

LEAD-FREE ANGLING

A cleaner environment starts with you. Naturally, as an angler, you care about clean water. And clean water definitely shouldn't contain lead, which is a toxic metal that is unhealthy for both humans and animals. Sportvisserij Nederland (Dutch angling association) therefore advocates for the use of environmentally friendly alternatives in order to completely eliminate the use of lead in angling.



For more information and an overview of alternatives to lead, visit www.sportvisserijloodvrij.nl

TRANSITIONING TO LEAD-FREE ANGLING

Sportvisserij Nederland has teamed up with the Dutch government and the Water Authority Union to reduce the use of lead in angling. Lead is a heavy metal that does not belong in the water. When birds swallow it, they can become ill or die from lead poisoning. Using lead weights incorrectly and casting lead at home can also have harmful effects on human health. Our goal is for angling to be completely lead-free by 2027. It is possible that the sale and use of lead weights for fishing in the European Union will be banned in the near future.

CARP FISHING

Carp anglers have a wide selection of environmentally friendly alternatives at their disposal, made from stone, iron/steel and high-density concrete. A variety of manufacturers offer alternatives for both swivel weights and inlines.

COARSE FISHING

Several cage feeders made of iron or steel are available for feeder fishing and most of the method feeders available on the market today are also lead-free. Lead shot weights can be replaced by iron sticks that can be attached to the line under a float using silicon tubes, or by non-toxic shot weights made of tin or zinc. Olivettes made of tungsten are a possible alternative for heavier floats, such as those used with match fishing.

LURE FISHING

Steel and tungsten are environmentally friendly alternatives for lead. Nowadays there is a wide range of steel and tungsten jig heads, dropshot weights and bullet weights available on the angling market. Because steel is hard and affordable, it is an excellent alternative to lead. Tungsten is even harder, and is heavier as well, making it smaller in size than an equivalent lead weight. This provides some obvious benefits, such as being able to feel the structure of the bottom, better casting, and more refined angling.

SEA ANGLING

Sea anglers generally use the heaviest weights and lose the largest quantity of lead. There are several environmentally friendly alternatives available, such as weights made of iron/steel and high-density concrete.

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