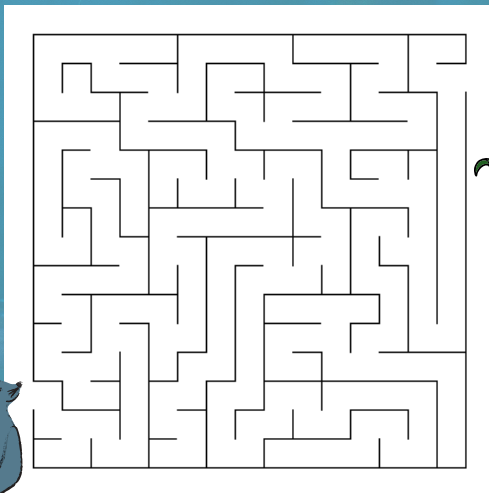


Marine Protected Areas

Help the baby sea lion find the MPA.



Who Lives Under the Waves?

Color each picture and find the six differences.



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MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

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What are Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)?

MPAs are special places in the ocean, similar to national or state parks on land, where people are encouraged to visit and explore, but where the take of wildlife and resources is limited.

Where are they located?

California's MPAs include dozens of sites on the coast, including Encinitas, La Jolla, Cabrillo and Imperial Beach.

MPAs will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the natural heritage of California's coastal waters.

To view a map for other locations of MPAs and for more information visit www.wildcoast.org



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10 things I can do to help

- USE LESS ELECTRICITY
- SAVE WATER
- RECYCLE
- PICK UP TRASH
- WALK OR RIDE YOUR BIKE
- CHOOSE REUSABLE BAGS AND WATER BOTTLES
- EAT YOUR VEGGIES
- GROW UP PLANTS FOR THE BEES, BUTTERFLIES AND BIRDS
- READ MORE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND SHARE WHAT YOU LEARN
- START AN EARTH-FRIENDLY PROJECT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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- The ocean is the heart of our planet. Just as our heart circulates blood and regulates body temperature, the ocean controls the movement of heat and water.
- Research has shown that increased amounts of carbon dioxide from human activity are changing the climate, and impacts like warming ocean temperatures and ocean acidification are making it difficult for animals to live comfortably and thrive in their ocean environment.
- Marine protected areas are safe places for our plants and animals to live and grow. We need your help to keep our marine protected areas safe, clean homes for our plants and animals.

Help Me Find My Home

Connect each object on the left to its home on the right.

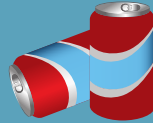
Sea Star



Open Ocean



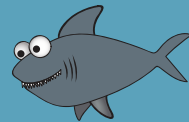
Cans and Bottles



Toy Chest



Shark



Tide Pool



Toys



Recycle Bin



Learning About MPAs

Find the hidden words in the word search to learn more about marine protected areas.



MPA Animals

- Sea Lion
- Garibaldi
- Dolphin
- Lobster

Animals use MPAs for

- Hiding
- Growing
- Reproducing
- Feeding

124 MPAs in California

11 MPAs in San Diego County

545,280

acres of MPAs in California conserved by WILDCOAST.

Photo by Octavio Aburto

California is historically one of the richest marine ecosystems in the world. Fifty years ago abalone were abundant up and down the coast, but due to severe overfishing abalone are now rare to find.

Photo by Derek Keats