

OCEAN DISCOVERY - JUNIOR LEVEL

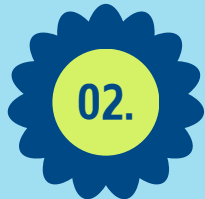
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Learn about NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) and explore the National Marine Fisheries Service. Visit www.noaa.gov or www.nmfs.noaa.gov. What does NOAA do? How do they protect the ocean?



Research how certain marine animals are trained and what tools or techniques are used. Start with the SeaWorld website or another reliable source. List three training tools or methods you discover.



Explore Wonderopolis.org and look up: sea glass, coral, sand, and shells. Write down three facts you learn about these hidden treasures of the ocean and share them with your troop or a friend!



Learn what a watershed is and how it connects to the ocean. Visit Wonderopolis.org and find out what a watershed is, how protecting them helps prevent ocean pollution, and if there are any near you!



List two marine animals that are endangered and describe why they are at risk. Then, draw an endangered marine or freshwater animal from your state and share your knowledge with friends or family!



Visit an aquarium, such as the Camden Adventure Aquarium, The Wetlands Institute, or the Atlantic City Aquarium. Learn about how they care for marine life and protect the environment. List two jobs done at the aquarium!

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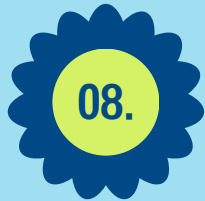
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List three ways you can help endangered marine animals and their habitats and get involved!
(Examples: reduce single-use plastics, support wildlife rescues, help clean local waterways.)



Creating a flyer or social media post about protecting ocean life and raising awareness.



Support a local wildlife conservation group and help educate friends and family about endangered marine species.

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Reflection: Think about your ocean journey.



What surprised you the most about the ocean and its creatures? How does what happens on land affect the ocean? How will you continue to protect our waters and those that live in them?



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