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**SPECIAL
NEW
BOATS
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Trawler fits the best!

FNI this month spotlights the vibrant world fishing vessel building scene with 14 pages of new boat reviews in a special feature.

France's new stern trawler *André Leduc* (above) for fishing company

Nord Pêcheries is a quality ship which is truly international.

Designed by a UK company, *André Leduc* has been built by Gondan – one of Spain's most advanced shipyards – and fitted with a German engine, Norwegian

winches and stern gear. Other equipment comes from suppliers in Norway, Denmark, Spain and France.

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Boxing belt fish

DRAGON (silver belt) fish being landed to Kim Huat Fisheries in the Malaysian fishing village of Hutan Melintang, on the Bernam River. There is a strong wooden boat building industry in the country, with traditionally hand crafted trawlers and purse seiners joining the fleet.

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Trawl winch trio from Norway

ROLLS-ROYCE

Brattvaag of Norway has manufactured *André Leduc's* deck equipment package with a fishing system controlled by an Ulstein Brattvaag autotrawl in the wheelhouse.

The trawler's three 28 tonne pull main trawl winches each have the capacity to handle 2700 metres of 24 mm trawl warp and the single net drum has an 18 tonne pull.

She also has six 13 tonne chain link stud winches, two 23 tonne gilsons, one six tonne codend winch and a six tonne auxiliary winch. Her trawl blocks are from Markusen in Denmark.

An articulated electrically powered ABAS deck crane mounted on her port side has a reach covering the whole trawl deck and has a 2.50 tonne lifting capacity at 10 metres.

A great deal of attention has been paid to achieving the highest possible quality of the catch. Fish are dropped through the aft deck hatch to the processing deck below and on to a sorting belt.

Pescatech (Hermanos Rodriguez) in Vigo supplied the vessel's catch handling equipment, with transverse and longitudinal conveyors to take fish to the working areas.

"The designers have made efforts to take into account the species that *André Leduc* will be fishing on deep water grounds, so the whole system has been designed to allow fish of different shapes and sizes to be moved easily and quickly without obstructions," Daniel Scavuzzo says.

The trawler's fish handling stations are each fitted with a set of Scanvægt scales and her icemakers have been provided by Irish company Sea Ice. The chiller system maintains the fishroom temperature at 0 deg C and has been designed and fitted by Tusal of Spain.

André Leduc's fishroom is fully insulated and capable of holding 3875 boxes. It also has a liver storage tank discharged by a shore-based system constructed with food-use approved materials.

André Leduc is fishing with trawls that the company's staff make up to their own design and spread with a 2500 kg Le Clump and a pair of No. 13 Morgère Ovalfoil trawl doors weighing 1900 kg each.

"These are the doors that perform best on deep water grounds and Ovalfoils are used all over the world for this kind of fishing," Jean-Gabriel Podeur of St Malo-based Morgère tells *FNI*.