

# World of Wonder



Scorpionfish are just one of many types of small fish hauled up in the pots. Others include blennies, gobies, pipefish and small flatfish.



The Edible Crab's carapace (its shell-like body) is like a big "pie crust". It also has large pincers, with black tips, which it uses to defend itself and for finding food.



The Squat Lobster's body is oval-shaped and flat so that it can hide in crevices. If disturbed it can jump backwards by flicking its abdomen, which it folds underneath its body.



Known in Ireland as Dublin Bay Prawns, these are actually a type of small lobster. The maximum length they will grow is 25 cm (from tail to claw), though they are normally smaller.



Photographs courtesy of John Ball

## Hauling the Pots

When fisherman John Ball hauls his pots (see page 7), he comes across many different marine animals. Some are inside the pots but others are clinging to the outside (see above). Only a small selection of these animals can sold to market – most will be put back into the sea alive. This is just a select of the animals that John might see.



Common Whelks live in deep water, but empty shells sometimes wash up on the shore. Common Prawns are transparent, although some may have fluorescent yellow leg-joints and red and black lines on their bodies. Common Starfish have five arms and if one is lost, it can be re-grown. When visiting rockpools keep your eyes open for Common Prawns and Common Starfish!