahead of the boat while profiling a school below at the same time—extremely valuable in Chile’s hake fishery.



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WESMAR HD800 Sonar with
his success, calling it “the most
reliable equipment on the boat.”*

The Polaris is the top-producing vessel in El Gulfo, S.A.’s fleet—a testament to Soto’s skill and the reliability of the WESMAR HD800 sonar.

“My catch has improved, and I give the credit to my WESMAR sonar. I am very happy with it,” says Soto who has been fishing for 37 years, certainly enough time and experience to make such an evaluation!



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