

FISHING is an ancient practice essential to human life for thousands of years. Over the centuries, cultures developed different fishing methods to survive in distinct environments. Stamps illustrate fishing techniques from around the world.

SPEARFISHING dates back in use to early world civilizations. The technique involves hunting fish with a spear or a harpoon. The earliest records of spearfishing show their use in India and France as far back as 16,000 years ago; and evidence of spearfishing has been found in cave paintings.



FISHING NETS have been used as far back as stone age societies. Early nets were woven from grasses, flaxes and other fibrous plant material. By the 1950s, synthetic fibers were adopted worldwide. Examples include **CAST NETS** and **DRIFT NETS**.



CAST NETS



DRIFT NETS

FISH TRAPS are permanent or semi-permanent structures placed in a river or tidal area, are not always baited to attract prey, and are periodically lifted out of the water.



FISH TRAPS