

FISHING AT MARSHALL LAGOON

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The family shown in these pictures are fishermen from Viriolo village at Marshall Lagoon. Rai Alu is the acting Development Planning Economist, Headquarters, Fisheries Division, Konedobu.



Cutting the new canoe



Building the canoe



*Simple tools such as hammers, saws
and planes are all that is used*



Bigger canoes (lakatois) are also built with simple tools. This family is getting ready to go fishing



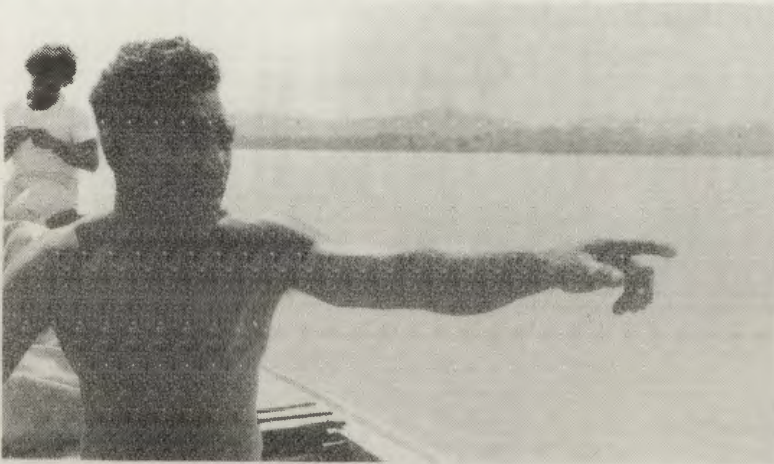
Preparing the net



Head fisherman joining the nets together



*Fishing is a family affair.
Here the family is
travelling to the fishing
ground by outboard motor
canoe*



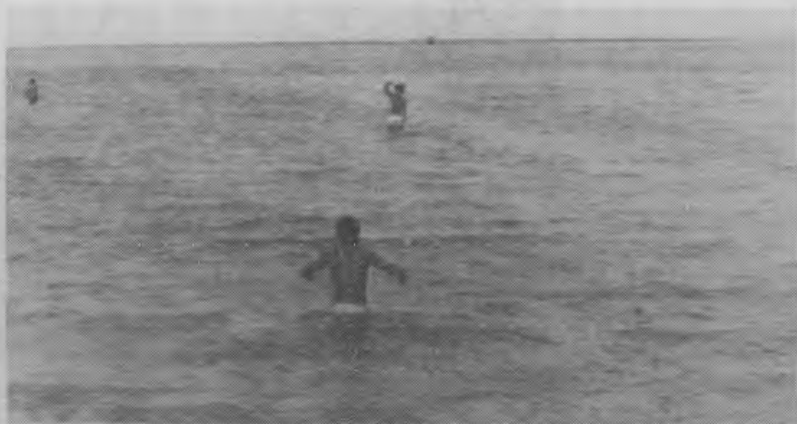
*Head fisherman points to
the fishing ground*



*At the reef, they start
polking to the place
where the net will be set*



Setting the net



The two ends of the net are joined after the fish are chased in. Some fish are gilled and others hide under stones. Here they are swimming out to chase the fish in

Collecting the fish that are gilled





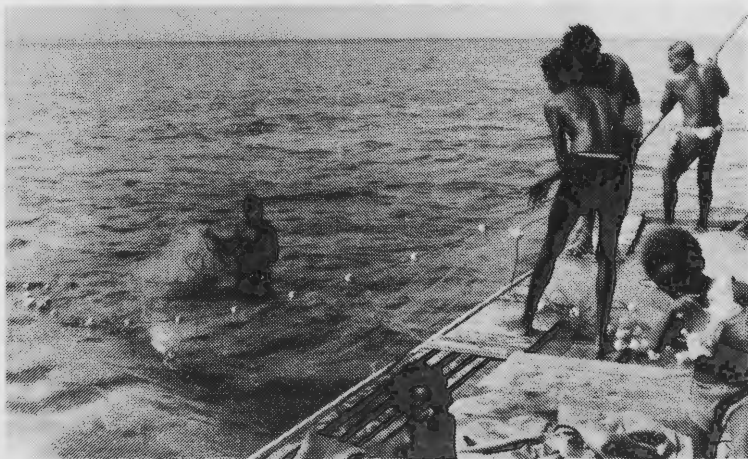
The fish that hide under stones can be shot with a rubber gun



Rubber gun



The catch



Pulling the net in



*Sailing back to the
village*

*Some of the fish are
cooked and eaten on the
journey home*





*Women preparing to smoke
some of the fish to market
it*



*The road between the
village, Viriolo, and
Port Moresby, along which
the fish must be
transported*



*One of the rivers that must be crossed to get the
fish to market*

Rai and his family hope that one day better transport facilities, preserving facilities (refrigeration and ice), repair and maintenance facilities for their outboard motors, and imported nets will come to their village at Marshall Lagoon.