# Marine Education Trail Exploring the colours of Keppel



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#### Education & APPreciation of Creat KePPel Island

This educational keepsake has been developed to encourage curiosity amongst young explorers and to provide a greater understanding of the natural environment on Woppa (Great Keppel Island). Livingstone Shire Council and Keppel Turtle Fund understand the value of community education and have partnered to produce this resource.

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# Wonders of Woppa

Our Woppaburra ancestors were the first nation Aboriginal inhabitants of what are now known as the Keppel Islands which lay off the Capricorn Coast, Central Queensland. Our ancestors were seafaring saltwater people, island specialists living off the island environment and surrounding inshore reefs and ocean. The main islands occupied, were Konomie (North Keppel Island), Woppa (South/Great Keppel Island), and Burye (Humpy Island), and our ancestors travelled between these and other islands in the group for seasonal food collection, while Konomie and Woppa were the primary island locations for fresh water supply.

Woppaburra are from a wider Whale Dreaming Indigenous Community around coastal Australia. The spiritual saltwater totem for the Woppaburra and our island homelands is Mugga Mugga (Humpback Whale). It is our life-long cultural responsibility to protect our clan totem and its environment our sea country (al-li).

Want to learn more? Visit <u>www.woppaburra.com.au</u>

### General Knowledge

1) What does GBR stand for? \_\_\_\_\_

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ people are the traditional owners of Keppel Island.

3) Keppel Islands only have hard, not soft corals? TRUE or FALSE

4) Name the 3 marine turtles who nest on Keppel Islands -\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

5) Coral reefs are made up by tiny animals called \_\_\_\_\_\_.

6) Sometimes called a "sea cow" and more closely related to elephants than marine animals is the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

7) Sharks and rays have skeletons of cartilage. Cartilage is lighter and more flexible than bone. TRUE or FALSE

8) No \_\_\_\_\_\_, green zones and fish nurseries are names of those parts of the Great Barrier Reef protected from fishing, mining, drilling and like activities.

S) From Paddock to Reef prompts us to think about clean water catchments over / and draining to the reef. TRUE or FALSE

10) Plastics make corals more vulnerable to disease. About what percentage of marine debris is plastic? 40% 60% 80%

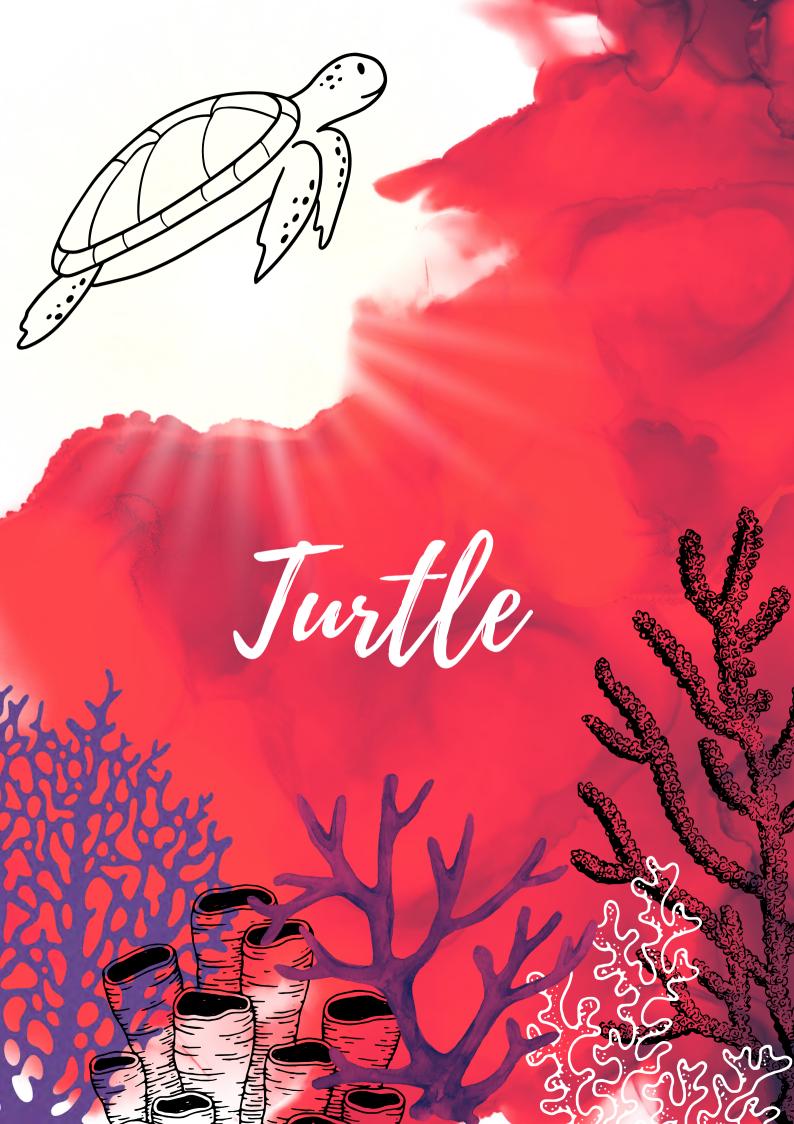
#### Great Keppel Islands Sea Way Tour!

15 educational and colourful signs have been placed along the boardwalk at Great Keppel Island Hideaway. These signs need to be found to complete the activities in this journal!



GKI Seaway Tour Hard Corals Soft Corals Marine Turtles Turtle hatchings- Marine turtle life cycle Jellyfish - Sea Anemone Intertidal - Star Fish Small Reef Fish Giant Clam Sharks & Stingrays Large Reef Fish Whales, Dolphins & Dugongs Seahorse Dolphin

Dugong



Question Time!

#### Marine (sea) turtles are often called

Six of the world's seven species of marine turtle (\_\_\_\_\_\_, olive ridley, leatherback, hawksbill, flatback and \_\_\_\_\_ turtles) live in the \_\_\_\_\_

> Marine turtles have developed the ability to hold their breath for long periods, over an \_\_\_\_\_ instances. and to dive to great depths (greater than \_\_\_\_\_\_ metres for the leatherback).





Question Time!

The shape of a fish varies between each species, however there are five main types of fish body shapes, What are they?

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2)	
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The largest fish on the Great Barrier Reef are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. They can weigh up to \_\_\_\_ kilograms and have a life span of several decades.

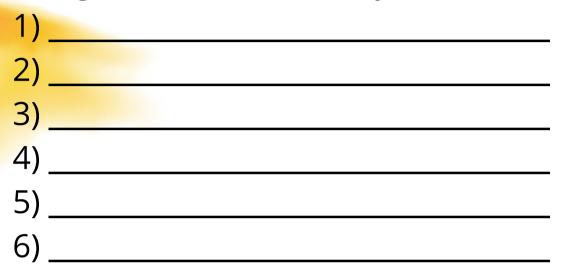
Baby fish know instinctively how to swim and find food. **TRUE or FALSE** 





Question time!

Reef fish can be divided into 6 broad categories. What are they?



The smallest reef fish on the Great Barrier Reef is the \_\_\_\_\_, which is just \_\_\_\_\_ long.

The well-camouflaged \_\_\_\_\_\_ have strong dorsal spines and a potent venom.



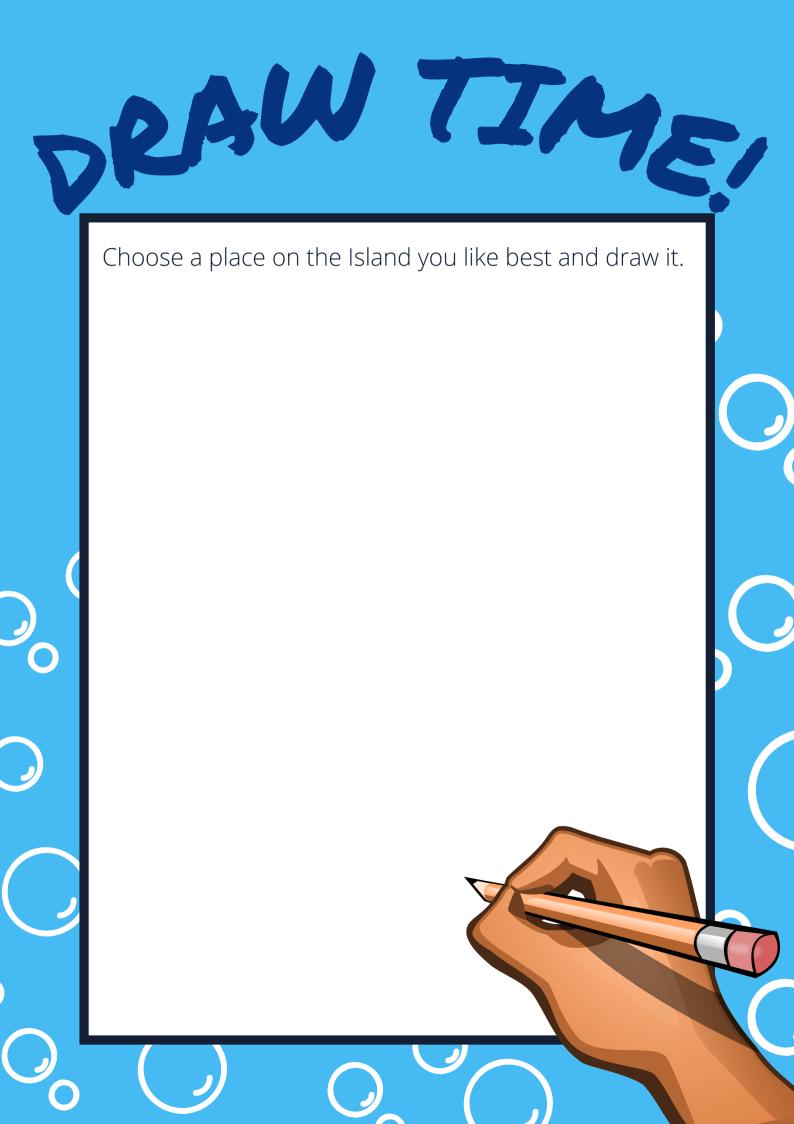


Question Time!

There are about \_\_\_\_\_\_ species of sharks and rays in the Great Barrier Reef.



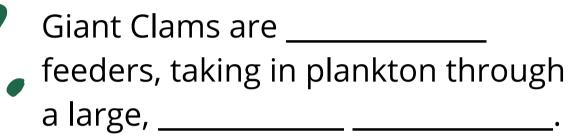
Always shuffle your feet when walking through the water to avoid stepping on a ray. **TRUE or FALSE** 





Question Time!

Giant Clams, when healthy, can live up to \_\_\_\_\_.



 Food sources for the different groups of Nudibranchs are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, (aquatic (plant-like organisms), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (aquatic invertebrates - animals that lack a vertebral column), other \_\_\_\_\_\_ or their \_\_\_\_\_, members of their own species (cannibals), barnacles and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

### Keep Island It Hunt Can you find the below items and place in the bin at the end of your hunt? It's rewarding to keep the environment clean, especially for our sea animals! Cans Rope Receipts **Straws** Plastic Food Wrappers Bags What other rubbish did you collect? If you come across anything sharp or unsafe tell an adult. Wear some gloves and take a bag with you!



Question Time!

Hard corals have hard calcium carbonate \_\_\_\_\_\_ whereas most soft corals lack a hard external skeleton.

> The most common type of hard corals in the Great Barrier Reef are the \_\_\_\_\_ (staghorn) corals.

> > The greatest threat to coral reefs is sea \_\_\_\_\_\_ increase which causes the corals to release the algae that live in their tissues and provide them food. In the absence of algae the coral's health \_\_\_\_\_.







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