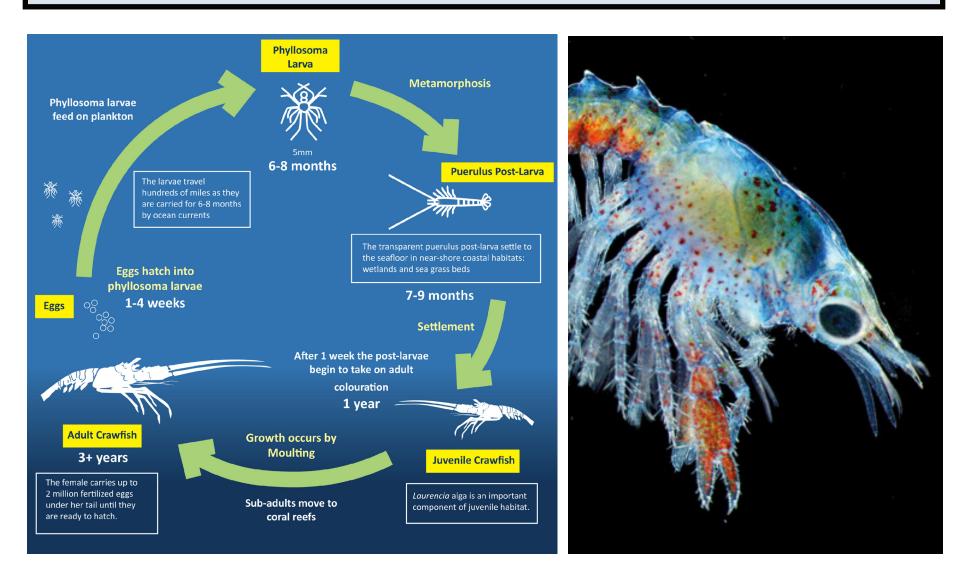
## Anguilla's Lobsters

## Lobster Life Cycle: the facts

- Lobsters grow by moulting and will moult 11 times in their first year!
- A femaile lobster is referred to as "berried" when she is carrying eggs.
- Seagrass beds serve as nurseries for juvenile lobsters.
- Lobsters reach sexual maturity at 5 years of age and can live for up to 40 years.



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## **Anguilla's Bottom Dwellers**

Caribbean spiny lobster Panularis argus Their long antennae ward off predators while smaller antennules detect movement and chemicals in the water. They can grow up to 60cm in length.

**Caribbean spotted lobster** *Panularis guttatus* Known locally as "crayfish" and are identified by their distinctive white spots. They can grown up to 20cm in length.

Slipper lobster Scyllarides aequinoctialis This species burrows into the sand to hide during daylight. They use their powerful legs to pull apart molluscs.



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