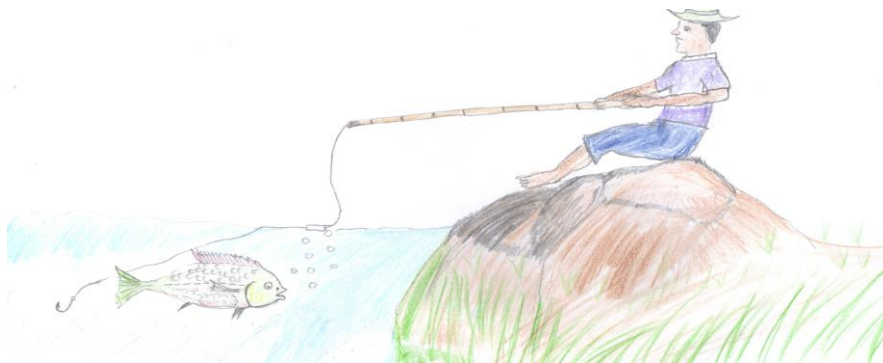


MASTER FISH AND THE FISHERMAN



Once upon a time there was a boy named Msodzi. He lived in Konzani village near the Lake. Msodzi enjoyed fishing. Other people nicknamed him “Big Fisher”

One day he thought of fishing and he was alone. When he arrived, he threw his fishing hook in the water. Suddenly he heard a voice from the water “Lad, what do you want to do in our home?” Fish asked. Msodzi turned his head from one side to the other. “To whom am I talking?” he replied. “I am master fish, the owner of this home” fish replied. “Why are you fishing us so carelessly? You are a cruel boy! If you finish us what things will be left to help you and your people? We used to be in abundance. You caught us recklessly and you want to finish us off?” yelled Fish.

The two had a very long discussion. Msodzi went back home. He told his community the concerns from Master Fish. All the chiefs and their subjects were concerned about their methods of fishing being destructive. Later they agreed to use safe ways of fishing. Since then the villagers started building dams in their homes, farming fish and allowing them to breed. Proper fishing nets with larger holes were introduced.

When Master Fish saw what people had done, he came to meet Msodzi. “Lad, you have done all that we have been lacking for many decades. We are now going to be preserved for future generations. Thank you for all that you have done.”

Moral of the story:

What could you do if it were you hearing the cry of the natural resources?

What is the importance of having fish in Lakes, rivers and dams?

Do you see how Msodzi’s decision to consult the village was right?

It is so important to find ways that are nature-friendly.

In your own country, are there any ways that nature is protected?

Of the two characters who is more important?

Who is the most courageous character?

If you were to talk on behalf of nature, what would you tell the people of the World?

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