



# World Oceans Day Teacher Resource Kit

## What is World Oceans Day?

The United Nations' theme for World Oceans Day in 2021 is **The Ocean: Life & Livelihoods**.

World Oceans Day along with other passionate organisation like SeA LIFE Aquariums' aim to shed light on the wonder of the ocean and how it is our life source, supporting humanity and every other organism on Earth.

Educating others on the importance of conserving this life source and everything in it is highlighted in this resource.

## Ocean Pollution Facts

- Some examples of pollution found in the ocean include floating plastic, oil spills, and rubbish.
- Humans dump eight million metric tons of plastic into the oceans each year. That's the equivalent of nearly 57,000 blue whales — every single year!\*
- By 2050, ocean plastic will outweigh all of the ocean's fish.\*
- 70 percent of ocean garbage actually sinks to the seafloor, meaning we're unlikely to ever be able to clean it up.\*
- Much of the waste that is dumped into the ocean will wash up on the coast polluting everything it comes into contact with, including beaches, animals, and sea life.\*\*
- There are dead zones in the oceans that have been created by pollution making life in those zones impossible for marine or plant life.\*\*

\* Source: conservation.org

\*\*Source: softschools.com

## Conversation Starters

- Have you seen rubbish in the ocean or on the beach?
- What can we do to stop rubbish getting into the ocean?
- How can we reduce the amount of plastic we use every day?

## Resources

- Keep our oceans clean worksheet
- Tiger shark print out

## Worksheet Answers

Items found in shark's stomachs:

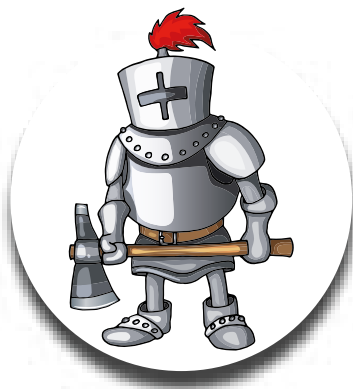
- Half a horse
- Wooden chair
- Suit of armour
- Bottles of wine
- Chickens and coup

## Keep Our Oceans Clean!

Some sharks are crazy eaters! Tiger sharks are known to eat almost anything, earning the nickname 'trash cans of the sea' – YUCK! Another reason why we need to keep oceans clean of rubbish!

Out of these 9 items, 5 have actually been found inside sharks!

**Challenge:** cut out the shapes below and, on page 2, place the items in the shark's belly that you think sharks ate!



**Keep Our Oceans Clean!**

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