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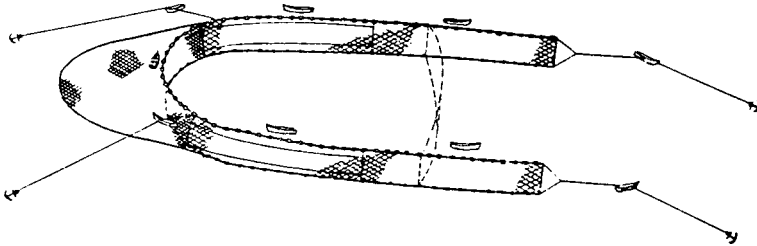
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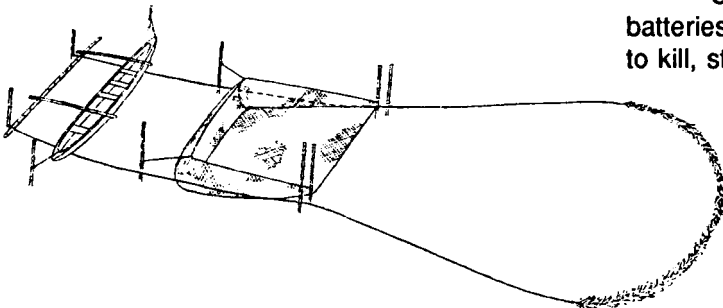
It is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, partnership, or cooperative to fish in Philippine waters with these gears:

## Muro-ami (drive-in net)



A Japanese fishing gear consisting of a movable bagnet and two detachable wings. The net is spread in and around reefs or shoals. With the aid of scaring devices, a cordon of fishermen drives the fish from the reefs toward the bagnet.

## Kayakas (bahan, bahig lukay, lukayan, gill net, ring net, or bahan)



The local smaller version of the "muro-ami" with bamboo or tree trunks and coconut leaves or other materials as scarelines to drive the fish out of the coral reefs.

- FAO 163, Series of 1986

Illustrations from: A von Brandt. 1972. *Fish catching methods of the world*. Fishing News (Books) Ltd, London.

## Explosives

Dynamites and other combustible chemicals that upon ignition by friction, concussion, percussion, or detonation kill, stupefy, disable, or render unconscious fish and other aquatic animals. Explosives also destroy coral reefs and other fish habitats.

## Obnoxious or poisonous substances

Plant extracts, chemicals (such as cyanide) and other substances, raw or processed, that kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fish and other aquatic animals. Use of plant extracts to eradicate predators in fishponds must be within accepted limits and not cause poisoning in neighboring waters. Synthetic pesticides (Brestan, Aquatin) are not allowed in fishponds.

## Electro-fishing

Using electricity generated by dry-cell batteries, electric generators, or other sources to kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fish and other aquatic animals. The possession of any of the above shall constitute a presumption that the same were used for fishing. - PD 704; Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. 1988. *Primer on Illegal fishing*. Manila, Philippines. 11 p.

