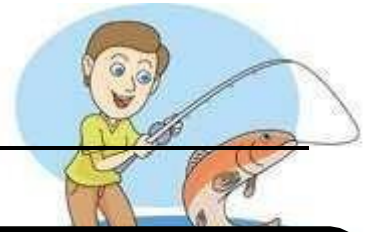


## G 5.3 FISHING AND AQUACULTURE



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#### Fishing for *Lampuki*.

#### A. Fill in the blanks with the given words.

season

common

palm

'luzzu'

'kannizzati'

shade

In Malta, from August to December, many fishermen go fishing for *lampuki*. Indeed, this period is commonly known as the *lampuki* \_\_\_\_\_. Fishing for *lampuki* (known as dolphinfish, dorado or mahi-mahi) is done mostly with the \_\_\_\_\_ or with bigger boats.

During the season, fishermen do not catch only *lampuki* but very often they also catch pilot-fish (*fanfri*), and lesser amberjack (*ċervjol*). However, the most \_\_\_\_\_ fish is the *lampuka*.

How are *lampuki* caught? The most popular method is that of the \_\_\_\_\_. Fishermen throw a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ leaves on the surface of the sea, the *lampuki* come under them to find \_\_\_\_\_, and then the fishermen surround and catch them with their nets.



## B. Read about '*kannizzati*'.

The palm tree - whose leaves are cut so they can be used for *kannizzati*.



1. The *kannizzata* is a big raft made up of corks, sacks, palm leaves, cane stems and other things that float on water.
2. These are tied together to form a kind of raft or roof over the surface of the sea. The fish then go under it to find shade from the sun.
3. To prevent the *kannizzata* from being dragged away by the sea current, it is tied well with ropes to rocks thrown down to the bottom of the sea.

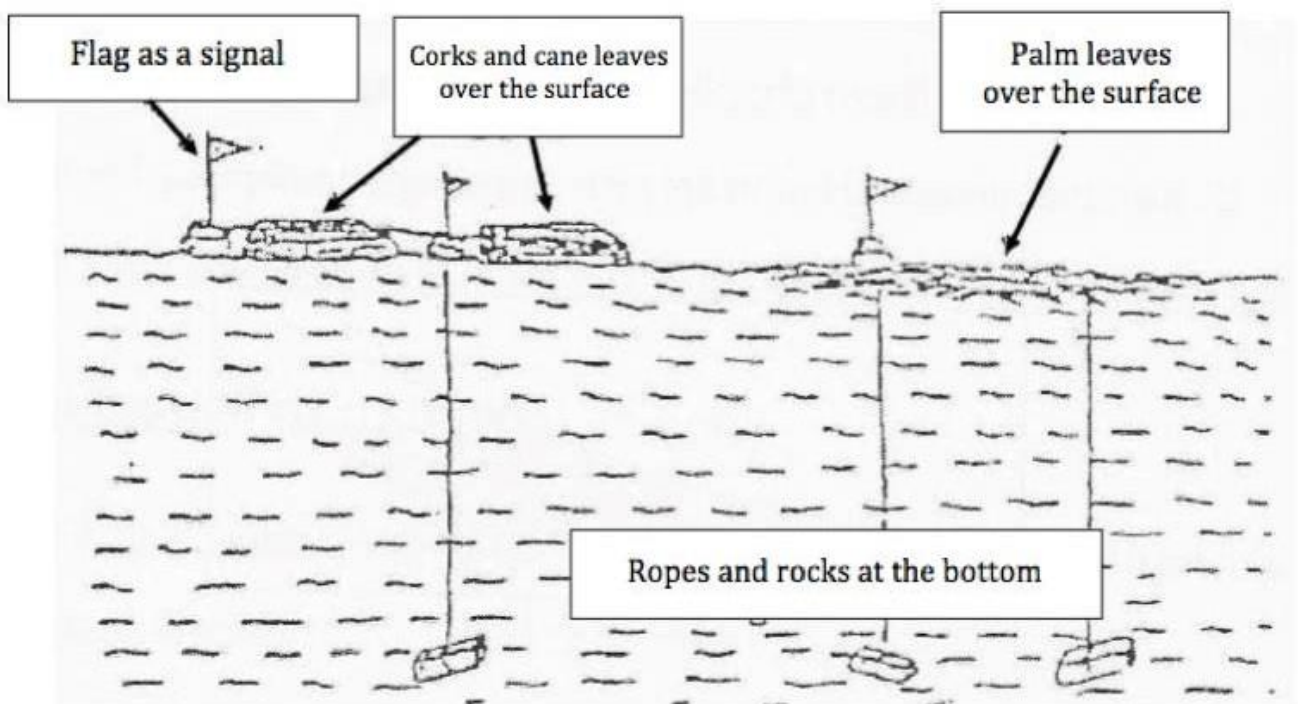


The *luzzu* is armed full of palms which will be used to form a *kannizzata* for *lampuki* fishing.

4. During the *lampuki* season, fishermen go out with their fishing boats to surround the *kannizzati* with nets. They put down the feathers tied to a nylon thread, and if they see that there are fish then they close the net and bring it up to the surface.

5. Afterwards, the fishermen pack the fish in special boxes (*kavetti*) where fish is stored. When they return to the coast, they take the fish caught to the fish market (*pixkerija*). Other sellers, or fish hawkers, buy the fish from there, and then take it to the markets or to the streets to sell it again.

6. This drawing shows how to mount a *kannizzata*.



### C. Lampuki Pie.

There is no doubt that fish contain a lot of proteins important for a balanced diet.

Are you interested in cooking a *lampuki* pie together with an adult?

Try to find a recipe for this pie by searching for it through the internet.

