





Our Hawaiian Seashore

The Hawaiian coast is a constantly changing motion of shapes: a blend of the black, rocky Hamakua coastline to the beach at Hanalei. From the white sand to the green sand beaches, the beaches of Hawaii are unique places. Each place is a community inhabited by marine animals and plants that are specially 'adapted to that community. At some

coastal areas, the waves gently ebb and flow but at others the waves race shoreward and crash against the black lava rocks.



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The energy that makes waves comes from (1) WINDS that blow across the ocean, (2) STORMS out at sea, and (3) MOVEMENTS of the SEA FLOOR. The waves you see breaking at the beach are usually made by the tradewinds.

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WAVES

The lowest part of a wave is called a TROUGH, the highest part is called the CREST. The WAVE HEIGHT is the distance between the trough and crest. If the surf report says the waves are breaking three to four feet, it is the wave height that is being measured. WAVE LENGTH is the time it takes for two crests to pass one spot.

Not all of the wave is above the surface. The wave energy goes down from the crest to the trough. The water itself in the open ocean does not move forward, only the energy of the waves moves. The diagram, at the right, shows the energy building up (1 and 2) and peaking as a wave crest (3); then, the energy passes on and causes the crest to drop (4) and creates a trough (5). The surfer will feel like he is on a swing--moving but going nowhere. However, when the wave nears the shore and touches the sea bottom, it starts to drag. This forces the water to pile up until the face becomes so steep that it spills over, or BREAKS. Then the water moves towards shore and takes the surfboard with it.

In the diagrams on the right, what is happening to the surfer who paddled out too far? Will he be able to catch a wave out there? Where would be the best place for him to be?









Our Hawaiian Reef

Some of the world's most colorful fishes dwell in the world-famous Hawaiian reefs. Many of the animals are so well adapted to their environment it is difficult to find them. There are strange but necessary "mutual aid societies" that have brought together predator and victim. The reef is a place where many communities co-exist in har-

mony but it is also a place which best illustrates nature's web of life.

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oped fringing reefs can be found off Oahu between Laie and Kaneohe-			-
Bay and at Ala Moana and Waikiki. Near Hanalei Bay, Kauai, a large			
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	-	shore, the outer reef protects re flats and a large shallow lagoon	eef
		Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, has a barrier reef over a mile wide protecting	
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Finally, over a great period of time, the island will erode and sink com-			
pletely below the surface leaving a large lagoon from 30.5 to 94.5 m			
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'EATERS'

Let's imagine you were a tiny phytoplankton. You'd get your food from the sun and nutrients in the water. You'd be called a PRIMARY PRODUCER since you do not eat any other living things. Along comes a zooplankton and gobbles you up! The zooplankton is the FIRST ORDER CONSUMER since he's the first to eat you. There's an opelu swimming by and it eats the zooplankton. The opelu is a SECOND ORDER CONSUMER. A tuna eats the opelú and a swordfish eats the tuna. Here comes a shark and it eats the swordfish. .You, the tiny phytoplankton, ends up feeding a shark! Fantastic!

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Now let's think about man. Where does he fit? He can eat the opelu, tuna, swordfish and shark. This means that man can fit in anywhere in this food web. If fisherman A caught an opelu for . dinner, what order consumer would

he be? 6th man 5th shark What about fisherman B? fisherman C? swordfish and fisherman D? 3rd tuna

We call this series of "eatings" a FOOD CHAIN. Of course, a zooplankton eats more than one plankton. The relationship of how much food each animal needs to eat can CONSUMERS: 1st zooplankton be shown in a FOOD PYRAMID (right).

PRIMARY PRODUCER

phytoplankton

2nd opelu

The opelu, tuna, swordfish and shark aren't the only animals in the ocean. When you consider all the animals and what they eat, a complicated picture of these relationships emerges. We call this picture the FOOD WEB.





F. . METHODS 0In the reef world, the "fastest jaw in the West" is the survivor. Those who are small or otherwise defenseless have found ways of protecting themselves from PREDATORS who are looking for food and people who may also be looking for a meal. Marine animals have ways of protecting themselves that are not so obvious. Some of these methods are listed below. , A. Find which animal uses the methods below and draw in examples. ۲ \ 🔘 1. uses COLOR to blend in with the surroundings. have a camouflaging 2. SHAPE that makes it look like a part of a its surroundings. 3. REGENERATES body parts that it looses to escape from a predator. _ WANA or SEA URCHIN Échinothrix diadema stay in SCHOOLS because there is safety in numbers. 5. has sharp SPINES to keep predators at a distance. , like many other 6. surface fish, are COUNTERSHADED, that means that they are dark on their back and light-colored on their bellies.





Deep Blue Waters

The world's most complex and largest rivers are not on land but at sea. Great current systems circle the world. Within the many layered waters of the ocean, the large deepwater fishes and mammals live and move about in pursuit of food. It is estimated that many thousands of pounds of aku (skipjack tuna) are in Central Pacific waters. The vastness of the ocean makes it difficult to take an accurate census of the inhabitants that live in the blue waters of the world's oceans.





UNDERWATER 'LANDSCAPE' "Vocabulary

Scientists have measured the great depths and found that the shape of the ocean floor, or TOPOGRAPHY, is very much like that on land. Some of these underwater formations are listed below.

PART I. Draw a line from each word to the correct definition.

1. abyssal plain

- 2. atol1
- 3. continental margin
- 4. guyot or plateau
- 5. ridge
- 6. seamount

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- 7. trench
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- A. a volcanic peak rising from the sea floor that is "flat-topped" because of wave action.
- B. the seabed along continents that forms a gentle sloping SHELF covered by shallow water ranging from a few to hundreds of kilometers wide. The edge of the shelf is very steep.
- C. a submarine volcanic peak
- D. a seamount sinking below sea level that has a ring of coral growing around it.
- E. narrow, deep cuts with steep slopes, 2 to 4 km below the surface
- F. a peak formed by lava from the center of the earth, that rises above sea level.
- G. a long, narrow rise in the sea floor with steep sides and a bumpy shape.
- H. deep; covered with a thin layer of SEDIMENTS and chemical deposits like manganese nodules.





Antarctica

By fitting together the CONTINENTAL SHELVES of the major continents, geologists and oceanographers THEORIZE, or think, that the continents formed one large supercontinent, called PANGAEA, which existed 200 million years ago.

DRIFTING CONTINENTS

Volcanic activity began to break up Pangaea 180 million years ago into the shape of the continents that exist today.

The Atlantic Ocean finally' began to become a major ocean 65 million years ago. India is about to be attached to Asia and Australia is about to break away from Antactica.

The continents are still moving today. The Atlantic Ocean is getting wider, while the Pacific is closing.



he Darkest Depths

Sunlight reaches down to a depth of 183 m (600 feet) in clear waters. Beyond that it is pitch black. For a long time it was thought that nothing lived in the abyssal depths of the ocean. When scientists developed submersibles and it was possible for human beings to go down to the bottom of the sea, they discovered that nature adapted

fishes in wonderous ways. Fishes carry their own lanterns for "torching" and they are small and their bodies withstand the high pressure at the ocean bottom.









SeaLAB

A fun way to experience the wonders of the ocean is to do experiments! It's exciting to be able to touch the animals and plants and find out what they're like. Oceanographers conduct experiments to find out not only about life in the ocean but also to find out about the physical properties of the ocean. Don't you wish you could go out on a boat

cruise to take samples of the ocean bottom or ride in a submersible to study the ocean's darkest depths? Research is hard work but it helps us to learn about the ocean and all of its wonders.







The techniques of Japanese fish printing has been used in Japan for over 100 years to record catches of sports fish and to gain ichthyological (fish biology) information. These prints have been used at the University of Washington to study how the physiology of a fish is related to its surface area.

30 Japanese fish printing

GYOTAKU

The art of gyotaku (ghio-ta-koo) is a good way to gain an understanding and appreciation of the beauty and great variety of marine organisms. You can also use this technique for making prints of shells, rocks, flowers and other items.

Before you make a print, identify the fish. What are the distinguishing characteristics of the fish? Study the life history of the fish. Where and how was it caught?

MATERIALS

Obtain a very fresh fish. If you buy the fish at a market, select one that has bright red gills, clear eyes, and a fresh smell. If the fish has been gutted, make sure that it has not been cut anywhere else on the body.





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METHOD

- 1. Use soap and water to clean the outside of the fish as completely as possible. The cleaner the fish, the better the print. Dry the fish well.
- 2. Place, the fish on a table covered with newspapers. Spread the fins out over some clay and pin them in this position. Continue to dry the fish.
- 3. Brush on a thin, even coat of ink. Leave the eye blank unless you prefer to fill it in.
- 4. Place a piece of newspaper or rice paper over the top of the fish.
- 5. Carefully lay the paper over the entire fish. Use your fingers to gently press the paper over the surface area of the fish. Be careful not to move the paper too much since this results in double prints. Then remove the paper and you have a fish print.
 - 6. Use a small brush to paint the eye.



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