



# Sea Gypsies

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The Moken are a nomadic sea people who live in and around southern Thailand, traditionally feeding off the fruits of the sea for eight months a year. But the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami destroyed any livelihoods and the Moken were forced onto the land. Brought to the world's attention by the natural disaster, the seafaring tribe is struggling to reconcile tradition and modernity, leaving behind their "sea gypsy" life for a modern existence.



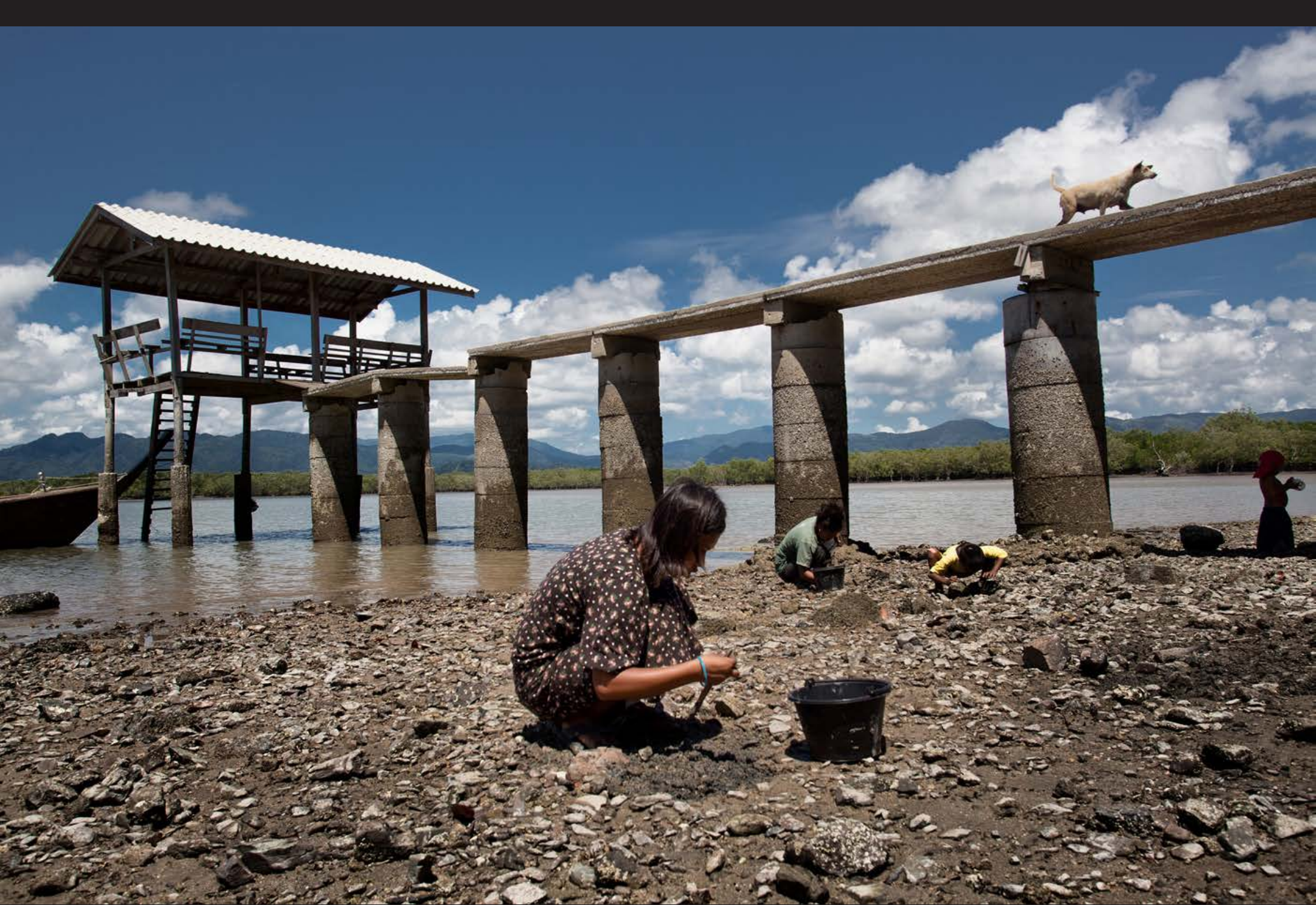




















































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