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If you were wondering how we catch the sea lions. We employ local “loberos” which roughly means sea lion handlers. They are the people who live on the Island and watch over the colony. Some of them worked here when they harvested the fur seals for their fur and the sea lions for their blubber and skin.

Its an interesting process, we basically take a long pole and lasso the animal and then pull here put and net her. There would be no way to get any closer as the males would not allow it. The females don't move much during this period as the pups are very young, as the season progresses the males will no longer hold territories and the females will move around more. This and the pups are older and used to the females coming and going. The final picture is of a fur seal at sunset.

Best,
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