

# Aboriginal fishing



NSW Bark Canoe.

Source: Australian Museum



Bark Canoe, Botany Bay, 1770.

Source: British Library

## MAKING A BARK CANOE



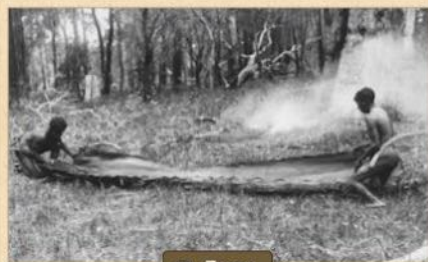
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For more photographs of bark canoes and how they were made see the website:

<http://www.nma.gov.au/av/portmacquarie/the-hastings-river/photographing-the-birpai/#making-a-bark-canoe/>



Native going to Fish with a torch and flambeaux, while his wife and children are cooking fish for their supper, by The Port Jackson Painter, 1788-95.

Source: Natural History Museum, London.

“They wait till the water is shallow, and then several enter, together swimming and wading, and pursue the fish with astonishing swiftness and dexterity; the spear usually made of the stem of the grass-tree, has three strong points, and is sometimes thrown from the hand alone , and sometimes from a sort of sling of a peculiar construction which gives it amazing force...; they seem to enjoy the sport excessively, laughing and shouting all the time, in which the rest of them on shore seemed to participate, it was really a very animated scene”. (Matthews in Harvard, 1943)

Harvard, O. (ed.), Mrs Felton Mathews Journal, Royal Australian Historical Society Proceedings, XXXIX, No. III, 1943.



# Fishing today



Are modern methods of fishing sustainable?

# Plastic pollution



What threat is plastic to the wellbeing of life in the sea?

What can individuals, companies and governments do to address the threat?