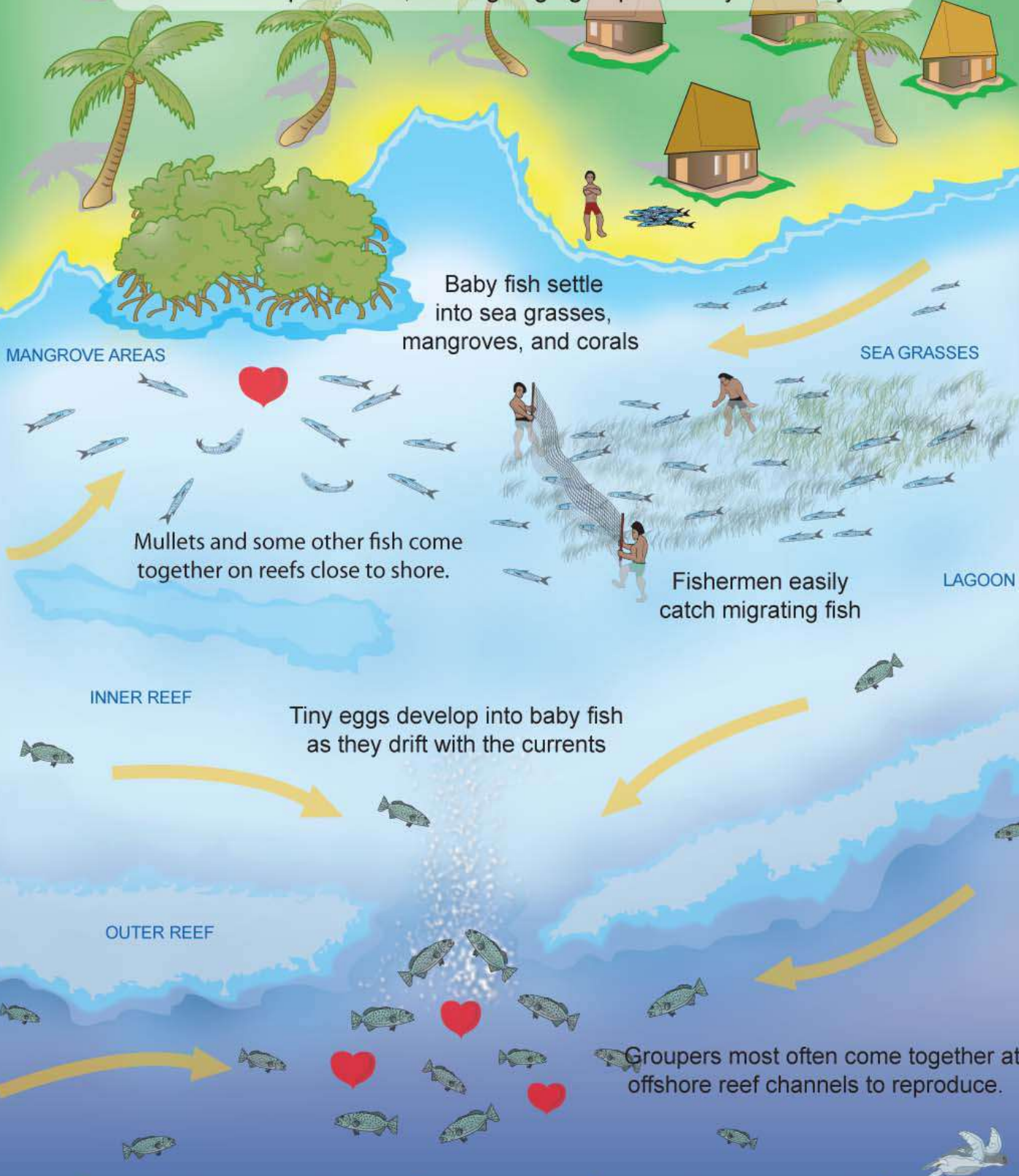


PROTECTING FISH FROM OVER-FISHING

Some kinds of fish return at special times of the year to a particular reef area for reproduction, forming large groups of fish year after year.



Because the time and place that these fish gather together for reproduction is so predictable from year to year, fishermen easily find and catch these fish when they are fat with eggs, and this often leads to overfishing.

Special rules are needed to ensure that these special reproduction sites and seasons are protected so that mature fish will continue to produce plenty of baby fish for the future.

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