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Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:00:31] He started fishing in 1990 when he was young.

James Thull [00:00:32] And was it a family tradition?

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:00:34] He said the senior brother of his father.

James Thull [00:00:34] Oh, so his uncle.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:01:14] You used to get good fish, crab, crayfish but now.

James Thull [00:01:14] So it's harder to make a living fishing now, than it was when you were young?

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:01:23] It's difficult.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:01:43] This one canoe. Is with wood. They did it, did that, they did it in the forest, and the village, they brought it here. Then they joined it together.

James Thull [00:01:56] Is it made from one tree?

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:01:58] Said it is from one tree.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:02:45] He said before it was directly from the tree. But now, there is no, he says, government is no good, no good for for us, you know. You have to go and buy wood, plywood from these people selling the wood. Then combine it together.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:03:17] No, it is not easy.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:03:46] Said, if you treated it very well, it can work, can take 8 years, nine years. But if not well maintained, about 3, 4 years.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:03:49] He said, no. He said before, there are not many people. But now, there are more people and more people fishing, but now there are so many people it has affected the activity.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:05:21] The women come and separate and clean and sell at market and some they eat.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:06:07] When they come, they are not gonna sell it in the market automatically they hand it over to their wives and they go and sell, it's like doing their own activity too

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:06:49] He caught a special fish only once and that's in 2011.

James Thull [00:07:06] What did he catch?

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:07:06] Caught some special fish like tilapia white ones. This is one we call saul, it's like, it is long and very flat, very rich color, I don't know the name in English. It's very flat, the fish is very soft.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:07:08] He said they used to but not like before

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:07:46] This is a lagoon but they mix together sometimes. When the rain falls it becomes salty.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:08:42] [talks with interpreter, laughs] It is a very difficult question that he prefers if he would get a very good job today, he would leave this work.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:09:02] He said he doesn't want his grandchildren to do. Yeah.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:09:26] [Interviewer: What would you rather have them do?] Work machines, or whatever. They must choose. Goal is to let them go far in thier education.

Yacegbe Michel/Interpreter [00:10:49] The question is a bit complicated. He cannot specifically answer.