

Species Profile Activity

A SPECIES is a particular type of plant or animal. In fact, there are over 1.3 million different species identified on our planet!

A BIOLOGIST is a scientist that studies living organisms, and a MARINE biologist focuses on those that live in the OCEAN.

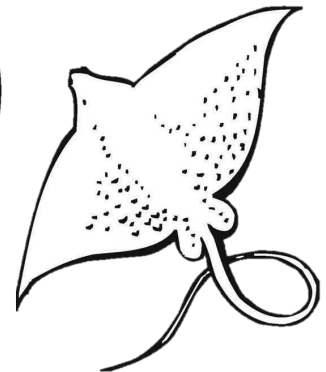
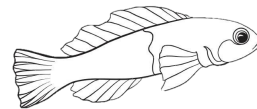
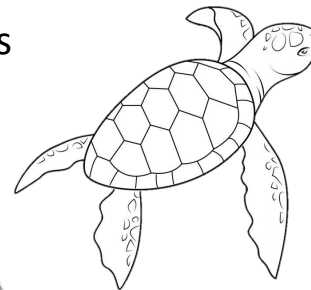
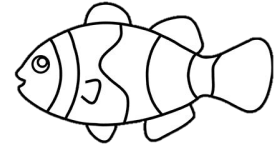
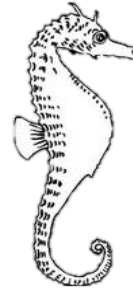
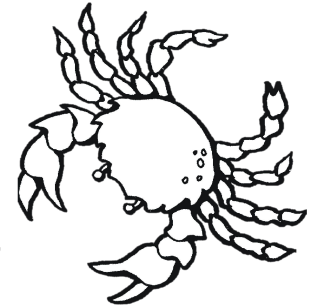
Scientists use a SPECIES PROFILE to keep track of plants or animals they have studied during their RESEARCH. Now, we are asking for you to follow in their footsteps and study your favorite ocean animals!

Materials Needed:

- SPECIES PROFILE Data Sheet
- Pencil
- Colored Pencils

Instructions:

1. Print out a SPECIES PROFILE page, or create your own on a piece of paper for each ocean animal that you want to learn about.
2. Write your name as the “researcher” and the type of animal at the top of the paper.
3. Research your animal to find out:
 - The SCIENTIFIC NAME, or the name used by scientists all over the world, no matter what language they speak.
 - The animal’s DIET, or what kinds of food that they like to eat. Animals are HERBIVORES if they only eat plants, CARNIVORES if they only eat other animals, or OMNIVORES if they eat both plants and animals.
 - The animal’s HABITAT, or the natural home or environment that they live in.
 - Three facts about the animal that you find interesting.
4. Write a sentence about why you picked that animal.
5. Draw a picture of the animal and add some color to it!
6. Take a picture of your SPECIES PROFILE and share it with us @harborbranch!





SPECIES PROFILE Data Sheet

Researcher: _____ Animal: _____

Scientific Name: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Fact 1: _____

Fact 2: _____

Fact 3: _____

Why I picked this animal: _____
