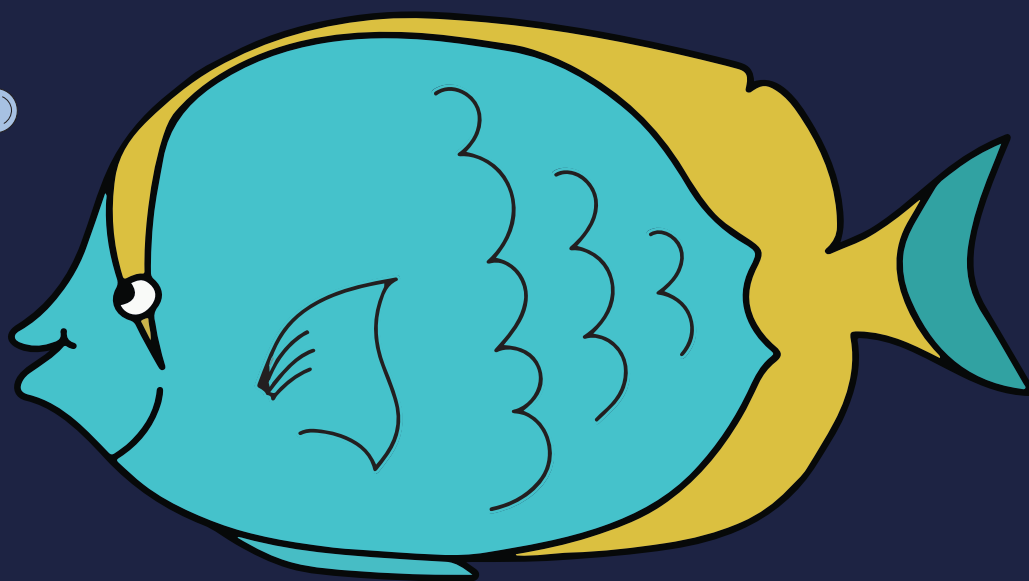




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# Blue Belt Activity Pack

## St Helena



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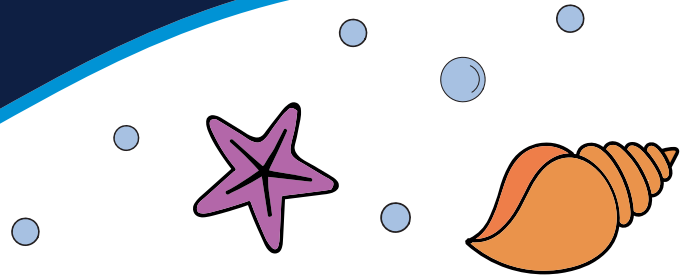
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# Introduction

## *to the Blue Belt Programme*



The UK Government is helping the UK Overseas Territories, including St Helena, look after their amazing marine environments. They are doing this through something called the Blue Belt Programme.

To do this, the Blue Belt Programme is helping St Helena to:



**Understand their marine life and ocean environment**



**Collect information on the way to fish so we don't harm our oceans**



**Understand how human activities impact the ocean**



**Set rules to protect marine life**



**Watch the marine environment to check people follow the rules**

Scientists and marine staff from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries, and Aquaculture science (Cefas) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in the UK are helping St Helena do this.

The Blue Belt Programme is working with St Helena and other UK Overseas Territories around the world to help them understand and protect their oceans. From tropical marine environments in the Indian Ocean to freezing cold marine environments in Antarctica covered in ice.

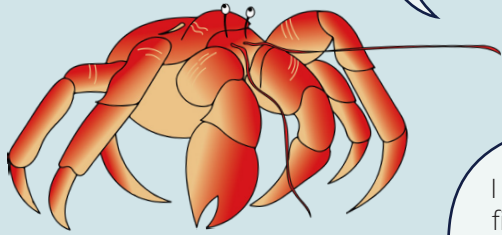


Blue Belt Programme works with UK Overseas Territories around the world, including St Helena, in 7 different locations. The waters of the Territories in the Blue Belt Programme cover a massive 4.3 million square kilometres!

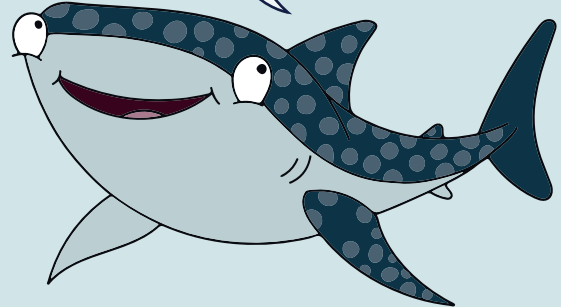
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## *Meet the animals*

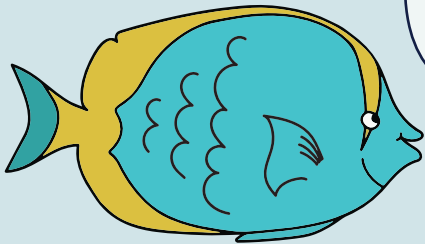
Learn about some of the marine animals found in the other UK Overseas Territories in the Blue Belt Programme:



I am a coconut crab I can grow up to 1 metre in size in the British Indian Ocean Territory!

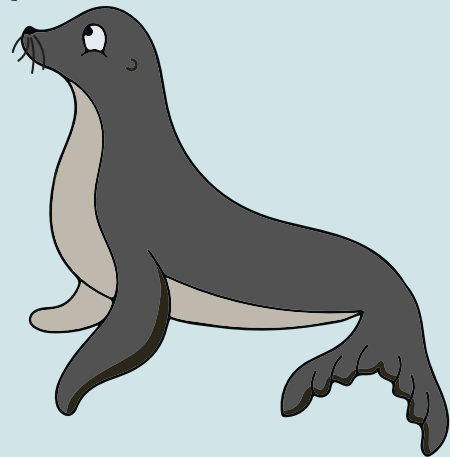


You'll probably have heard of me, I'm a whale shark but you might know me as a bone shark. I visit St Helena's waters and am the largest fish the world.

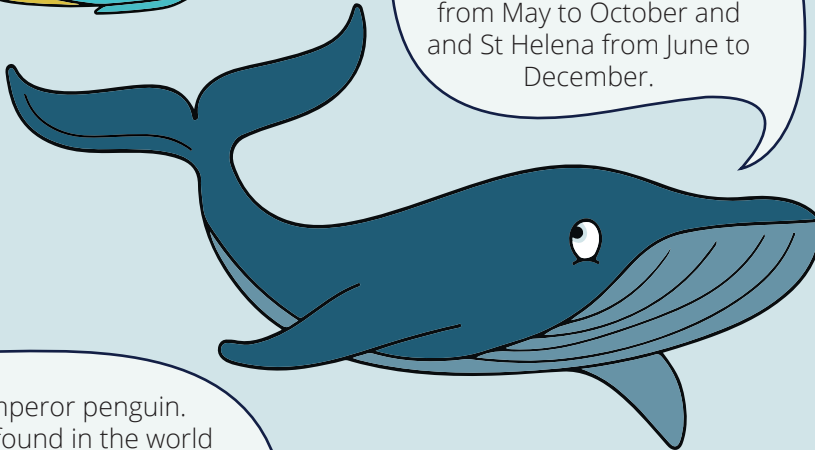


I am a St Helena butterfly fish and I visit St Helena's shallow waters.

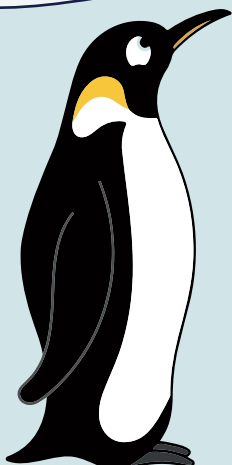
I am an Antarctic Fur Seal one of the species of seals that live in South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. Did you know the Territory is home to about five million seals?



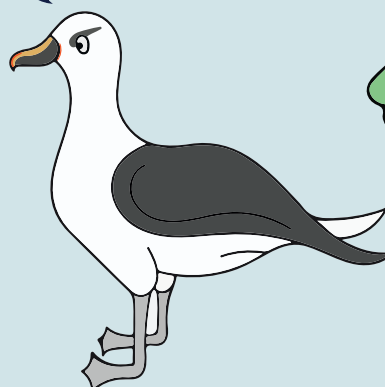
I am a humpback whale – I can usually be found in the waters around Pitcairn Islands from May to October and and St Helena from June to December.



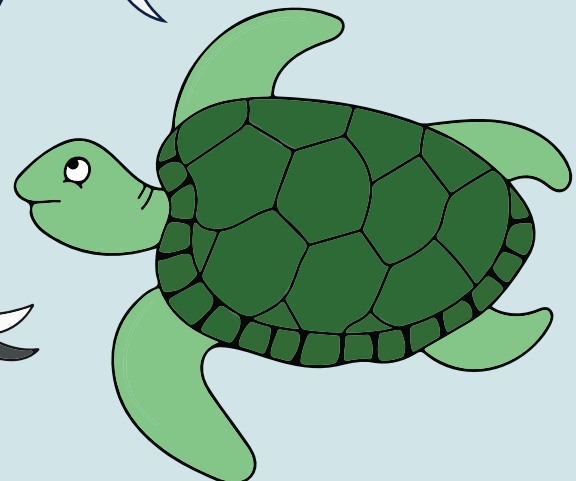
I am an emperor penguin. Where I am found in the world is the British Antarctic Territory. It's so cold here over 90% of the Territory is covered by a permanent ice sheet.



I am an Atlantic Yellow nosed Albatross, I only breed in the Tristan da Cunha Islands.



I am a green turtle and I nest on Ascension Island's sandy beaches.



# What are Marine Protected Areas?

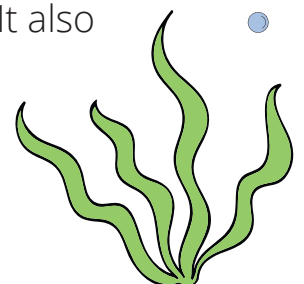
A Marine Protected Area (MPA) is a marine area that provides protection for all or part of the natural resources it contains. Some activities are limited or banned in it to help protect the area.

There are all kinds of Marine Protected Areas, or Marine Protection Zones, across the UK Overseas Territories in the Blue Belt Programme. Each of the Territories has chosen their type of Marine Protected Area to suit their needs.

St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA) covers over 440,000 square kilometres. Together the UK Overseas Territories in the Blue Belt Programme have protected about 1 percent of all the world's ocean!



St Helena's Marine Protected Area aims to conserve their marine life, together with culture and traditions, so it can be enjoyed by future generations. It also means that all marine activities, like fishing and tourism, must be carefully managed to ensure minimal impact on the marine environment.

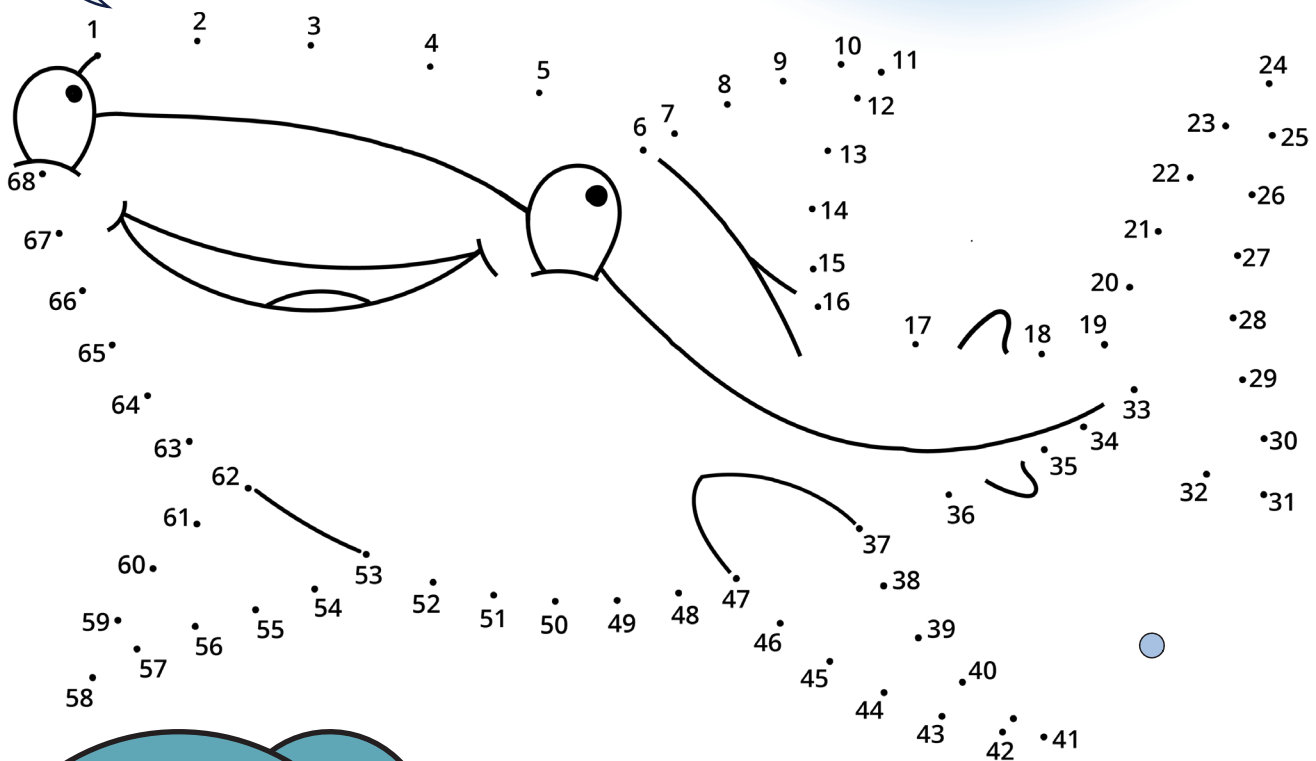


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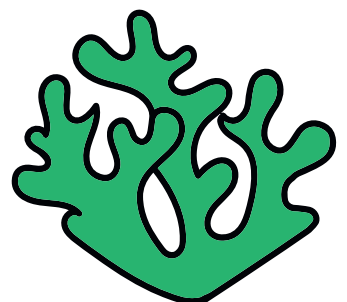
## Dot to dot

The whale shark or bone shark is just one of the many species that need St Helena's marine environment for protection. Practise your counting and drawing skills with these dot to dot activities.

Remember I'm just one of many plants and animals that are so important for St Helena's marine environment!

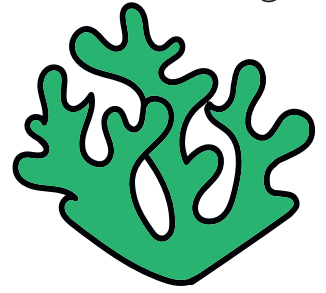


St Helena's Marine Protected Area is helping protect plants and animals that live in St Helena's marine environment for generations to come.

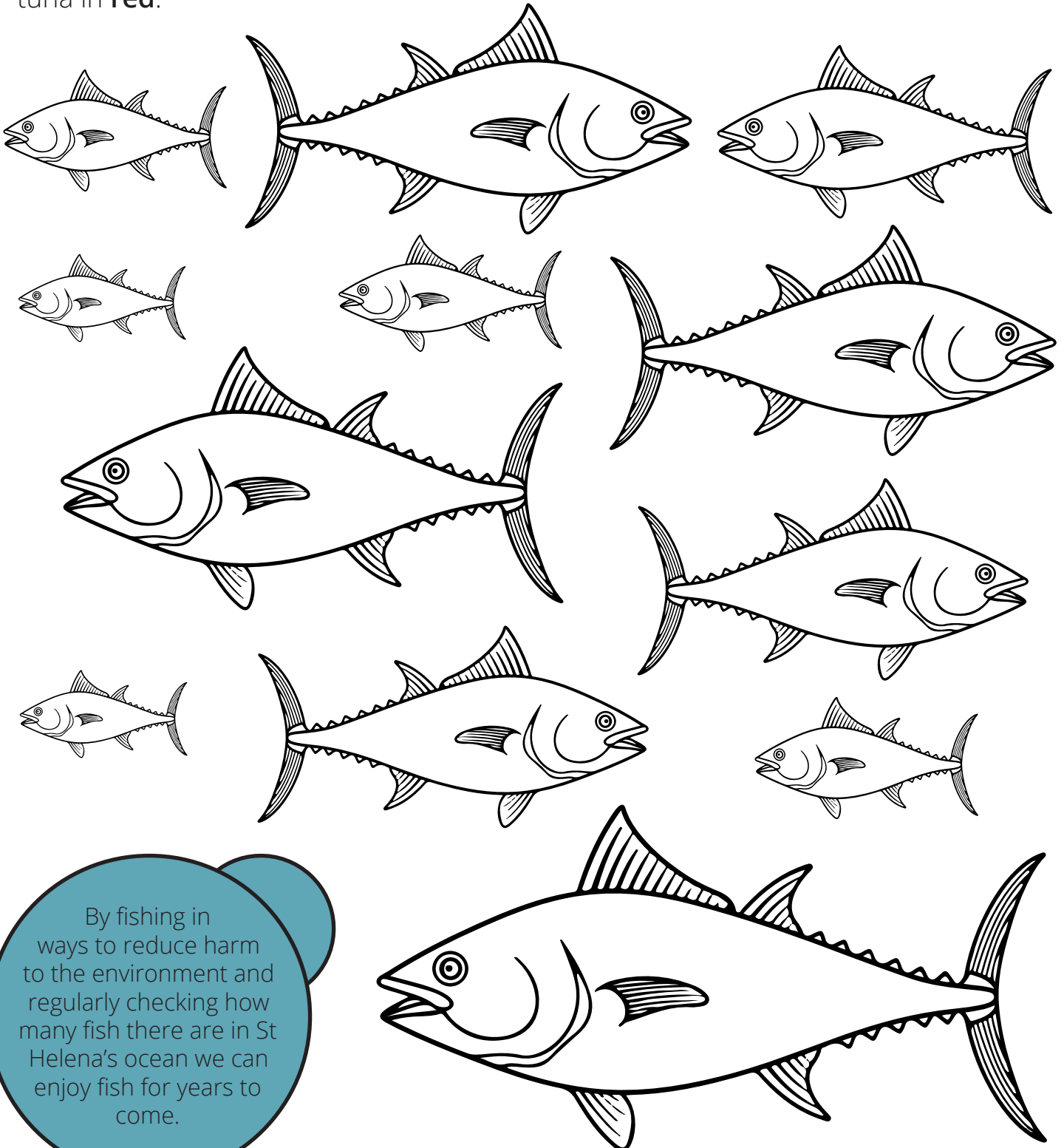


# Activity

Measure and colour



Fishermen fish in ways to reduce harm to the oceans and only catch the amount, size and type of fish they want. Colour the large tuna in **yellow** and the small tuna in **red**.

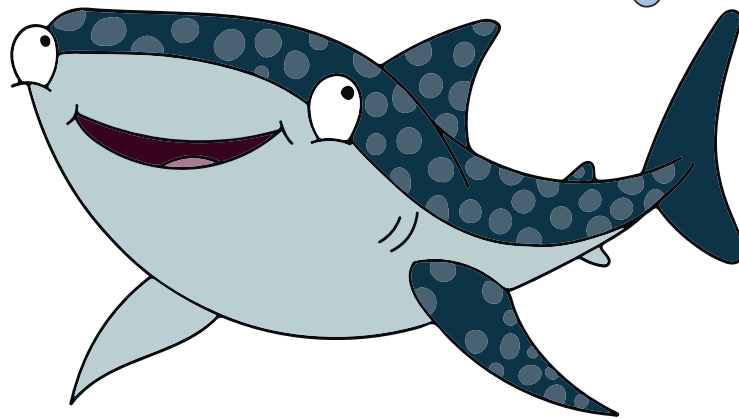


By fishing in ways to reduce harm to the environment and regularly checking how many fish there are in St Helena's ocean we can enjoy fish for years to come.

# Checking people follow the rules

The Blue Belt programme is helping St Helena monitor their marine environment to check people follow the rules of their Marine Protected Area.

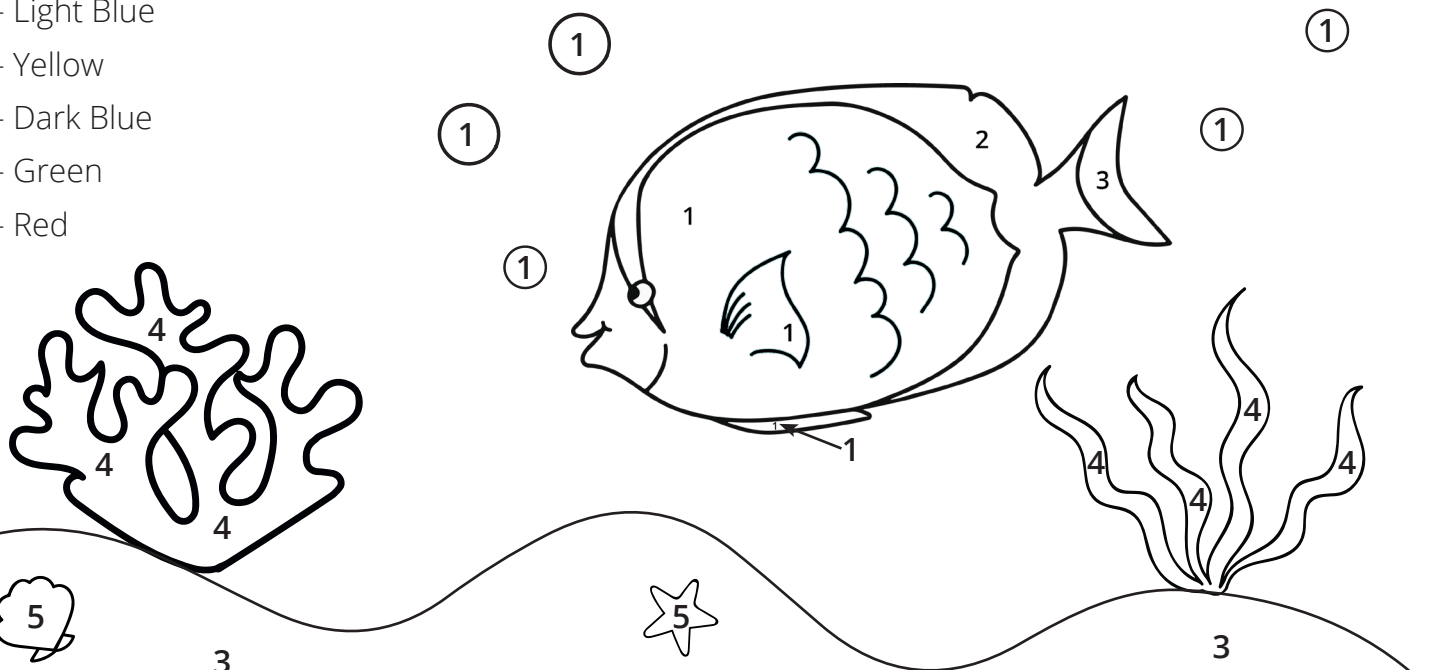
To protect St Helena's amazing marine environment it is important to enforce the rules around the marine environment.



Blue Belt Programme has provided equipment, training and funding for a Marine Enforcement Officer to support compliance and enforcement in St Helena's waters. An enforcement officer is just like a policeman who works at sea.

**Can you colour in this marine environment using the key below?**

- 1 - Light Blue
- 2 - Yellow
- 3 - Dark Blue
- 4 - Green
- 5 - Red





# A summary

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