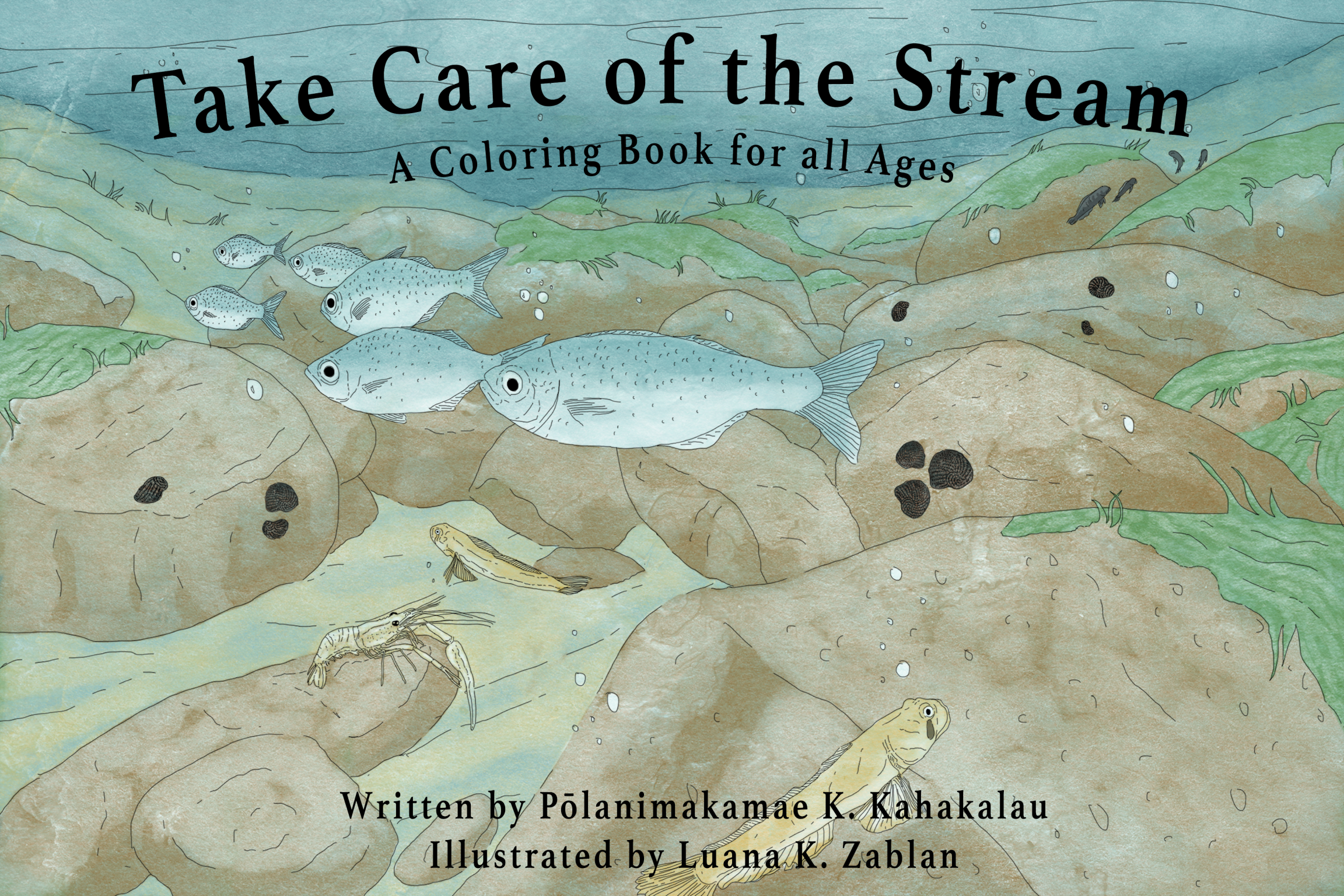
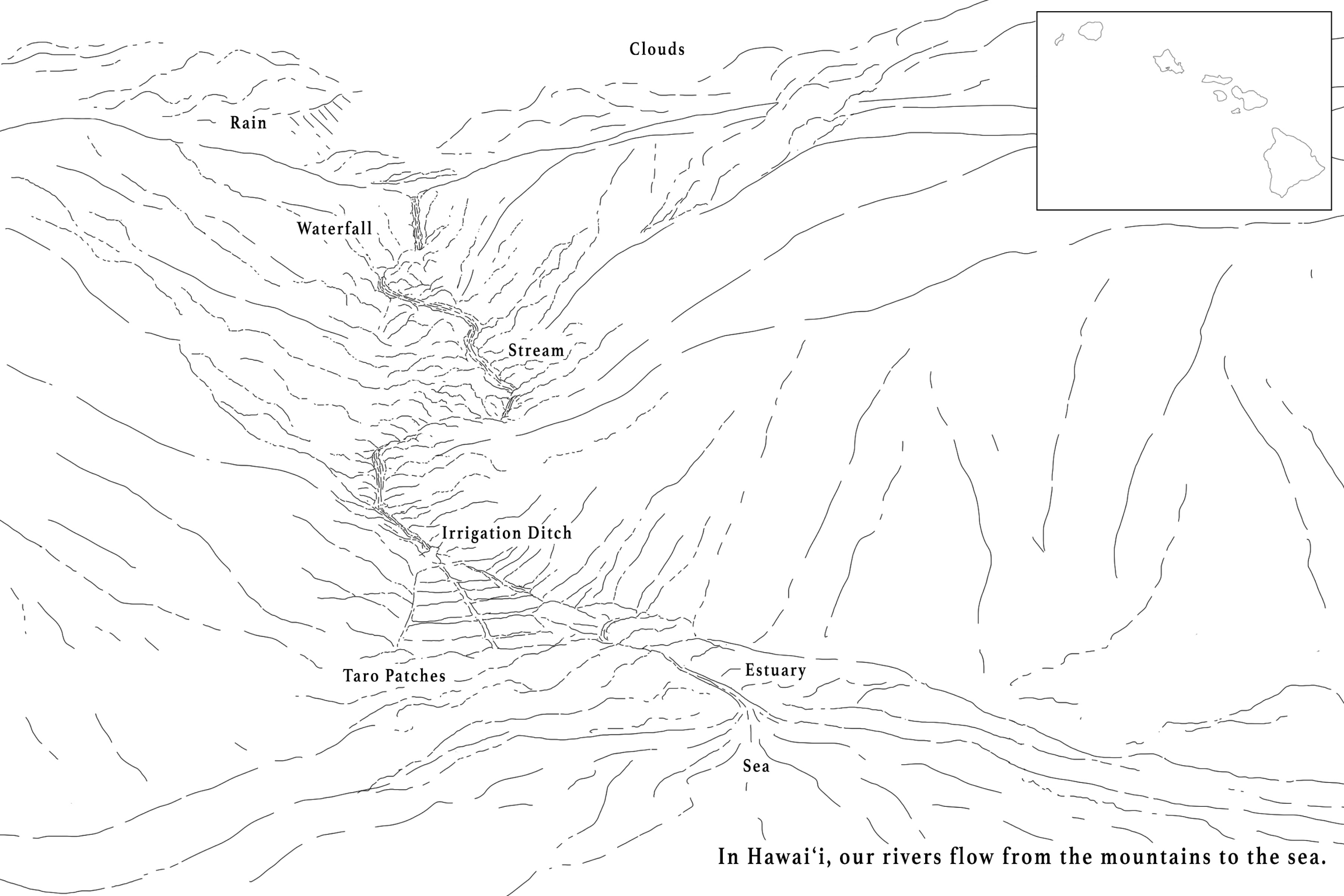


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Rain

Clouds

Waterfall

Stream

Irrigation Ditch

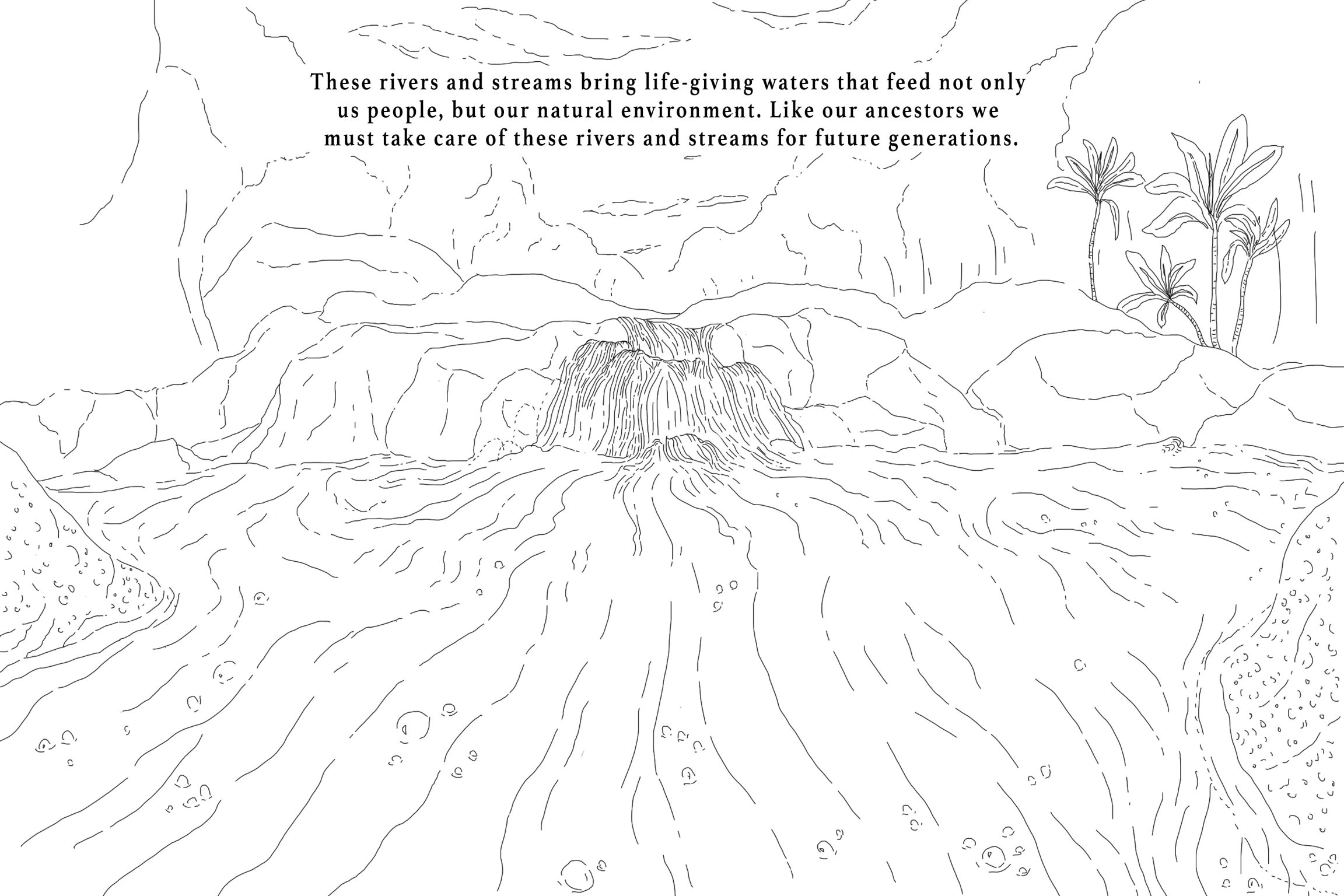
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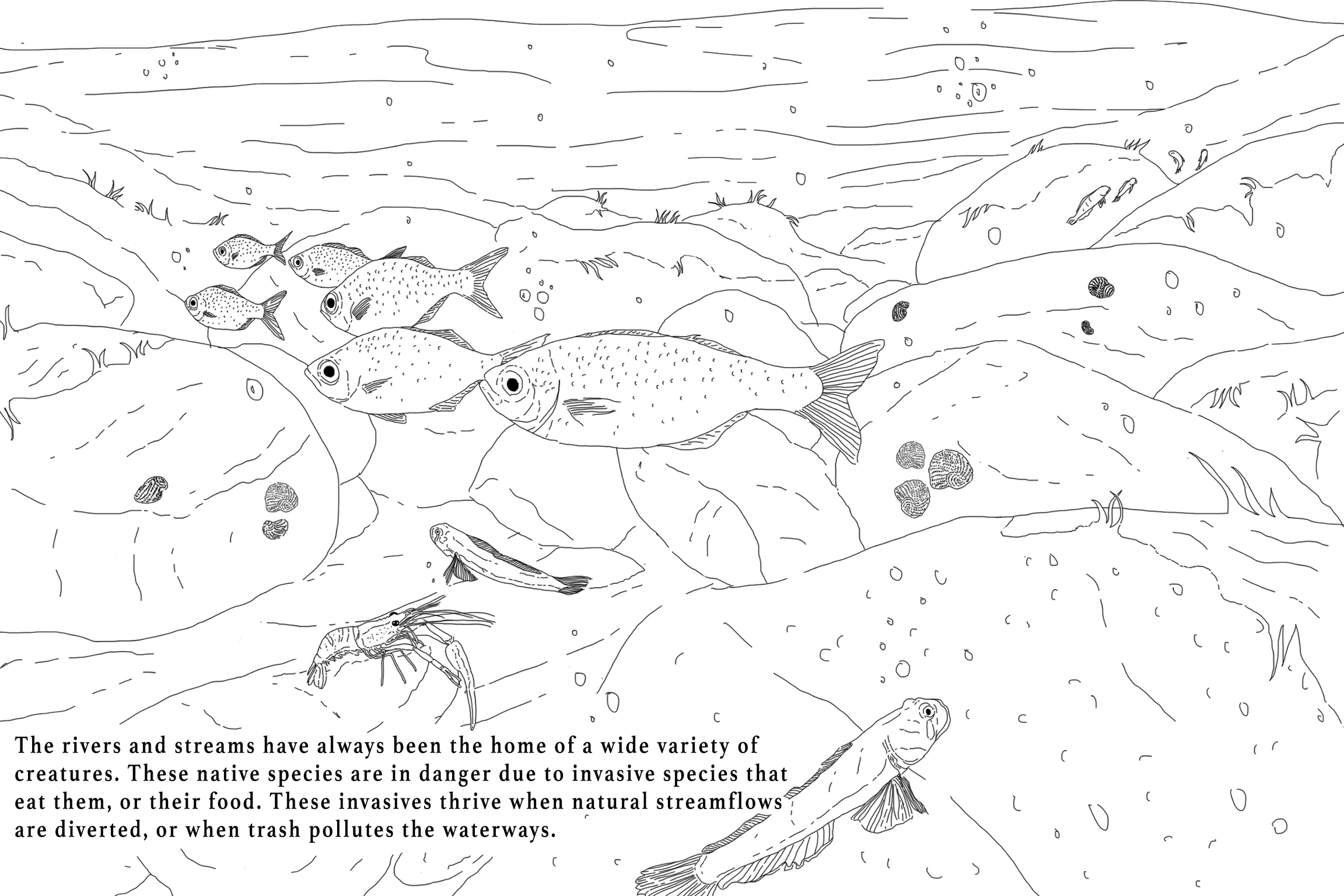
Estuary

Sea

In Hawai'i, our rivers flow from the mountains to the sea.

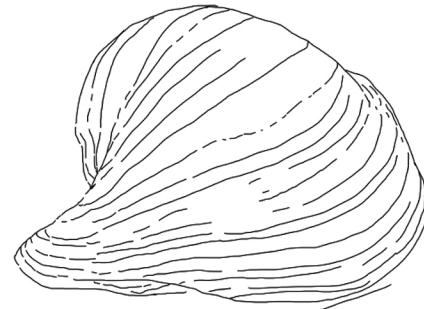
**These rivers and streams bring life-giving waters that feed not only
us people, but our natural environment. Like our ancestors we
must take care of these rivers and streams for future generations.**



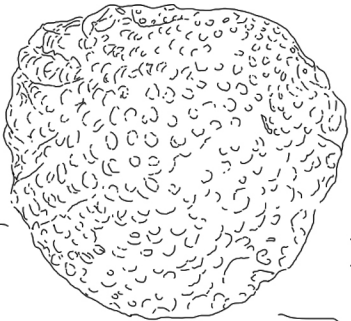


The rivers and streams have always been the home of a wide variety of creatures. These native species are in danger due to invasive species that eat them, or their food. These invasives thrive when natural streamflows are diverted, or when trash pollutes the waterways.

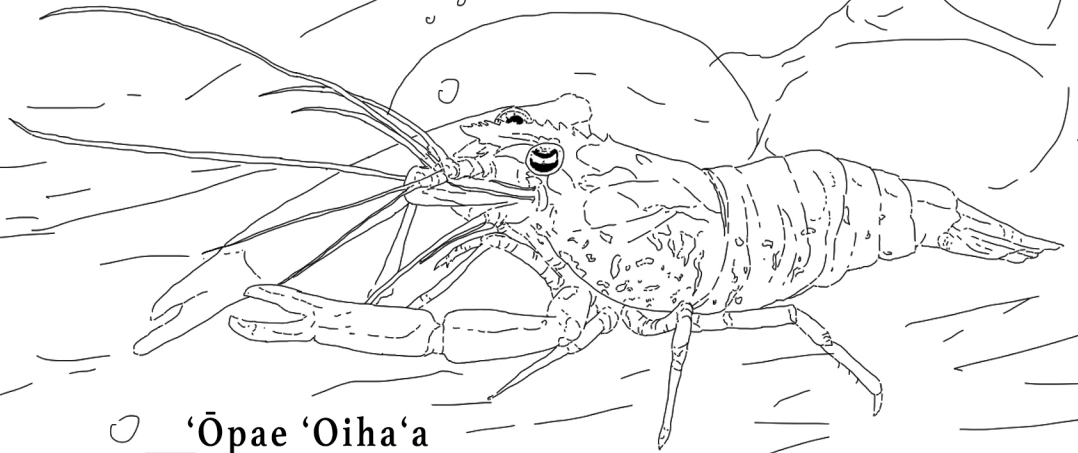
Our Hawaiian streams are home to Hawaiian stream snails, called Hapawai and Hīhīwai, which are black in color.



Hapawai

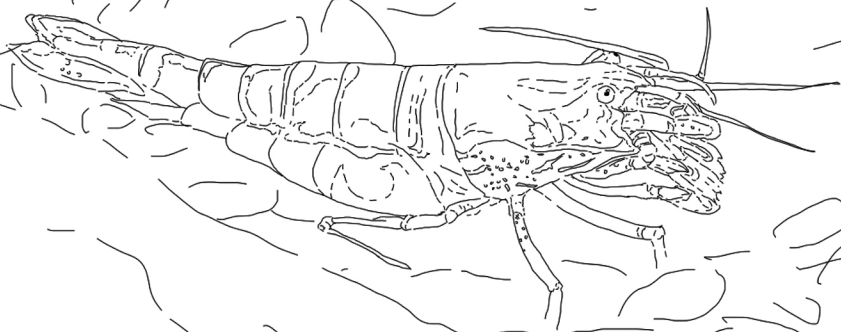


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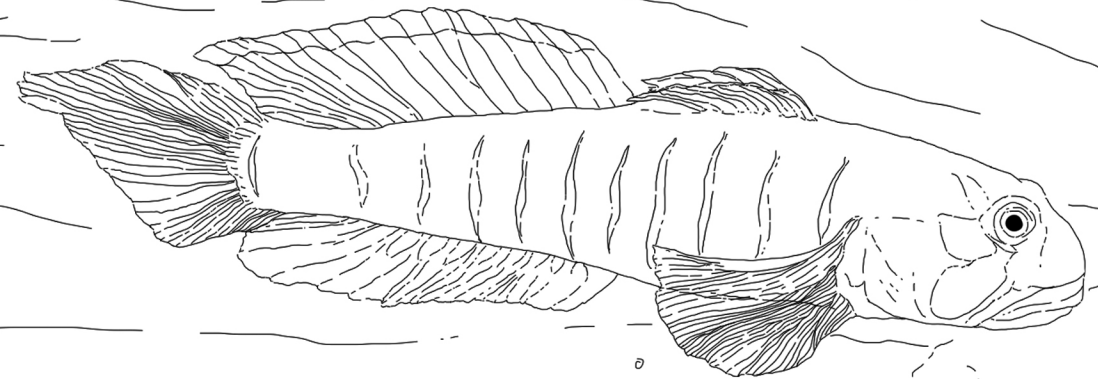
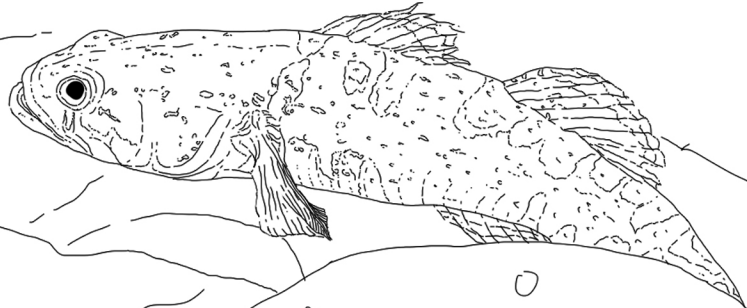
'Ōpae 'Oihā'a

'Ōpae Kala'ole



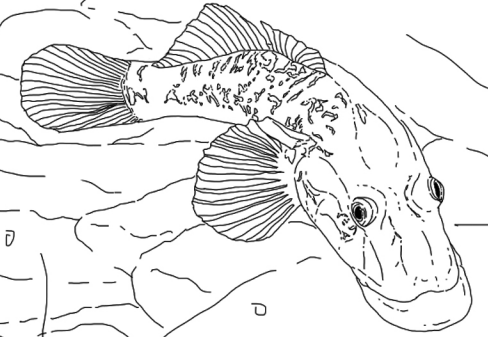
They are also home for native prawns, or 'Ōpae 'Oihā'a and freshwater shrimps, or 'Ōpae Kala'ole, both clear and light brown in color.

Hawai'i has nearly a dozen natives gobies, or 'o'opu. This includes the Sandwich Island Sleeper, or 'Akupa, whose coloration ranges from brown to black and who lives in the lower reaches of the stream.



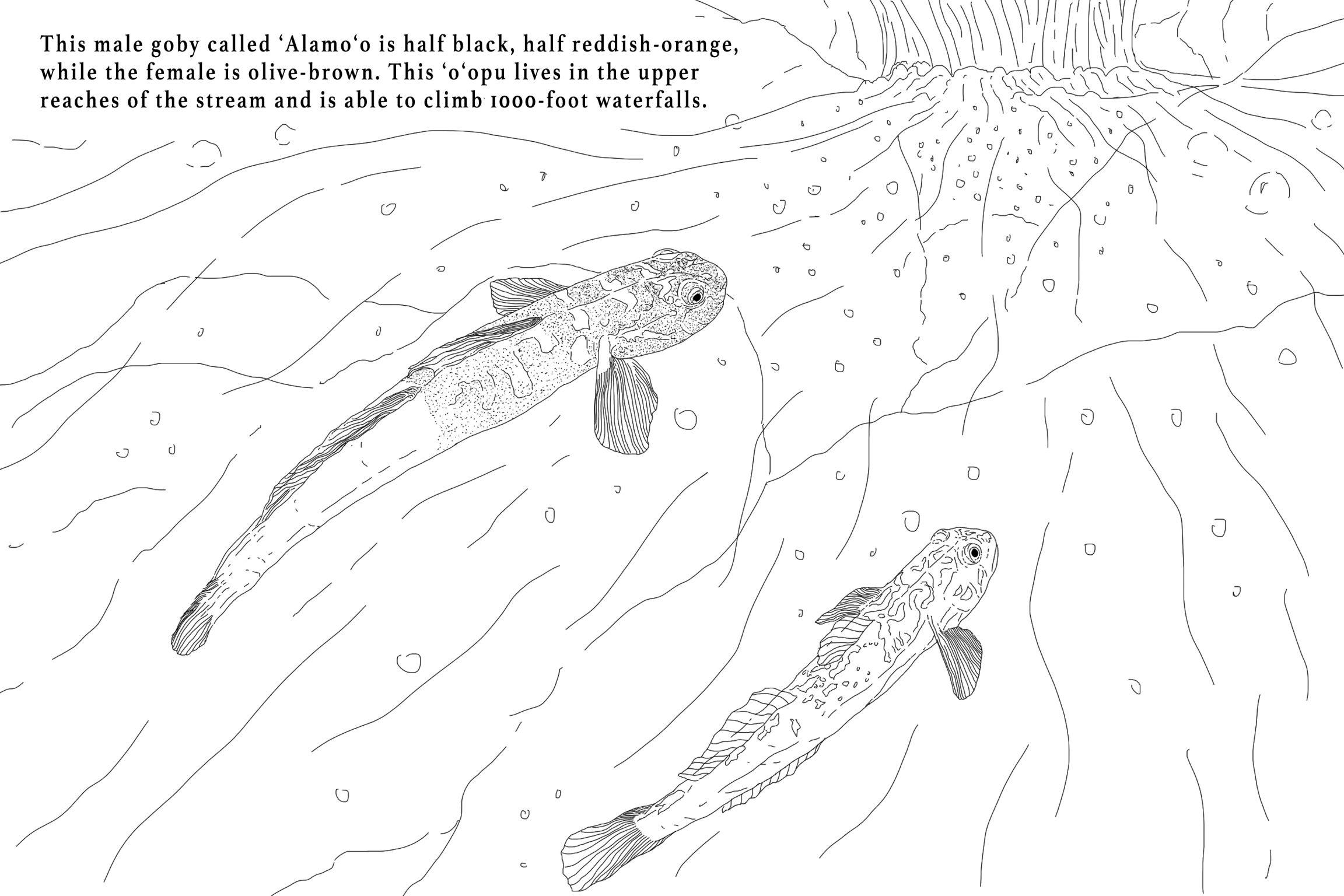
It also includes the Striped Cheek stream goby, or Naniha, which has vertical black stripes and a light gray body. This goby also lives in the lower reaches of the stream near the ocean.

This freshwater goby is called Nākea. The Nākea ranges from brown to gray and usually stays in the middle reaches of the stream.



This freshwater goby is called Nōpili and looks turquoise-blue to black with stripes on it's body. It lives in the fast moving waters of the upper-mid streams.

This male goby called 'Alamo'o is half black, half reddish-orange, while the female is olive-brown. This 'o'opu lives in the upper reaches of the stream and is able to climb 1000-foot waterfalls.



One traditional Hawaiian proverb or ‘ōlelo no‘eau states, “Mohala i ka wai ka maka o ka pua,” which means flowers thrive where there is water. Our kūpuna, or ancestors understood that water is necessary for all things to thrive. In fact, without water there is no life. In Hawai‘i, many streams continue to be diverted from their natural stream beds. These waters must be returned so that the natives can thrive again.





Kuleana (Responsibilities)

In order for the river to be healthy again, it needs the support of the people. It is our responsibility to:

- Pick up trash and litter!***
- Use biodegradable cleaning products and earth-friendly body products!***
- Do not fish for native species!***
- Share knowledge about our rivers!***

By all of us working together to take care of the streams and rivers, we can assure that our waters are protected for future generations.

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