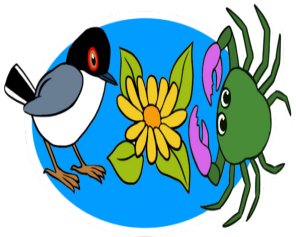
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A Shore Thing 1



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1. Explore the Shore Catch Page
Help the children access the "Shore Catch" page (Downloadable Material). In groups, they examine the photos and discuss what type of litter they see and where or who it might have come from. They record their ideas in two columns in their copybooks:

- Type of Litter
- Source.

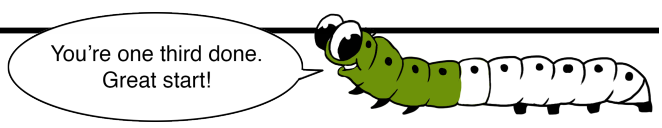
2. Watch the Sea Life Film Clip
Show the "Sea Life" clip (Downloadable Material). Encourage the children to share their experiences of similar wildlife and discuss the animals' behaviour.

3. Discover Shore Life Creatures
Provide the children with the "Shore Life Cards" (Downloadable Material). Allow time to explore the information, supported with fact-scanning questions for them to answer. There is additional information for teachers about each species in the "*Shore Life Info*" file (Downloadable Materials).

4. Match Creatures to Habitats
Project the "Shore Habitat" canvas (Downloadable Material). Children guess which creature belongs in which habitat and write the correct number in the circle using the interactive pen. Remind the class that multiple arrangements are possible (e.g. only the shore crab can crawl onto rocks, while the anemone cannot move around).

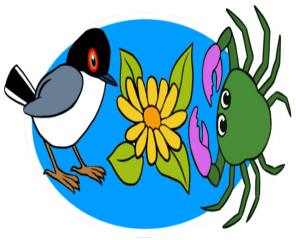
5. Link Litter and Wildlife

Once the habitat activity is complete, return to the Shore Catch page and discuss how litter on beaches and in the sea affects the creatures they just learned about. Help the children make connections between human activity and nature. If needed, extend the discussion to address behaviours such as hobby-fishing or catching shore life "for fun," exploring cultural, habitual, or practical reasons people do this, and why it is important to protect nature, especially on an overpopulated island where wildlife can easily disappear.



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Send photos of

- ☐ Children watching Shore Catch in groups
- ☐ Children matching wildlife with Shore Habitat canvas
- ☐ Children eliciting information from Shore Life cards

Resources & Equipment Needed

Nothing extra needed

