

# Ocean Kids

## 'Who is my mother?' Worksheet

Just like humans, marine animals have mother's too! In honour of Mother's Day, lets discover all things great about our ocean animal mums.

### SECTION 1

#### My baby name is?

Unscramble the words below to find out the name given to these baby animals.

A baby shark is called a                (UPP)

A baby fish is called a                (RYF)

A baby dugong is called a                     (LAFC)

A baby penguin is called a                     (KICHC)

A baby sea star is called                          (AVLRAE)

A baby turtle is called a                               (CAHLTGHNI)



### SECTION 2

#### What do I look like when i'm older?

In the boxes below, draw a picture of what the baby will look like when it's an adult.



Tadpole



Larvae



Chick



Pup



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### SECTION 3

#### Amazing mums of the sea!



The female octopus' mission is to have just one successful brood in her lifetime. In accordance, she will lay roughly 200,000 eggs and do anything to protect them. During the month of caring for the eggs, the female octopus is starved nearly to death. She may even go as far as ingesting her own arms before she will leave her eggs for food. Once hatched, the offspring float around in blooms of plankton.



Sea lion pups and their mum communicate through special vocalisations so they can identify one another



Unlike other fish which lay eggs in the wild and forget about them, female lobsters carry their fertilised bright orange eggs on their undersides for nine to 11 months until they hatch.



What if your father becomes your mother? That's what happens to the clownfish when the female clownfish dies. There is only one female clownfish in each group and she is the largest and most dominant fish. Only the female and the largest male will breed. The female lays eggs and the couple take turns guarding the eggs until they hatch in a week's time. But when the female clownfish dies, the second biggest clownfish would turn into a female clownfish and becomes the leader.



# My Amazing Mum Certificate

This is awarded to my amazing mum

If she was a marine animal she would be a

She is AMAZING because



**Happy Mother's Day,  
love**