

Education



Photo: Michael Richlen

An orca or killer whale breaching in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary off California.



Photo: Claire Fackler, NOAA

An endangered Hawaiian monk seal in the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.



Photo: G.P. Schmahl, NOAA

A cluster of male ruby brittle stars atop a brain coral in Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

Exploring National Marine Sanctuaries Student Project Worksheet

Name: _____

Your group will create a poster about one of the national marine sanctuaries being protected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. For each marine sanctuary, you will find a link with lots of information about that sanctuary. Your poster should address all of the questions contained in the chart below.

The resources you will need can be accessed from the following websites: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/>, <http://marinelife.noaa.gov> and <https://instagram.com/noaasanctuaries/>.

Fill out the chart as you explore the websites to help you gather the information you will need.

What is the name of your national marine sanctuary and where is it located?

What kinds of habitats are found there?

What key species are found there?

How do these species interact with one another?

What are some of your national marine sanctuary's more unique features?

What role do humans play in this ocean environment?

What are some of the major issues or problems faced in protecting these resources?

How are the natural and/or cultural resources being protected?

What kind of research is conducted at your sanctuary?

Based on the information you have gathered, explain why you think this area of the ocean was designated a national marine sanctuary and why it has been afforded special protections.