

# Installing a Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) on a crab trap

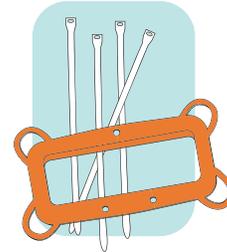
Crab traps that are not checked regularly can kill fish, terrapins, and other animals. These unintended captures are also called “bycatch.” Using Bycatch Reduction Devices can help ensure that you are being a good steward of Florida’s natural resources by not killing animals you didn’t mean to catch.

**STEP 1:** Obtain a 1 3/4 x 4 3/4 inch BRD for each funnel opening in the crab trap, along with heavy plastic cable ties.

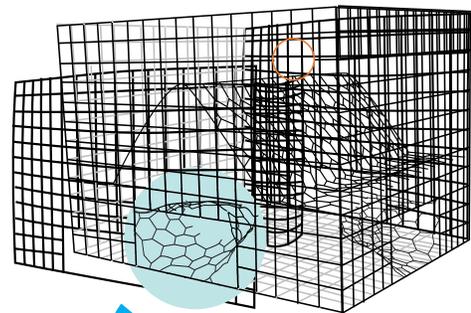
(Email [Terrapin@myfwc.com](mailto:Terrapin@myfwc.com) for a list of locations where you can get free BRDs.)

**STEP 2:** Position a BRD at the narrow back end of each entrance funnel.

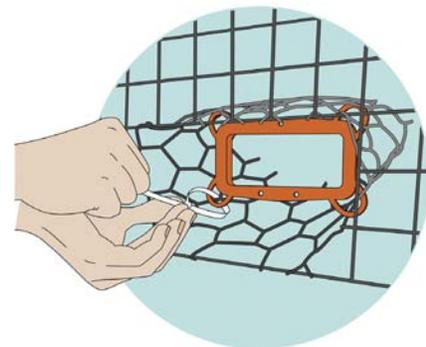
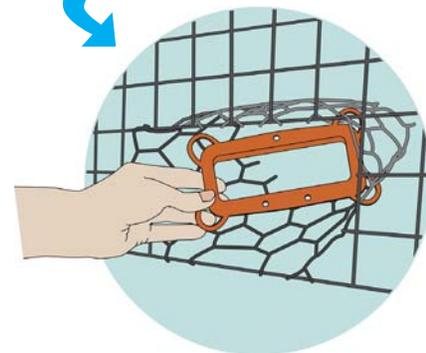
**STEP 3:** Use heavy zip/cable ties to loop around funnel wire and the corner of the BRD. Pull tightly and trim excess cable. Use a *minimum of four* cable ties to firmly attach each BRD.



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