

Marine Mammals Teacher Information

MARINE MAMMALS SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Marine Mammals and Their World School Program introduces your students to a diverse group of marine mammals living in Canada's Pacific waters and Arctic regions. Through observation, inquiry and discussion, your students discover how these marine animals have adapted to survive in kelp forests, frigid waters and throughout the icy waters of the North.

Your students enter the world of marine mammals when they visit the Vancouver Aquarium's marine mammal galleries and see killer whales, belugas, sea otters and seals. Your class continues on a northern journey to Lancaster Sound in the Aquarium's Arctic Canada gallery and learns about marine mammal behaviours, social organization and how narwhals, walruses, polar bears and other marine mammals thrive in Canada's far north.

In this School Program, your students achieve a deeper understanding of the marine world and are encouraged to consider their role in the stewardship of the world's oceans.

The Marine Mammals School Program provides an exciting, educational experience which complements the learning outcomes of the B.C. Ministry of Education's Integrated Resource Packages.

For curriculum connections click on Part 5 of the Marine Mammals Educator's Guide.

The general objectives of this program are to:

- introduce students to a diverse range of marine mammals from Canada's Pacific and Arctic shores and waters
- develop basic observation skills
- explore ways that marine mammals have adapted to their world
- compare and contrast humans with marine mammals
- inspire a respect and appreciation for marine mammals and the marine environment
- encourage an awareness of the effects of human activities on marine mammals and ocean ecosystems