

A VARIATION ON THE ‘NOOSED FISH’ METHOD AND ITS SUITABILITY FOR TRAPPING THE WHITE-BELLIED SEA-EAGLE *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

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We present a modification of the noosed fish method for trapping the White-Bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*. This technique provides a safe and inexpensive trapping method that may be applied in a water or land setting remote from the nest site. This versatility has great relevance where investigator disturbance may be an issue. Field evidence suggests the design may be readily adapted to suit other lake or coastally based Australian raptor species.