GARY BROWN'S ESSENTIAL BAIT FISHING RIGS

RIGGING A LIVE BAIT

The main objective when rigging a bait live, is that you don't kill it. This usually happens when you put the hook through the lateral line or you pin it through the middle of the back of the fish and you drift with it. The top and bottom diagram would be ideal if fishing at anchor in a current. While the centre diagram would be ideal when suspended under a float.

Just about everything that has teeth in the saltwater will take a liking to a live bait. Flathead, snapper, trevally, coral trout, kingfish, mulloway, bonito, tailor and I have even caught Australian salmon on everything from a live silver biddy, yellowtail, slimy mackerel, squid, poddy mullet, tailor, sweep or whiting.

(Remember to check your local regulations when it comes to live baits)

