

Be a Marine Biologist



Marine biology is the study of everything that lives in the ocean, marsh, or other salt water ecosystem.

What might a marine biologist do?

- Track a pod of whales to follow their migration pattern.
- Ride in a submersible vehicle to the ocean floor and observe the creatures that live there.
- Rescue and rehabilitate injured marine animals.



Tools of the Trade

Nets and buckets —
to collect specimens



S.C.U.B.A. or snorkel gear — for breathing while underwater



Underwater camera —
to photograph plants and animals

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Marine Biology in *NatureQuest*

Try these activities if you would like to be a marine biologist.



Turn the fish mobile to see an example of the diversity in an ecosystem. How many species can you find?

Investigate the reef outcroppings to find animals. Could these animals be found in any other ecosystems?

Venture into the sunken shrimp boat. What types of animals can you see in the open ocean? What kinds of behaviors do they demonstrate?

Go on a marine fossil hunt. Where else can you find shells, bones or other evidence of marine life?

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