

Abstract**Device and method for protecting towed underwater objects from fishing lines**

The invention proposes a protective device configured to protect a line-cutting device
5 mounted on a cable towed by a surface vessel (2), said device comprising a blade
holder comprising a blade (111), said blade being formed in said blade holder and
being retractable into a slot (114) about a transverse spring pin (113), characterized
in that the protective device (100) comprises a weighted body of hydrodynamic
overall shape delimiting a transverse opening (50) for the passage of the cable and
10 an interior cavity (51) in which said blade (111) is arranged in such a way as to cut
any line caught in the cavity (51), the protective device being free to rotate about the
cable (3).

(Figure 2)