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Read the story and create at least 5 inside Questions answer.

Though the message of the films are centred on conservation and the tragedy of taking wild coral fish species from their homes and placing them in glass prisons, Finding Nemo had a sad and ironic effect too. The clownfish became instantly in-demand pets, causing many more Nemos to be taken from their coral reef ecosystems. National Geographic has said that the demand for clownfish as aquarium pets more than tripled as a direct result of the film.

A conservation fund established to protect clownfish, SavingNemo.org has stated that more than one million clownfish are now taken from coral

reef systems each year to go to aquariums, with 400,000 of these fish being sent to the USA. This is causing the fish to go completely extinct in certain areas in south-east Asia.

Clownfish, also known as anemone fish, are found in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. They are usually found living amidst sheltered reefs. Here, they have a symbiotic relationship with sea anemones, a marine predatory animal which looks like a beautiful flower. They protect each other from predators and exchange nutrients. The clownfish even cleans the anemone! In return, the anemone keeps its harpoon-like stingers, used to capture prey and scare predators, at bay from the clownfish. In an amazing feat of nature, these fish develop into males first, and become females as mature fish in order to reproduce. They lay their eggs on flat surfaces near their anemone hosts.