



# 10 Realms of the World Aquarium

## Scavenger Hunt



Travel around the World in search of exotic and fascinating facts.

### Water Cycle

"Is it real?" is the most common question when talking about Princess and Fluffy. They move very little, wagging the worm-like skin on their tongue, waiting for a fish to take a nibble before snapping their mouth closed on the unsuspecting prey. Name this turtle. (This animal is an endangered species)

### Rivers of the World

Often sold as "sharks," these catfish seem harmless right now. Once they attain their full size of 100s pounds they are capable of eating very large prey earning them the nick-name "Dog-Eating Catfish." Also called \_\_\_\_\_

### Structure, Function, Color

Its Missouri cousin is only a fraction as large as this creepy crawly when full grown. Although it is large enough to catch small birds, it has never really been seen eating them. This spider like creature is called a \_\_\_\_\_

### Sand Castle Beach

Polka-dots become me as a youngster, helping me blend in and avoid being eaten by my larger cousins. The bigger threat, however, is your kind. Please help to protect and conserve my kin! I am a \_\_\_\_\_

### Stingray City

The unfortunate recipients of bad press after the accidental death of Steve Irwin, stingrays are actually shy animals preferring to swim away from trouble. They do not attack with their barbs instead using them only for defense when threatened. How many species of stingrays would you encounter in Stingray City? \_\_\_\_\_

### Sharks!

On average, shark attacks kill less humans than there are sharks in this tank every year. In contrast, humans kill sharks at a much higher rate for their fins, 20-30 million for shark fin soup. How many sharks do "human attacks" kill each year? \_\_\_\_\_

a) 75 attacks/10 deaths

b) 28 attacks/7 deaths

c) 100 attacks/20 deaths

### Hidden Forest

Human encroachment and habitat destruction force animals into unnatural behaviors and habitats such as preying on pets or begging at camp grounds. These carnivorous reptiles called \_\_\_\_\_ were rescued from a garbage dump in Thailand.

### Prehistoric Alley

Once covered by saltwater, Missouri was home to a variety of prehistoric sea creatures depicted in the dioramas. This prehistoric cephalopod called ammonite has a modern cousin called \_\_\_\_\_

### Curiosity Classroom

Among the curiosities in this room is a rare dynamic duo. Although We has become quite famous, they still make time for their fans. If only they could wave... What kind of animal is We? \_\_\_\_\_

### Spielberg Center for Oceanographic Discovery

Big doe eyes and almost smiling mouths there is more to these fish than meets the eye. When their life is threatened they will double in size and erect poisonous spines in defense. What species are they? \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Help Save our Planet - (Do these and you will!)**

**Which of the following will *you* do to help decrease global warming?**

- Drive less, carpool, use public transit
- Use compact florescent lights
- Turn down the thermostat in winter and up in summer
- Buy foods produced locally
- Use less water



**Which of the following will *you* do to help reduce pollution?**

- Recycle
- Buy organic foods
- Dispose of wastes properly
- Reduce waste
- Reuse products where possible
- Use less soap

**What fish will you avoid eating?**

- Atlantic Salmon
- Chilean Sea Bass
- Grouper
- Orange Roughy
- Shark
- Swordfish



**What activities at the World Aquarium will you get involved with to save the planet?**

- Raise Awareness with others
- Help Fundraise
- Adopt an Animal
- Volunteer as a docent at the World Aquarium
- Become a World Aquarium Member
- Help with Concert for the Oceans activities
- Sign up for a program at the aquarium
- Other Ideas \_\_\_\_\_

**Fun Facts From the World Aquarium**

Leroy, our Burmese Python is 14 feet long, only half his full grown size!

In one year, Wiley the Coati eats close to 450,000 mealworms filling a bathtub!

A chinchilla has 70 hairs per follicle, humans have only one!

Our nurse sharks consume over one hundred dozen mackerel each year.

Just a youngster now, Earl, the African Spurred Tortoise is the longest lived animal at the aquarium at 80+ years.

When placed end to end, over two and one half miles of crickets are munched by the World Aquarium reptile collection every year.



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