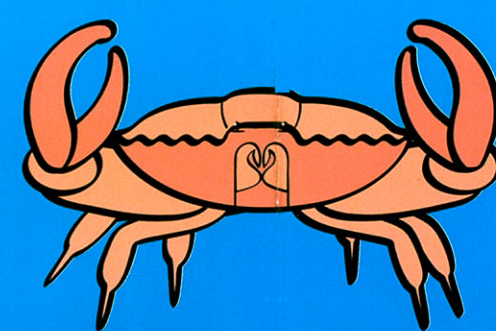


Deep sea creatures

These creatures all live at the bottom of the sea, but at different depths and in different oceans.

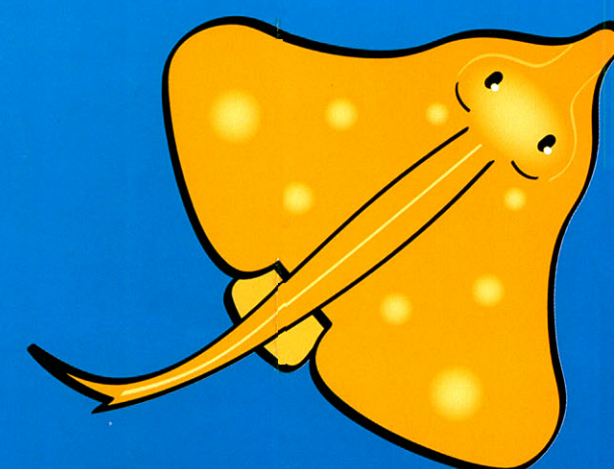
0-200 metres

Here the water gets warmth and light from the sun. Most plants and animals live here.



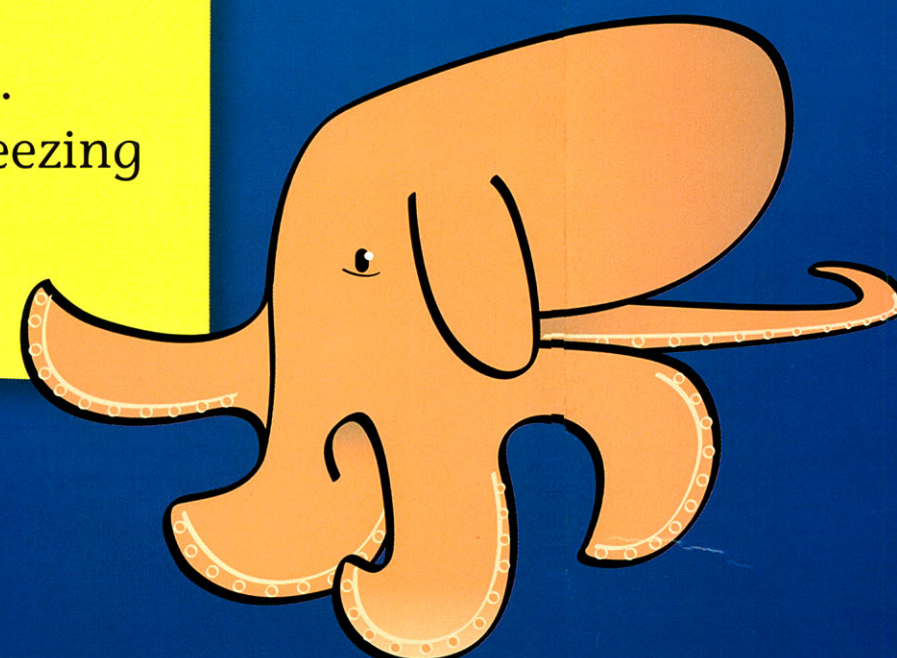
200-1000 metres

Here there isn't much light and the water is cold.



Below 1000 metres

This is called 'the dark zone'. The water is freezing and there isn't much food.



The Porcelain Crab

You find this crab in coral reefs to depths of around 20 metres. The crab often lives with a sea creature called an anemone. It keeps the anemone clean and the anemone hides and protects the crab.

Did you know?

It is called 'porcelain crab' because it is small and fragile. If anything attacks the crab by catching its leg, the crab can leave its leg and escape. Later a new leg will grow.

The Skate

Skates and rays are related to sharks. You find skates in soft sand at depths of up to 100 metres.

Did you know?

Some skates lay their eggs in something called a Mermaid's purse. The 'horns' help to keep the egg capsule in seaweed.

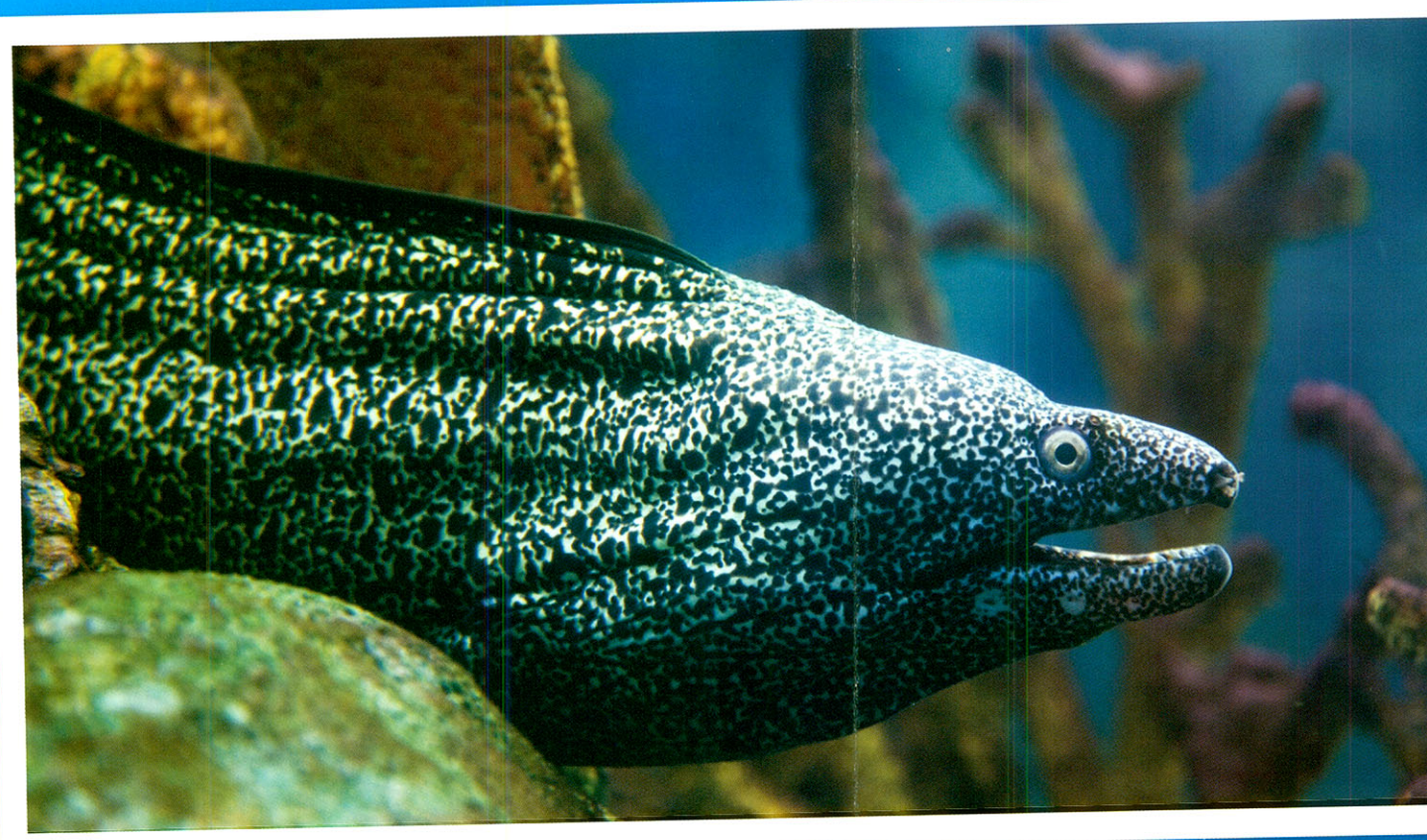


The Eel

Eels live in rivers and in the sea. When they travel to the sea they change colour from yellow to silver. They can also travel over land. They live on the bottom of the water, under stones and in mud. Some kinds of eel live up to 2500 metres below sea level.

Did you know?

An eel can live for as long as 30 years.



Can you find ...?

- a creature that lives in the deepest part of the ocean
- a creature that is very flat
- a creature that looks like a very big animal
- a creature that lives with another creature



The Dumbo Octopus

This octopus gets its name from its pairs of fins, which look like elephant ears. They live close to the bottom of the sea at depths of up to 5000 metres.

Did you know?

This octopus swallows its prey whole.

Show + tell!

Choose a sea creature and bring in information about it to show the class.