

Porci's Ocean Patrol Activity Sheet



Cloze Activity Solutions (level 2)

Microbeads

All the water from a bath or shower, including the shampoo and soap bubbles, is rinsed down the drain and into our beautiful **OCEANS**. Some shampoos and other common bathroom products (e.g. toothpaste and facial wash) can have tiny **PLASTICS** called 'microbeads'.

Microbeads are 'super **SMALL** pieces of plastic' that are around one **MILLIMETRE** in size or even smaller, no bigger than a grain of **SAND**. They can be hollow or solid, and come in a range of shapes.

Sadly, microbeads don't break down and they can litter our oceans forever. Sea **CREATURES** sometimes mistake microbeads for food. But they are not food! They are **HARMFUL** to our sea friends. If you eat fish, you could also be eating the microbeads.

Leafy Sea Dragon

The Leafy **SEA** Dragon's **FAVOURITE** food is a tiny **CRUSTACEAN** called 'Mysid'.

Leafy Sea Dragons do not have teeth, so they 'slurp up their **FOOD**' using their pipe-like **SNOUT** and small mouth.

Leafy Sea Dragons are a type of fish that live in just one place in the whole world and that is the Great **SOUTHERN** Reef.

Leafy Sea Dragons are a **PROTECTED** species and South Australia's marine **EMBLEM**.

Leafy Sea Dragons have almost perfect **CAMOUFLAGE**. This means that they can be invisible in seaweed, which is super helpful to avoid being eaten by other fish. This also means that sometimes people cannot see them when they are close to a jetty.

Here's a fun fact - the male Leafy Sea Dragon keeps their **BABIES** on the sticky underside of their tail. This is called a '**BROOD** patch'. The female Leafy Sea Dragon puts 250 bright pink eggs onto the males' brood patch. The male then carries the eggs around for 4 to 6 weeks until the little Leafy Sea Dragons are ready to be born.

Sea Country Kurna Language

The ocean, known as sea **COUNTRY**, is an important part of Aboriginal culture. We all play an **IMPORTANT** role caring for the sea.

There used to be about 500 different Aboriginal **LANGUAGES**, now there are only about 150.

Kurna Country is the **TRADITIONAL** land of the Adelaide plains area.