



ANCIENT GREECE

FISHING AND BOATS THEY USED



The people of Ancient Greece lived near the sea and relied on it for food, trade and travel.

Fishing was an important part of daily life. Fishermen used different boats, nets and tools to catch fish.



FISHING IN ANCIENT GREECE

- Greeks caught fish in the sea, in lakes and in rivers.
- Fish was eaten fresh, dried in the sun, or preserved in salt.
- Fishing was hard work for many families, and extra fish was sold in the market.



HOW THEY FISHED

- Nets were used to catch lots of fish at once.
- Lines with hooks caught one fish at a time.
- Spears and harpoons were used to catch bigger fish like tuna.
- Sometimes fishermen used traps called baskets.



TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Fishing net



Fishing line and hook



Harpoon



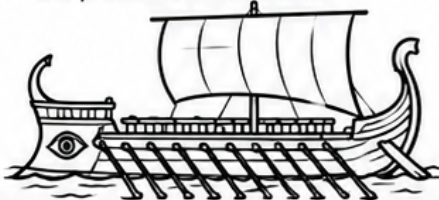
Basket trap



BOATS THEY USED

TRIREME (TRIERES)

The trireme was a fast warship with three levels of rowers. It was built for battles at sea and protected Greek cities.



SMALL FISHING BOAT

Small boats were used for fishing close to the shore or in calm waters. They were light and easy to row.



MERCHANT SHIP

Large ships carried goods between Greek cities and other lands. They could also carry large amounts of fish.



DID YOU KNOW?



Fish was a very important food source. Poor families often ate more fish than meat.



Salted fish and fish sauce were transported in large pottery jars called amphorae.



The Greeks ate many kinds of fish, including tuna, sea bream, mackerel and octopus.



Fish was sold in the market or cooked at home with oil, herbs and vegetables.



Dolphins were admired by the Ancient Greeks. They believed dolphins helped protect sailors.



MORE ABOUT LIFE BY THE SEA

Fishermen also collected other sea foods like octopus, shellfish and sponges, which were popular foods or valuable goods to trade.



Basket traps were placed in the water and baited. Fish swam in but could not get out.

The sea gave the Ancient Greeks food, work and adventure. Their boats and fishing skills helped their cities grow and thrive.