

Captain of my Fishing Boat



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*"We, the Australian Seafood community,
are stewards of the aquatic environment.
United, we ensure a sustainable supply of quality seafood."*

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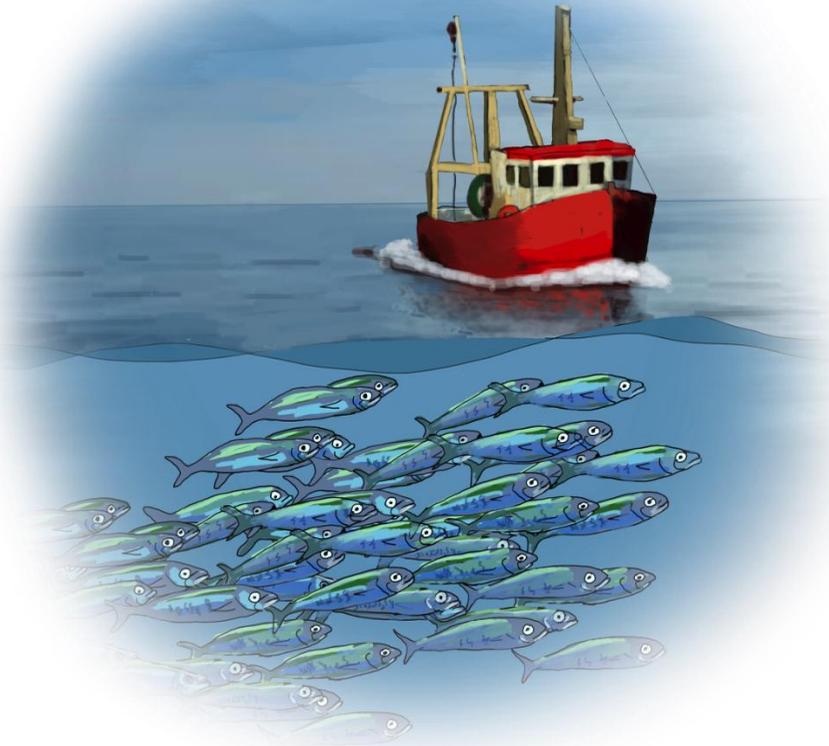
My Dad is a fisherman. He spends a lot of time on the water fishing. Dad goes at night and fishes for one week at a time. I like to watch Dad leave the wharf before I go home to sleep.



When I grow up, I'm going to be Captain of my fishing boat. I will sail the seven seas and catch fish for people to eat.



I leave port and head to the fishing grounds. I'll set the fishing gear in the best spot. Then I wait.





Sometimes the ocean is calm.

Sometimes the ocean is rough.



My boat is strong and can go in rough seas.
I like when the ocean is calm.

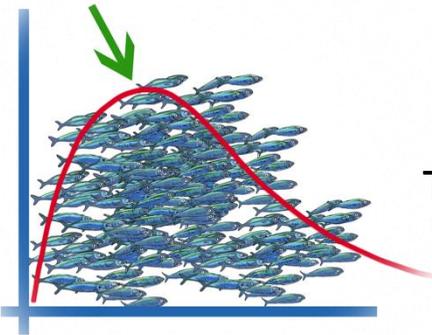


The fishing gear has been in the ocean for a while. I haul it up to see what I've caught. This is my favourite part.



Hauling the catch is hard work so I use machines to help lift. I empty the net on the back deck of the boat and I put the fish into buckets.

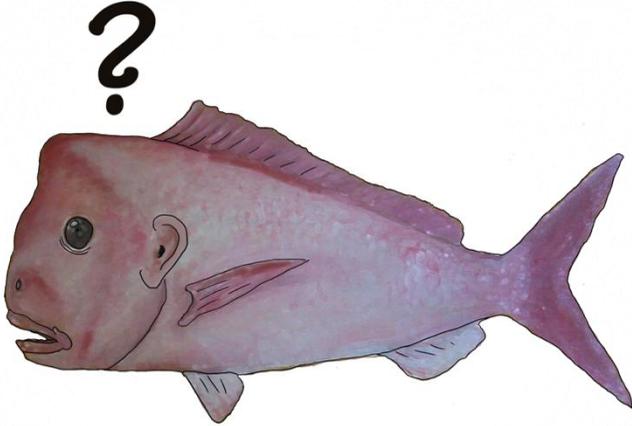
At different times of the year, scientists come on board my boat to measure and take samples of the fish.



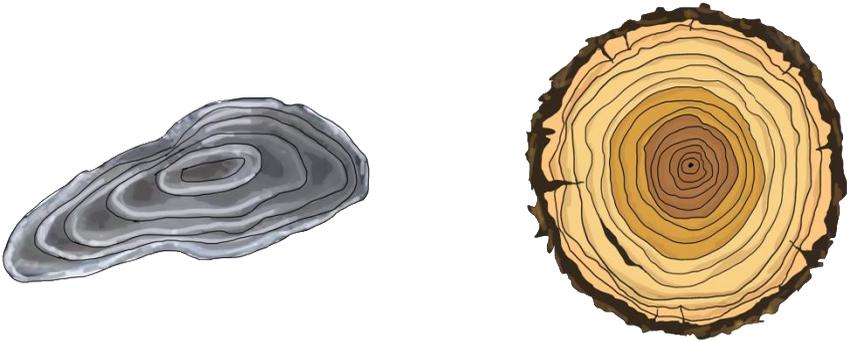
This helps us know how many fish we can catch the next year.



The ear bone can tell me how old the fish is.



The rings are just like the rings of a tree.
Can you count the rings?



I get to see a lot of animals at sea. I see sharks, seals, seabirds and dolphins. If I catch them I put them back into the ocean carefully.



Here I'm putting a shark
back in the water.



To make sure we have fish in the future I report everything I catch.



My boat is full.
The fish is kept fresh in buckets with lots of ice.

It's time to head back to port.



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I take the fish I catch to sell at market. You might see the fish I catch at the supermarket or a restaurant.



My fish is eaten in homes and restaurants all over the world.



My brother likes to cook. My favourite fish to eat is snapper.





My favourite part of the week is when
my Dad comes back to port.



I like to wait for him
at the wharf.



I like the stories he tells me about his fishing adventures.



When I grow up, I'm going to be Captain of my own fishing boat.