

## Fisheries Decline

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### Indiscriminate Fishing Methods

Use of non-selective gear such as gill nets and traps remove non-commercial species such as parrot fish, tarpon, permit, bone fish and sharks.



### 2 Fishing Nurseries

Near shore habitats such as mangroves and seagrass beds serve as nurseries for many juvenile fish species. Catching juvenile fish with nets, traps or spearfishing removes them from the marine environment before they had a chance to reproduce and replenish populations.

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### Fishing Spawning Aggregations

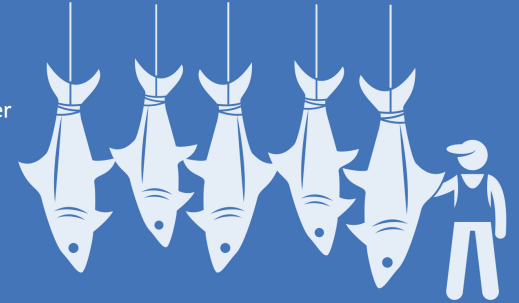
Many fish species gather in large numbers at specific times and sites to mate and reproduce. At this time fish are vulnerable and fishing at spawning aggregations will lead to overfishing.



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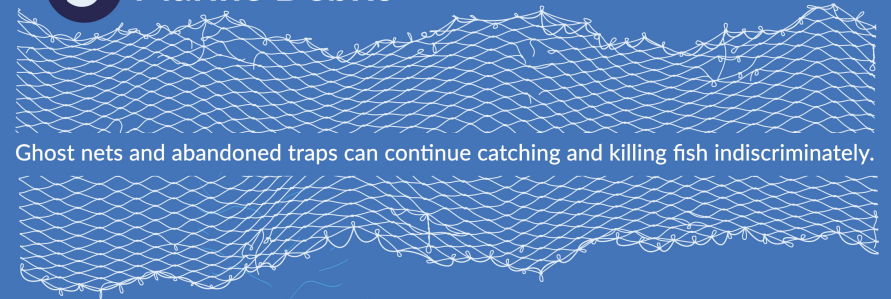
### Fishing OVERSIZED

Larger fish produce greater number of eggs than younger fish. Fishing too many large fish may lead to reduced number over time.



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### Marine Debris



Ghost nets and abandoned traps can continue catching and killing fish indiscriminately.

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### Illegal Fishing

Fishing out of season, undersized or prohibited species can drastically reduce population numbers.

