

Looking for informants in Mgarr Harbou

The Fishermen brothers preparing the bait for the line fishing outside Marsalforn Bay.

Saturday morning in Marsalforn bay where I went line fishing wight the brothers. Sunrise was at 558am.







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The focus of this research is to study and understand the subculture of the fisherman lifestyle. As well to see if there is a micro culture within the fisherman and their village language and it's semantics in the island of Gozo. In addition, to comprehend the etic and emic perspective of fishing and their lifestyle. Some of the questions that were brought up in this research was: knowing if they have a dialect within the fisherman? How did they started fishing? If fishing is a hobby for them or part of their lifestyle?

The strategy used in this research was making an equilateral triangle in the middle of the island and assuring that the three ends of the triangle were in a harbor or an area where fishing in the island was more common. As well narrowing down the broad topic and making it about three villages instead of all the villages in the island. To find participants, the strategy was to wake up early in the day and walk to the capital of Gozo (Victoria) and observe those who were selling any type of seafood. After a few days of observing the fisherman approach them and talk about their experience as a fisherman in the island and what do they do as fisherman in their daily base. As well trying to go fishing with the fisherman and see the work that they do when they go fishing.

On Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 2:15am I walked to the village of Marsalforn to meet for the second with the two fisherman brothers. We were going line fishing. I had no idea what line fishing was, but I was looking forward to learning. In the middle of the day (11am) while pulling the lines we were catching a lot of sharks. The way that sharks were caught and killed was by getting hit in the head more than three times and then stored with the rest of the fishes. Later, we noticed that the majority of the sharks were female shark and they were giving birth to all their babies. It was an amazing experience helping sharks, delivering their babies, as well going line fishing for 13 hours and fishing like a gozitan man.





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