

A fishing frontier

Beche de mer lugger, late 1800s
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Yorkey, 1905
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Drying and smoking the beche de mer



A gommoh beche de mer species
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Prickly redfish, a commercial species
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1857 - beche de mer fishing begins

Early 1900s - beche de mer almost fished out