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4. He has watched mongooses prey on ground birds and on land crabs. Mongooses never are active after dark or before sunlight in the morning. They are everywhere in the bush and will not come readily to trap or snare. Mongooses steadily increasing in numbers.

5. He knows of no cave on the island except the hermit cave on the east end of the island.

6. Snakes common and large lizards before introduction of mongooses. Mongooses have 4 or 5 young. No one knows where they stay at night.

7. Big fish feed in mangrove at night. His usual catch with line is hard-nose and yellow fin. His daily catch by hook was about 30 individual fish.

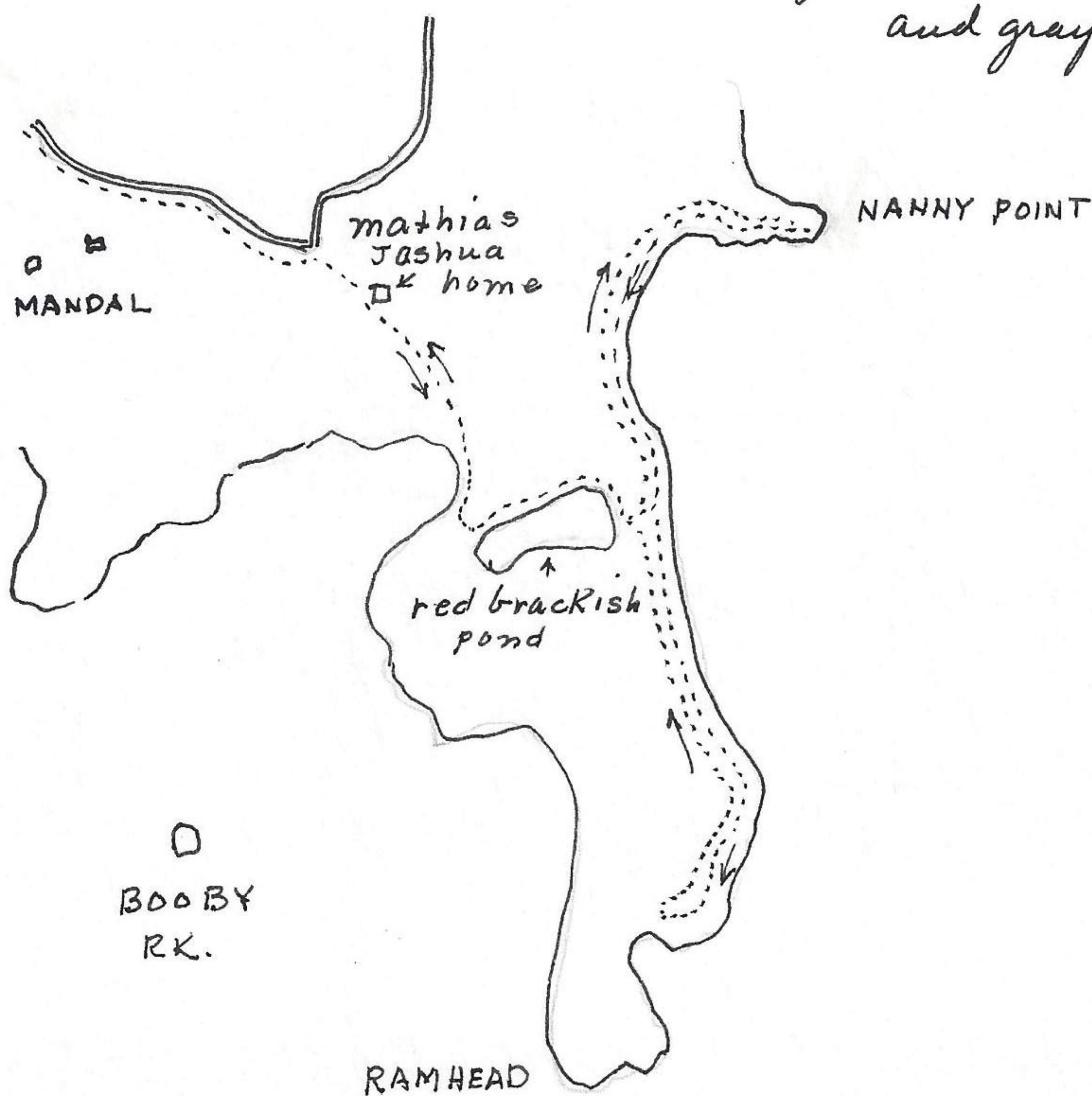
8. Big bass, mullet, gar, barracuda in canal at mangrove in East bay of Lameshur. This evening inspected bat nets where have not been examined since August 10, One Stenoderma.

(570813-22) from net no. 4 at 1/5 mi. SW Lameshur Estate House. It was dissected and preserved in alcohol. Probably caught sometime between the 10th & 13th.

Lameshur, St John Island, Virgin Islands.

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Trip to Ram Head via Mathias - Joshua home. Walked from Lameshur. On beach beyond brackish pond with yellow warbler and gray kingbird most common birds.



In the brackish pond (of salt & red water) noted 12 Black-necked stilts, 6 western sandpipers (?) and 1 sparrow hawk. The sparrow hawk was resting under the foliage protection of the tree rather than on top of the tree. The tree was on the west edge of the pond. On the ocean front took the following pictures. (570815-1) (inserted here but taken on divide east of Lameshur showing Lameshur,