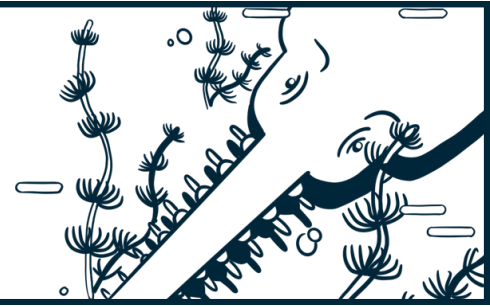




NATIONAL AQUARIUM®

SCAVENGER HUNT



Australia: Wild Extremes

- What are the three extreme seasons in Australia?
a. Flood b. Drought c. Fire
- This fish can come to the surface and breathe air when oxygen levels in their home waters drop too low. What is the name of this fish? lungfish
- Name two physical or behavioral adaptations that Australian reptiles use to survive.
Answers vary; can include things like retreating to burrows during the day, resting with mouths open to regulate body temperature, growing and using spikes for defense or hunting
- Identify one species of bird in this habitat! (*Ask an Aquarium staff member to help you spot the birds among the branches.*) *Answers vary; can include lorikeets, budgerigars, kookaburra, pied imperial pigeons*

Blacktip Reef (Level 1)

- Name the two stingray species found in Blacktip Reef.
a. Whiptail Ray b. Blotched fantail ray
- Name another species found in Blacktip Reef and write down its diet, size and conservation status. (*Hint: Use the touchscreen.*) *Answers will vary*
Species: _____ Diet: _____ Size: _____
Conservation status: _____

Maryland: Mountains to the Sea (Level 2)

- Which exhibit(s) have fresh water?
 - Which exhibit(s) have brackish (a mix of salt and fresh) water?
 - Which exhibit(s) have salt water?
- Allegheny Stream
 - Chesapeake Marsh
 - Assateague Beach, Atlantic Shelf
- What is one action you can take to help the Chesapeake Bay watershed?
Answers vary; they can include things like planting native trees in your local community, participating in grass plantings and cleanups, and asking for sustainably grown oysters at restaurants where shells are also recycled.
- What are some factors threatening the diamondback terrapin (*seen in Chesapeake Marsh*)?
Flooded and drowned nests due to rising sea levels from climate change

Living Seashore and Surviving Through Adaptation (Level 3)

- Animals adapt to survive in different ways. Find and name:
 - A fish that has “whiskers” to help it find food: sturgeon or catfish
 - A fish that generates electricity to stun prey: electric eel
 - An animal that has tentacles to catch food: anemone or jelly
- Two part question:
 - Look up to see the large skeleton hanging from the ceiling over Blacktip Reef. What animal did it come from?
☐ Dinosaur ☒ Whale ☐ Bear
 - Of the following species, which one is it most closely related to?
☐ Shark ☒ Human ☐ Crocodile
- Two part question:
 - What two types of organisms play a part in making a coral colony?
 - coral polyps
 - symbiotic plant-like organisms/zooxanthellae
 - How can we help protect coral reefs? Use public transportation, buy locally produced food or reduce energy use

North Atlantic to Pacific (Level 4)

13. What animal is often confused with a penguin, and how are people helping colonies of this species recover? **Atlantic puffin; seabird colony restoration efforts are helping this species recover**

Amazon River Forest (Level 4)

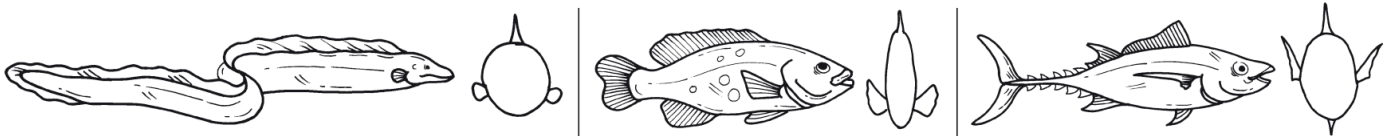
14. What is a relative of the crocodile that lives in South America? **smooth-fronted caiman**
15. What is the conservation status of the giant South American river turtle?
endangered
16. Name one animal using camouflage to blend in with the trees in the Dry Season habitat.
giant waxy tree frog or emerald tree boa

Upland Tropical Rain Forest (Level 5)

17. What is something in your kitchen that might come from the Amazon rain forest?
cashews, chocolate/cacao, vanilla, bananas
18. In what layer of the forest does the Linne's two-toed sloth like to live?
emergent layer
19. What are three reasons this critically endangered amphibian needs our help?
a. **fungal disease** b. **deforestation** c. **agricultural practices**

Atlantic Coral Reef (Level 4 winding down to Level 1)

20. Two part question:
a. What is it called when a group of fish swims together? **schooling/swim in schools**
b. Why do they do this? **protection**
21. Fish have a variety of body shapes. Circle the body shape when you see a fish matching it:



Shark Alley: Atlantic Predators (Level 1 to the Ground Level)

22. Name the three different kinds of sharks found in this exhibit.
a. **Nurse shark** b. **Sandbar shark** c. **Sand tiger shark**
23. What is the critically endangered species in *Shark Alley*? **Large tooth sawfish**

Dolphin Discovery

24. What is one fun fact about dolphins? **Answers vary; there are dozens of facts displayed as you cross the bridge to Pier 4**

Jellies Invasion: Oceans Out of Balance

25. Jellies can be a sign of an unbalanced ocean ecosystem. Find and list one way you can help prevent these imbalances. **Answers vary; each section in Jellies Invasion has signage with ways to help.**

You've reached the end of your National Aquarium journey, but your conservation journey is just beginning!

Now that you've learned about our ocean, environment and animals, what are some actions you can take to help protect them? (*Check all that you can do!*)

- ☒ Reduce and reuse the products you buy ☒ Pick up trash ☒ Plant trees
☒ Conserve water ☒ Print on both sides of paper ☒ Don't pollute

Do you have any other ideas? Write them here: