

Later, at the lagoon —

Those men there are using pushnets and scoopnets to catch shrimp.

Those are larvae ... barely 2 to 4 weeks old .. good if you plan to grow them in ponds. But, they are catching them to sell right away.



Those larvae should be allowed to grow bigger and reach deeper water. When we catch them there, we will earn much more.

Look! Those men are taking out their boat-seine.

Let's go with them.





They have made quite a good haul, haven't they?



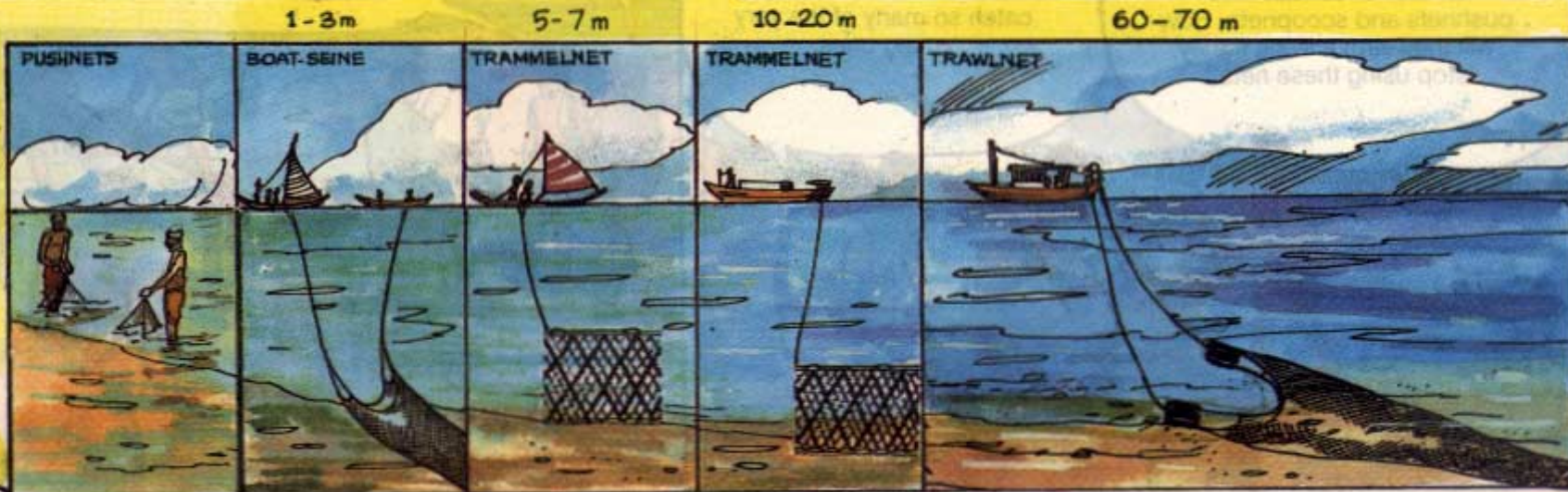
What's the use, father? Compare the size of these shrimp and fish with what we caught in our trammelnet.



Look at the small mesh size. They've caught so many tiny shrimp.

Raghu, pushnets, scoopnets, boat-seines, trammelnets and trawlnets catch Tiger Shrimp in different depths at different stages of their lives.

A trammelnet is the only net which catches ONLY the bigger ones. All the others catch either the small ones or small and big ones.



If the young are caught now, there will be few bigger shrimp left for us to catch later.

That is true. If we don't do something about it now, we'll be the ones to suffer.

What can we do about it?

Ideally, we should not use small-mesh boat-seines. They are destructive. They destroy our fish resources by taking away almost all the young shrimp and fish.



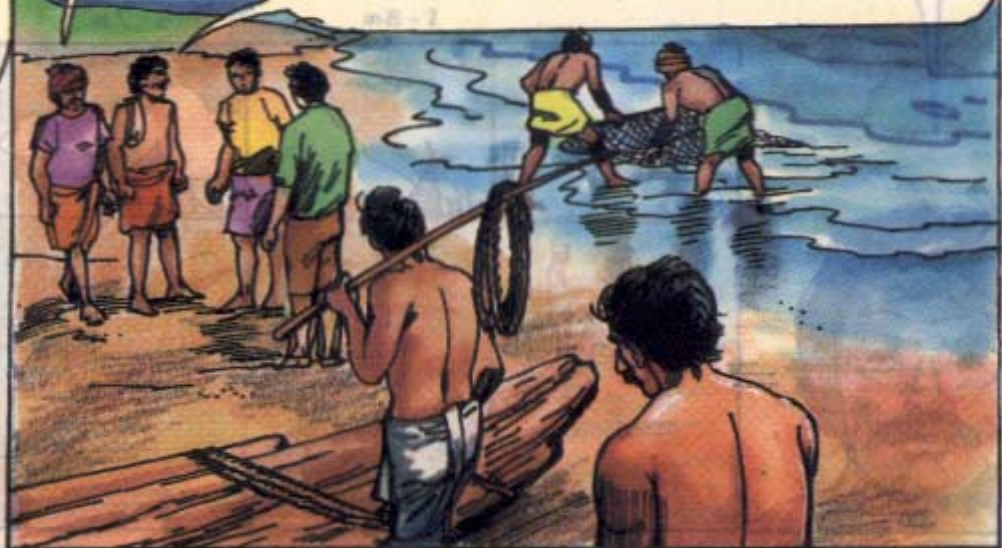
But there are thousands of our people catching even smaller ones with their pushnets and scoopnets. How will they earn a living if they stop using these nets?

We must find an answer to that, too. But whatever the answer, we must not catch so many of the very young ones.



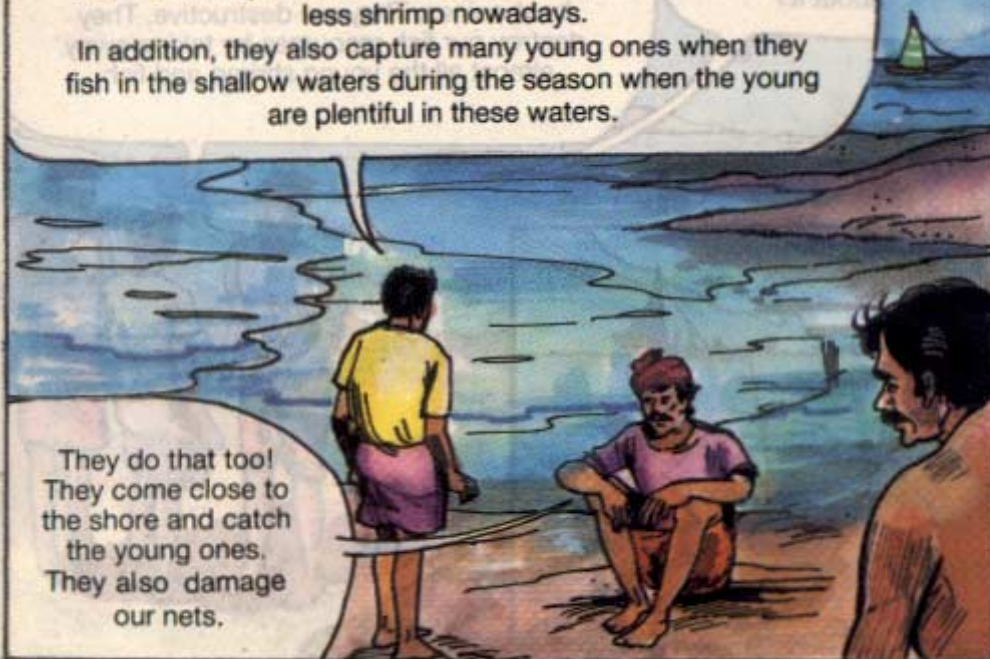
What about the trawlers?

Don't they catch too many of the big females in the spawning areas? Won't this reduce the production of young ones and affect future fishing seasons?



Yes, it definitely will. In fact, they are complaining of catching less shrimp nowadays.

In addition, they also capture many young ones when they fish in the shallow waters during the season when the young are plentiful in these waters.



They do that too! They come close to the shore and catch the young ones. They also damage our nets.

How do we solve this problem?



Somehow we must get them to reduce or even stop trawling.

