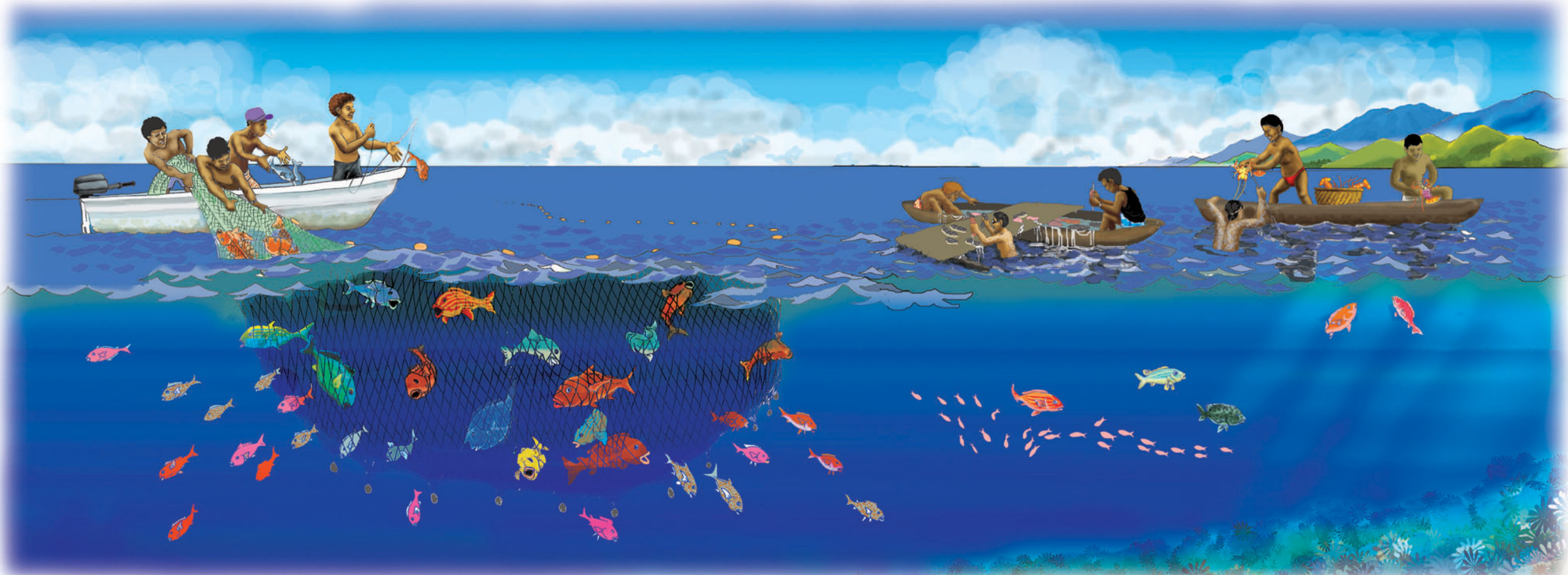
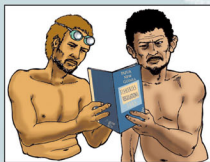


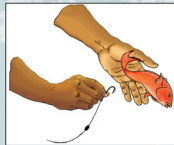
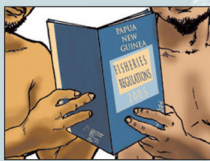
LET THEM GROW UP!



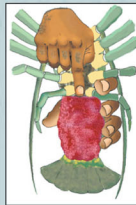
IF WE LET FISH AND OTHER SEA ANIMALS GROW UP TO BECOME ADULTS, THEN THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BREED AND WE CAN CATCH FISH FOR OUR FAMILIES TO EAT AND FISH TO SELL AT THE MARKETS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.



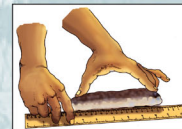
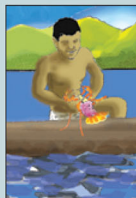
MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THE SIZE LIMITS OF THE FISH, LOBSTERS, AND SHELLFISH THAT YOU ARE COLLECTING. THE PNG FISHERIES REGULATIONS BOOKLET DESCRIBES ALL THE MARINE RESOURCES IN PNG FOR WHICH THERE ARE SIZE LIMITS, SEASONS, OR GEAR RESTRICTIONS. NFA HAS DECLARED THESE SIZE LIMITS, SEASONS, AND RESTRICTIONS SO THAT PNG'S MARINE ANIMALS HAVE A CHANCE TO GROW UP AND MAKE MORE BABIES. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A REGULATIONS BOOKLET, GET ONE FROM THE NATIONAL FISHERIES AUTHORITY. THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR IGNORANCE!



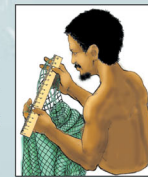
IF YOU CATCH A BABY FISH ON A HOOK AND LINE, CAREFULLY UNHOOK IT, AND PUT IT BACK IN THE WATER. THIS GIVES THE FISH A CHANCE TO GROW UP AND REPRODUCE (MAKE BABY FISH). THIS WAY THE REEFS AND MANGROVES WILL ALWAYS HAVE FISH TO GROW UP AND BECOME BIGGER FISH.



IF YOU CATCH A FEMALE CRAB OR LOBSTER WITH EGGS, LET IT GO. LOBSTERS AND CRABS CARRY THOUSANDS OF EGGS ON THEIR UNDERSIDE. A FEMALE LOBSTER CARRIES HER EGGS FOR 3-4 WEEKS BEFORE RELEASING THEM INTO THE OPEN SEA. ONLY A TINY NUMBER OF THE THOUSANDS OF EGGS THAT ARE RELEASED INTO THE SEA SURVIVE. SO, IF YOU KILL A MOTHER LOBSTER OR CRAB AND THEIR EGGS, EVENTUALLY THERE WILL BE NO MORE CRABS AND LOBSTERS TO EAT OR TO SELL AT THE MARKET.



IF YOU ARE COLLECTING SEA CUCUMBERS FOR THE BECHE-DE-MER TRADE, MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THE LEGAL MINIMUM SIZE OF EACH TYPE OF SEA CUCUMBER. READ THE FISHERIES BOOKLET! DO NOT COLLECT SEA CUCUMBERS THAT ARE TOO SMALL. BUYERS AND EXPORTERS WON'T ACCEPT THEM AND YOU WILL NOT GET ANY MONEY FOR ONES THAT ARE TOO SMALL. THE CLOSED SEASON FOR COLLECTING SEA CUCUMBERS IS 1 OCTOBER TO 15 JANUARY. THIS MEANS YOU CAN NOT HARVEST THEM DURING THIS TIME. AND, IF YOUR PROVINCE REACHES ITS TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH BEFORE 1 OCTOBER, THEN YOU MUST STOP COLLECTING SEA CUCUMBERS UNTIL AFTER THE CLOSED SEASON HAS ENDED.



IF YOU FISH WITH A NET, MAKE SURE IT HAS A MESH SIZE OF AT LEAST 4 INCHES. THIS WAY BABY FISH CAN ESCAPE THROUGH THE NET AND GROW UP TO BE ADULTS THAT LATER MAKE BABY FISH OF THEIR OWN.

