

G 5.3 FISHING AND AQUACULTURE



G5.3.1

Fishing tools and boats used for fishing.

A. Fill in the blanks with the given words.

motor

trolling (*bir-rixa*)

decreased

cliffs

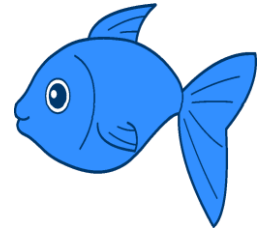
coasts

sea

hobby

full-time

Malta is an island surrounded by _____, for this reason fishing was always a means to earn a living for many Maltese people. We can say that today, due to a number of reasons, fishermen _____ greatly. Nowadays, Malta does not have more than 400 _____ fishermen and around 700 more part-time.



However, at the same time, fishing as a _____ increased a lot. At the end of the week you can see a big quantity of small _____ boats that go fishing with traps, _____ or fishing rods. You can often see enthusiasts fishing with fishing rods along the _____ or hanging some traps on the _____.



Every full-time fisherman has an area of the sea where he can fish during the season.

B. Look at the pictures of the fishing boats and then work out the exercise given.



'Luzzu'



'Kajjikk'



'Skuna'

Fill in the blanks with the given words.

land	boats	vessels (opri)	dragging
illegal	<i>luzzu</i>	bad weather	<i>skuna</i>

The boats fishermen use to go fishing with are called sea 'machines' or fishing _____ . Many different types of _____ are used to catch fish. The ones that are used the most are the _____ , the 'kajjikk' and the 'skuna'.

The 'luzzu' and the 'kajjikk' are used for fishing near _____ . When fishermen are going further away and staying longer at sea, they use the _____ . The 'skuna' is larger, has more space and withstands _____ better.



The 'skuna' is sometimes also called a trawler. These were used for _____ nets across the seabed and so catch a lot of fish. However, due to the damage that was being done to fish nests, this method is _____ nowadays, this means it is against the law, and so it cannot be used anymore.

C. Mark the correct answer.

1. When fishermen go fishing and spend a lot of days at sea, they use the (*skuna*, speedboat, yacht).
2. When fishing for lampuki (dorado), they mostly use the (*luzzu*, trawler, yachts).
3. The Maltese village mostly famous for fishermen is (Mosta, Marsaxlokk, Bormla).
4. In (Marsaxlokk, Citadella, Fgura) fisherman have a sheltered inlet where they can bring in their *luzzijiet* and *kajjikki*.
5. When fishing near, fishermen use the (*kajjikk*, yacht, *skuna*).
6. Various enthusiasts go fishing using a (fishing rod, trap, hand net) for fish close to shore.

D. Answer these questions.

1. What is the boat seen in the picture called?

2. Who uses this boat the most?



3. How do the owners of this boat earn their living?

4. Mention a village in Malta or Gozo where many boats like this can be seen.

5. Why do think that with his work, the owner of this boat not only earns his living but also helps many other people?

E. Interviewing a Fisherman

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

PLACE OF THE INTERVIEW: _____



1. What is your job?

2. For how long have you been doing this job?

3. How did you start this trade?

4. What tools do you use in your work?

5. What fishing tools and machines do you use when you go fishing?

6. What type of fish do you fish for the most?

7. Since you work a lot at sea, I think you would be risking your life.
Do you remember a time when you experienced a very bad storm?

8. Do you think we still have many Maltese fishermen? Why do you think so?

9. If you could start all-over, would you still choose to become a fisherman again? Why?

F. Match by filling the blanks with the given words.

1. Both the prow and the stern are pointy. _____
2. The prow is pointy, whereas the stern is more flat. _____
3. A large boat is equipped with a lot of fishing facilities. _____
4. A sailing boat which is used for leisure purposes. _____
5. Used as a pleasure boat, it is very fast. _____

yacht

kajjikk

luzzu

skuna

speedboat