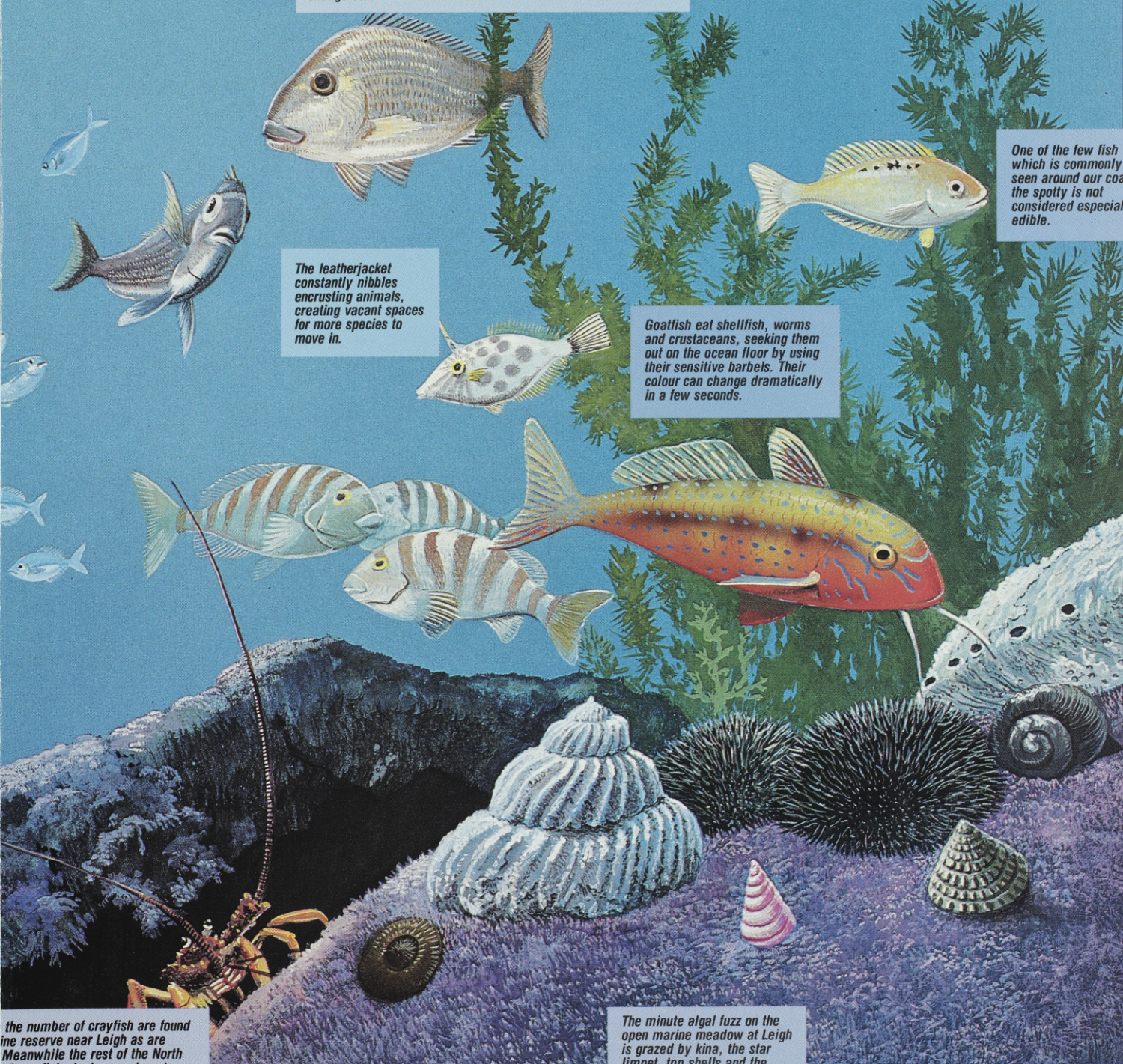




Snapper are omnivorous and voracious feeders, taking both shelled and hard prey: crabs, starfish, sand-living urchins and brittle stars. Living as long as 60 years, all snapper start off life as females, but during their third and fourth years about half change sex.

The sub-littoral fringe, covered for most of the time by the sea, supports luxuriant brown algae, such as the leafy *Carpophyllum*.



The leatherjacket constantly nibbles encrusting animals, creating vacant spaces for more species to move in.

Goatfish eat shellfish, worms and crustaceans, seeking them out on the ocean floor by using their sensitive barbels. Their colour can change dramatically in a few seconds.

One of the few fish which is commonly seen around our coasts, the spotty is not considered especially edible.

the number of crayfish are found in the reserve near Leigh as are. Meanwhile the rest of the North and crayfish stocks are close to collapse.

The minute algal fuz on the open marine meadow at Leigh is grazed by kina, the star limpet, top shells and the turban shell.