

Visual Analysis:

Before beginning this activity, think of images of commercial fishing. What comes to mind when you think about people and the fishing industry? Describe the images either in a short paragraph or in conversation with a partner.

Now select one of the photographs on the last page. Look deeply at the photograph you've chosen, using the following points to guide you.

- **First Impressions:** What is your overall impression of the photograph? What do you think is going on in the photo? What emotions do you sense are coming from the people in the photo?
- **Content:** What do you see in the photo (i.e., people, objects)? Describe them.
- **Time Period:** When do you think the photograph was taken? Could the photo depict a different period? Explain. What evidence helps support your thinking?
- **Summary:** From what you've observed, list three things you might infer from this photograph.

After reaching a summary, jot down your ideas, and if working together, convene to present your image and analysis. Listen to what others share. How did everyone arrive at his or her conclusion about his or her image?

Now look at the caption that accompanies your image. What information does it give you that you didn't pick up from your observation? How does it change the three inferences you made earlier? What does this teach you about your observation skills and the conclusions you made?

Common Core Standard(s) Met:

CCRA.R.1 Read Closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

CCRA.R.7 Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.



ABOVE LEFT Most pirogue crews work with weighted nets that catch small and midsize fish, and their catches comprise some 80 percent of what is for sale in local fish markets. Large fish, such as trevally and marlin, are also caught, but these require larger pirogues, more crew and heavier gear. ABOVE RIGHT Offloaded from the pirogue, fish are moved to coolers and bins for transport or just carried on a tray, LEFT, to a market such as this one in Mbour, RIGHT, where fish are cleaned, sorted, sometimes cooked on grills and sold alongside a variety of other foods and wares.