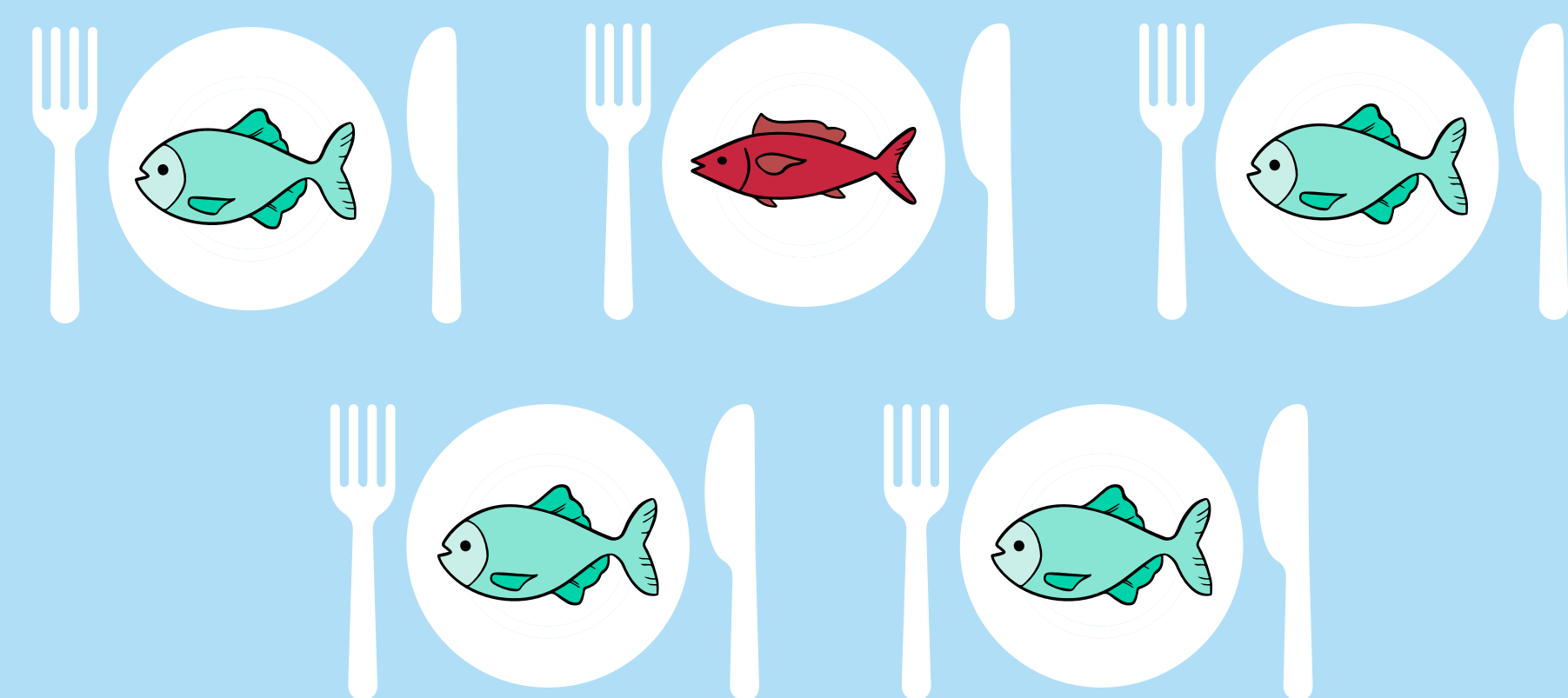
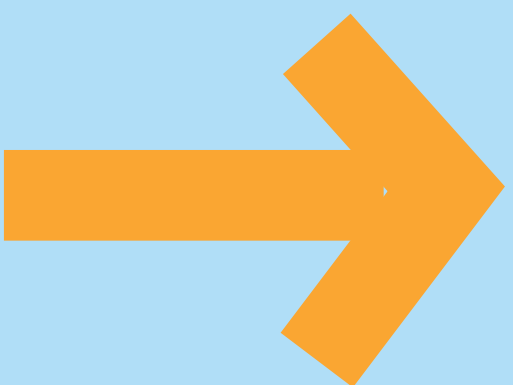
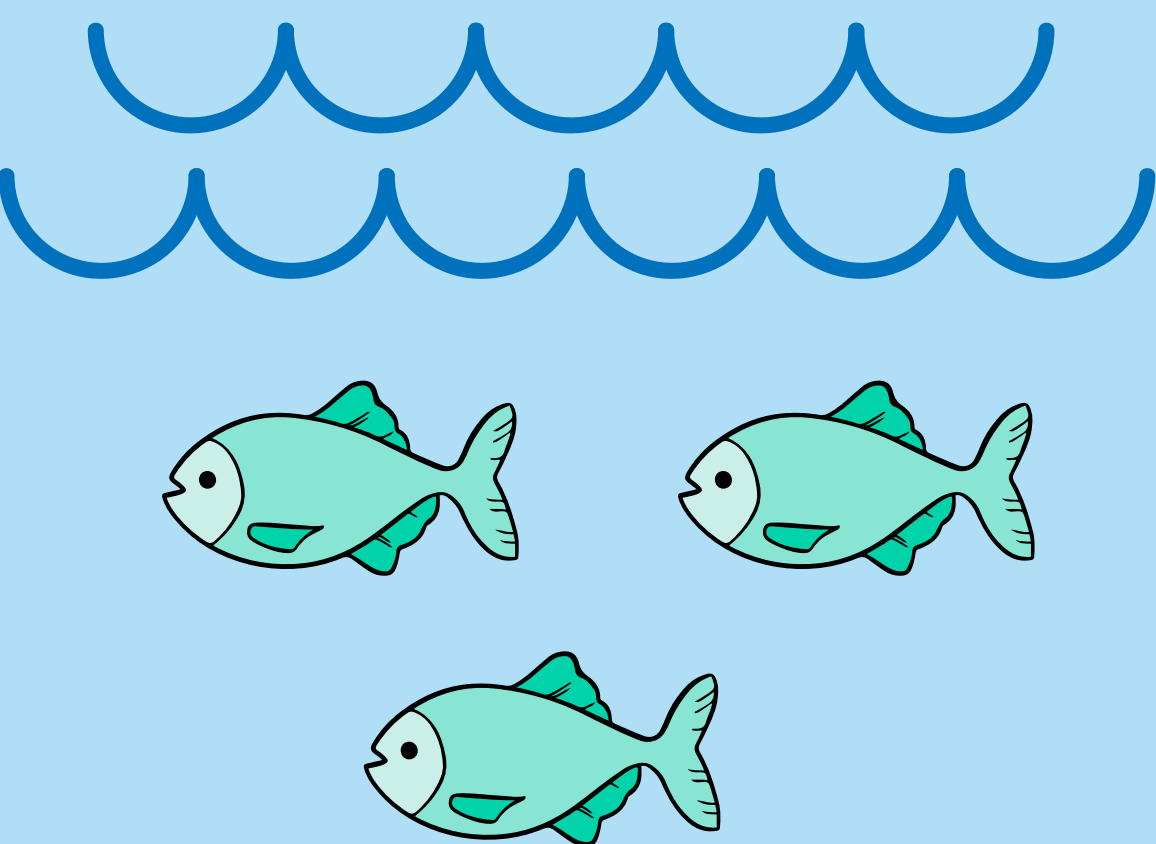
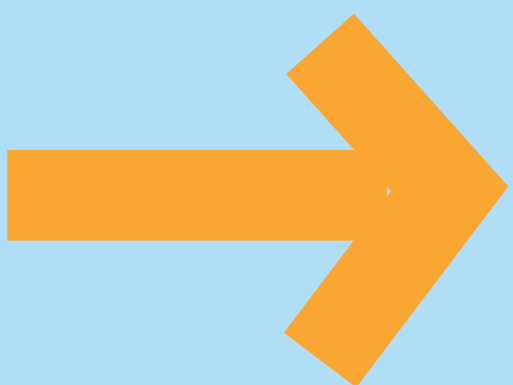


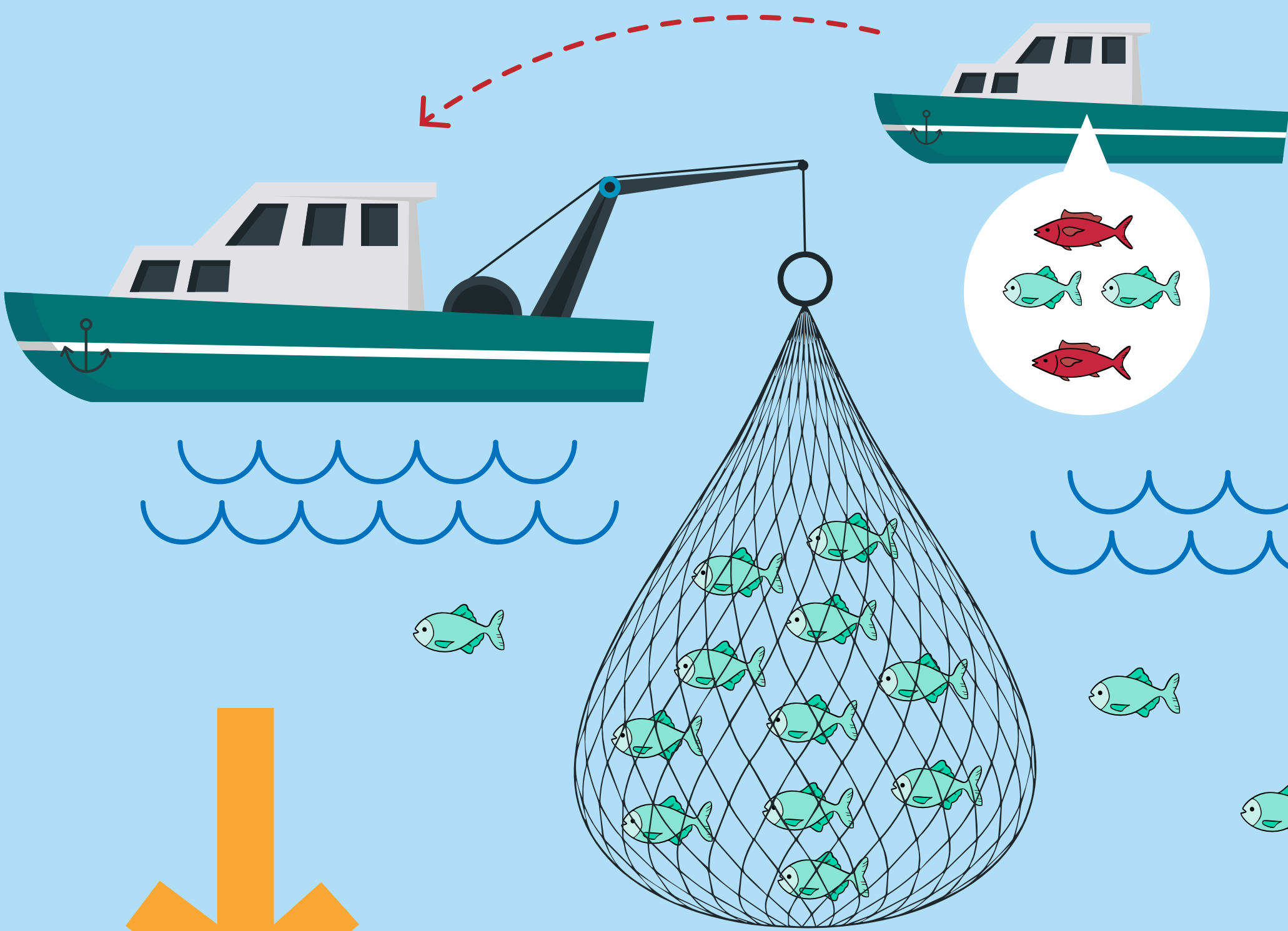
BAIT TO PLATE: TRACING ILLEGALLY CAUGHT FISH



Once at the markets, illegally caught fish is sold like any other fish. There are many **loopholes** in the **traceability** of seafood leading to **1 in 5** fish sold being illegally caught.



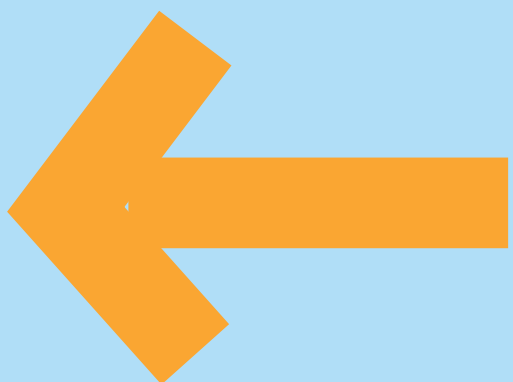
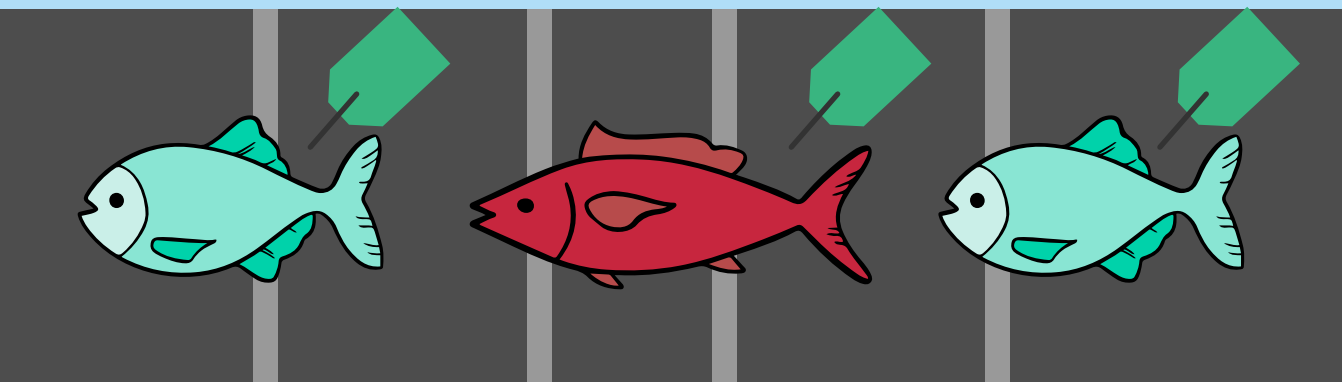
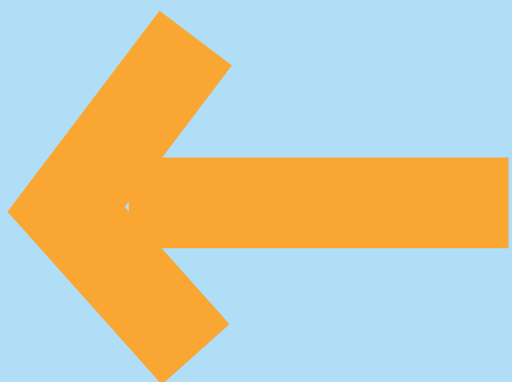
Far out at sea, illegal fishing vessels often **transfer** catch to other legal fish vessels making it almost impossible to accurately trace the vessel of origin of the catch.



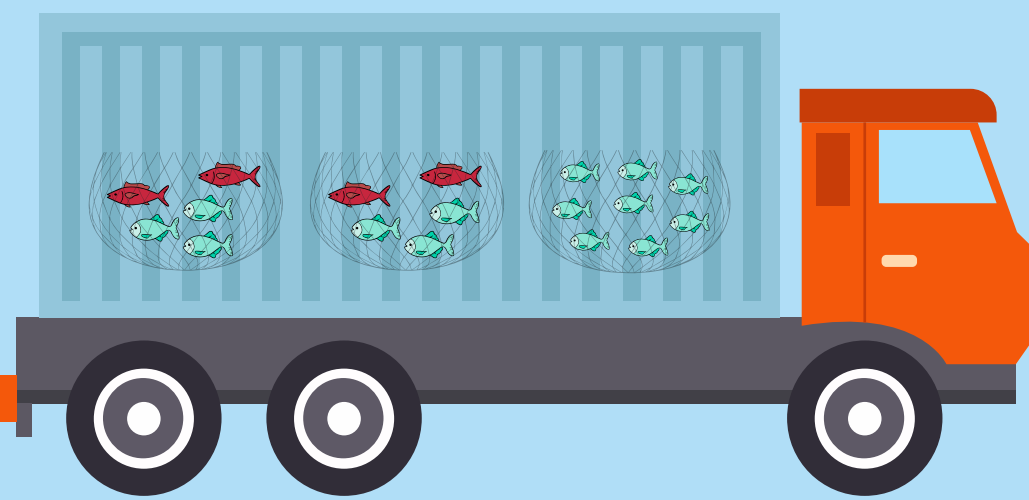
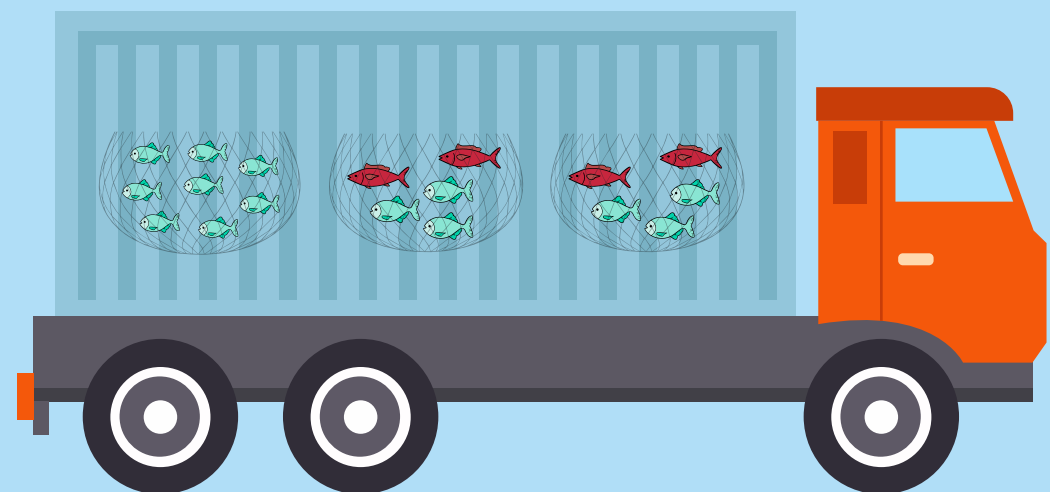
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(Illegal fishing)



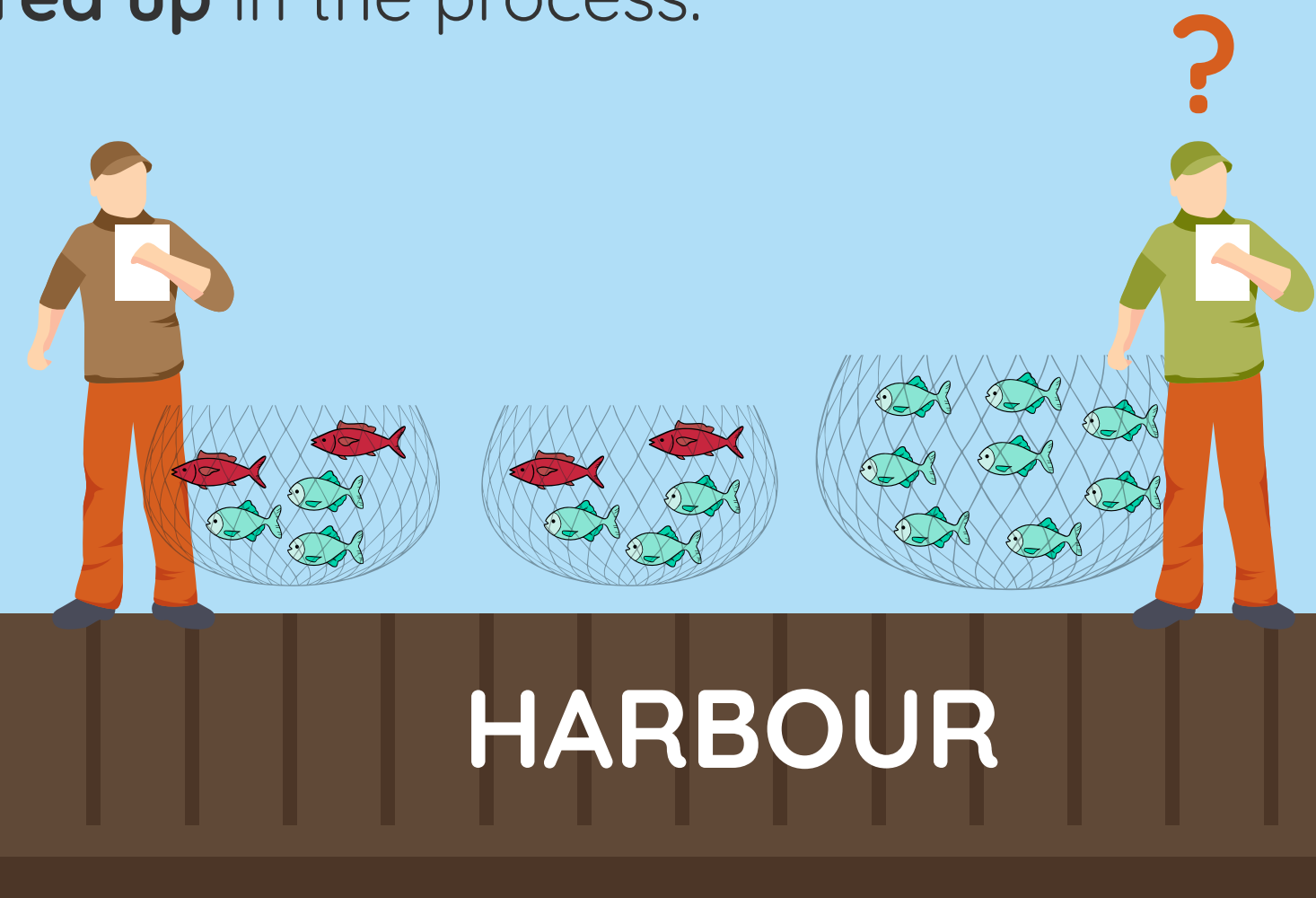
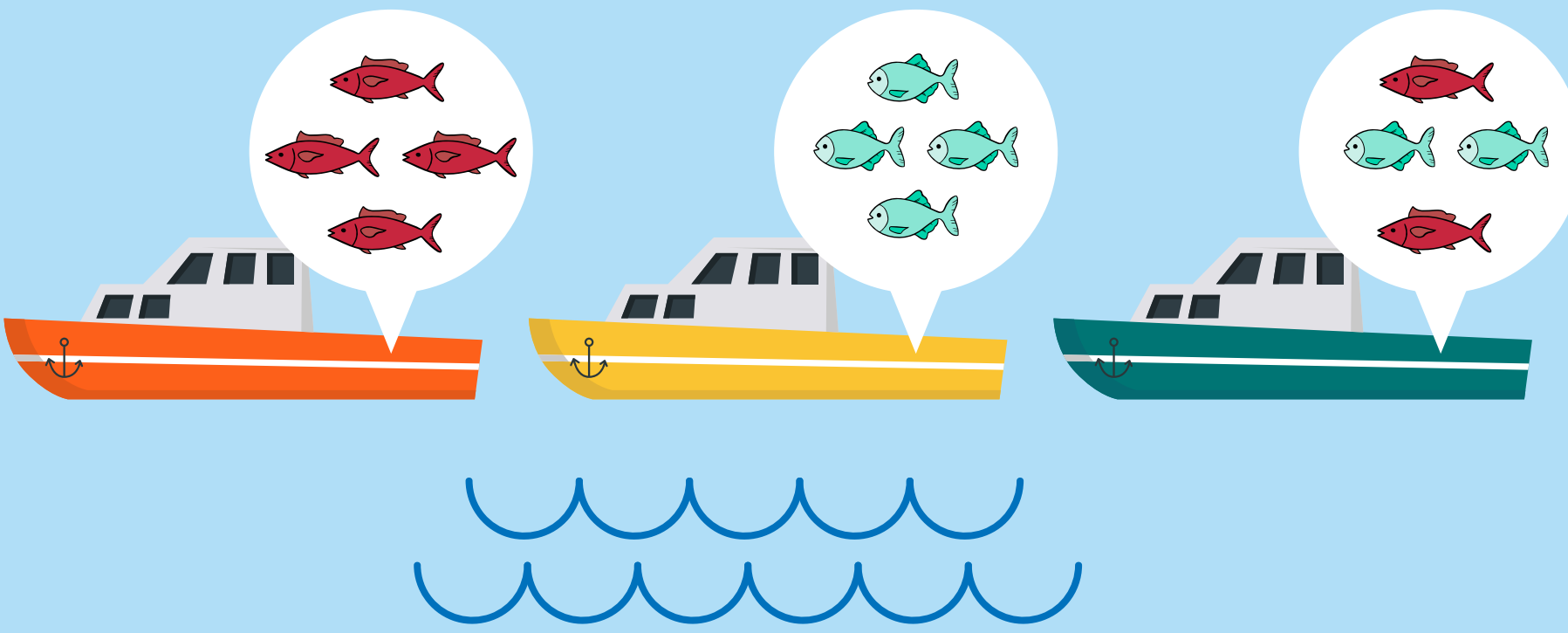
Transportation is manually monitored since fish need to be correctly sorted into the right cooling system and to the correct destination.



Once at the harbour, vessels' catch needs to be inspected by **harbour inspectors**. They check for the vessel's **cargo, route, accurately reported catches, captain, vessel's ID, method of catch**, etc. Most of this information is based on the **integrity** of the captain and the harbour inspector, making it easy for illegal fish to be **covered up** in the process.



At the processing plant, fish must be **identified and tagged** before fileting and packaging. **By now, the illegal fish has already intruded the legal processing system.** It is extremely difficult to identify the fraud once it has passed the harbour inspection since there is no proof of the fish being caught illegally.



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