



# TAILS & TALES

## Hawaiian Monk Seal (*ʻIlio holo I ka uaua*)

### Fun Tail Facts:

- The Hawaiian monk seal has a small tail located between the two rear flippers.
- Researchers sometimes attach a small tag to the tail of a Hawaiian monk seal so they can identify and track this marine mammal.



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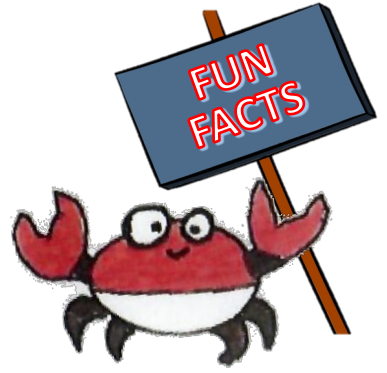
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Marine National Monument

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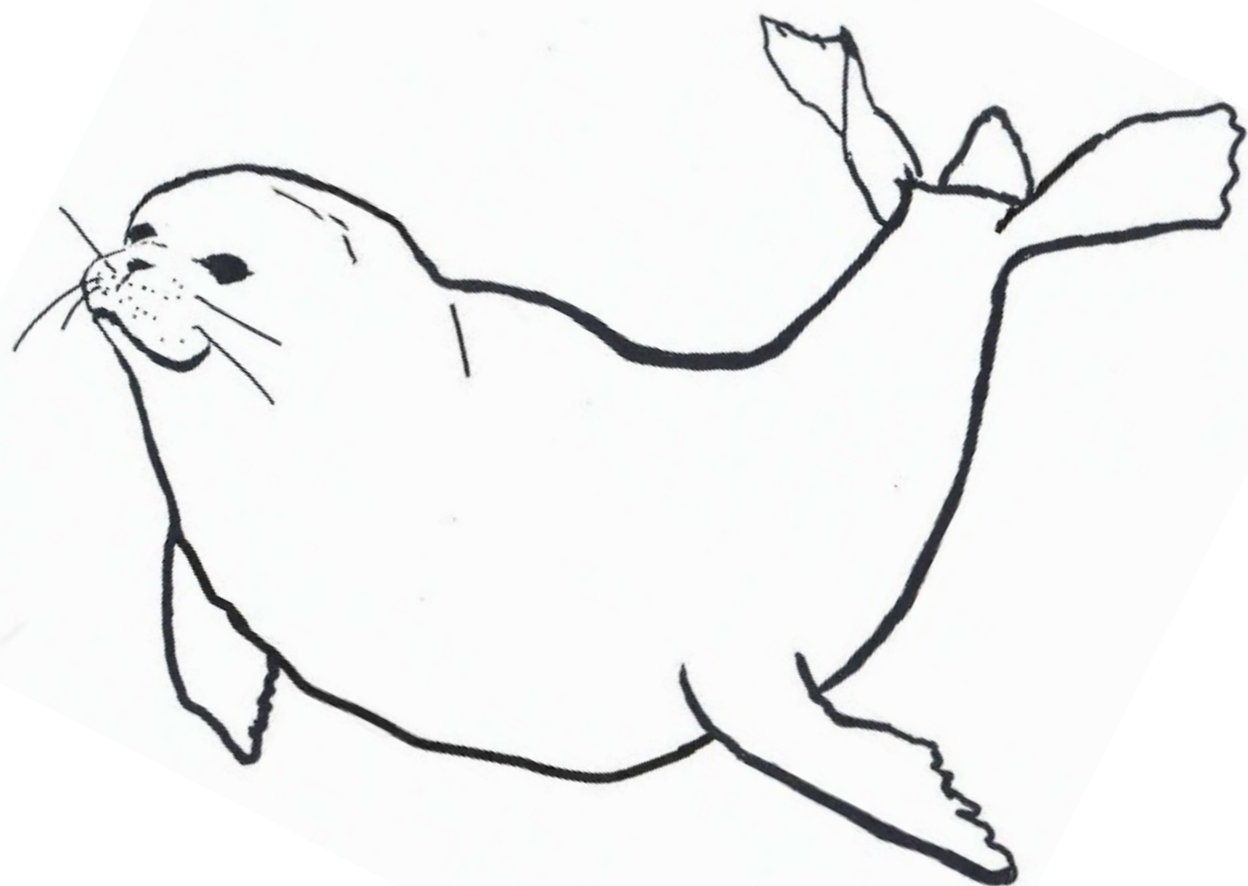
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# HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS

- The Hawaiian monk seal has fingernails, just like you and me!
- Monk seals can live to over 30 years in age
- An adult Hawaiian monk seal can weight between 400 and 600 pounds.
- A Hawaiian monk seal can hold their breath for 20 minutes and dive more than 1,800 feet deep!
- Hawaiian monk seals can hear very well but don't have external ears like humans. Instead, they have small ear holes found on each side of the heads.
- Scientists believe that monk seals have lived in Hawai'i for 13 million years, older than the main Hawaiian Islands themselves!
- Monk seals shed the top layer of their skin and fur about once every year. It's called a catastrophic molt.
- Hawaiian monk seals are generalist feeders, meaning they eat a wide variety of food.
- The Hawaiian monk seal is unique that it lives in tropical waters. Most seals prefer cold and frigid seas!
- Baby monk seals are born with a coat of completely black fur.
- Hawaiian monk seals are one more of the most endangered seal species in the world, with a population of around 1,400 individuals.



# Hawaiian Monk Seal Coloring Sheet



  
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COLORING BOOK

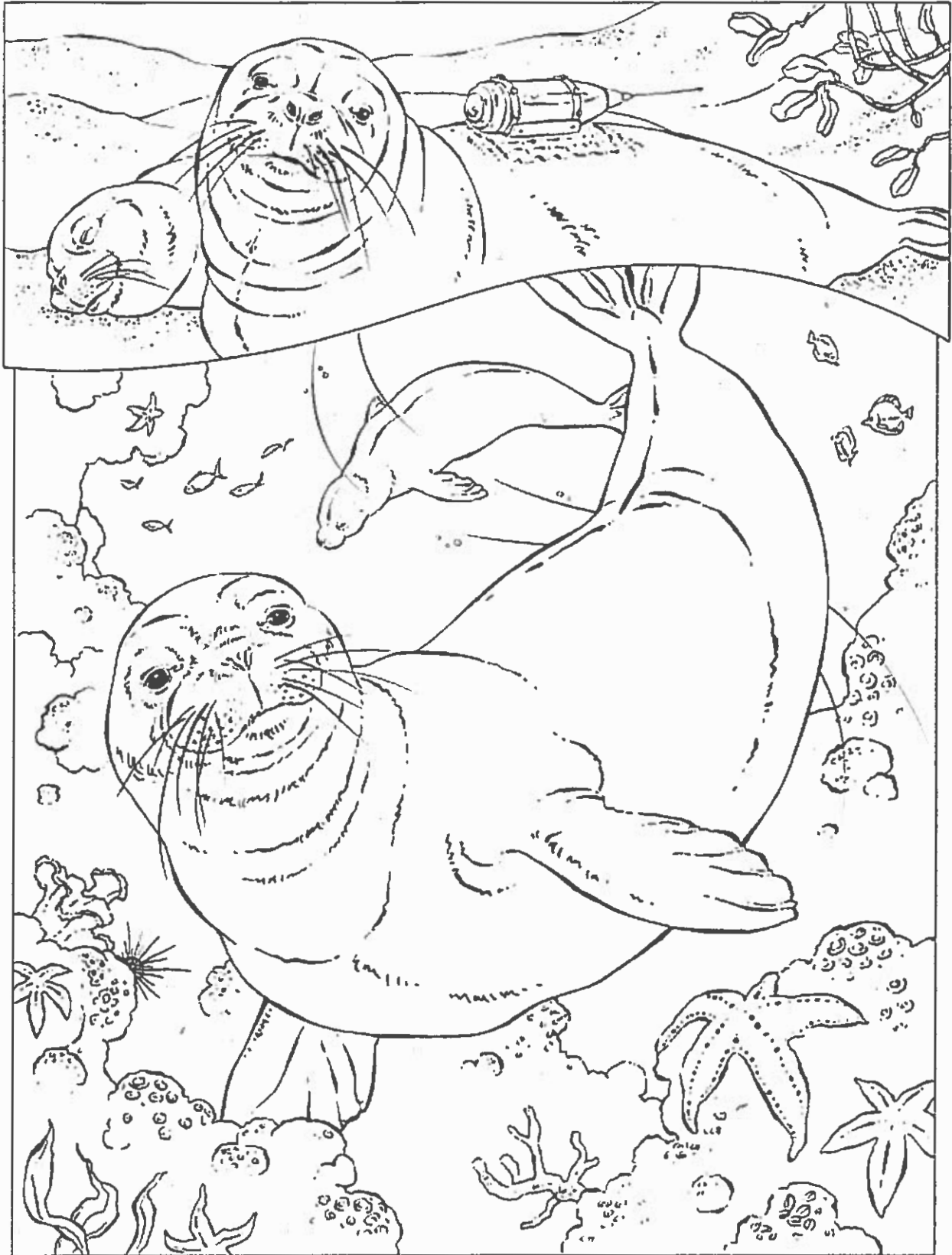


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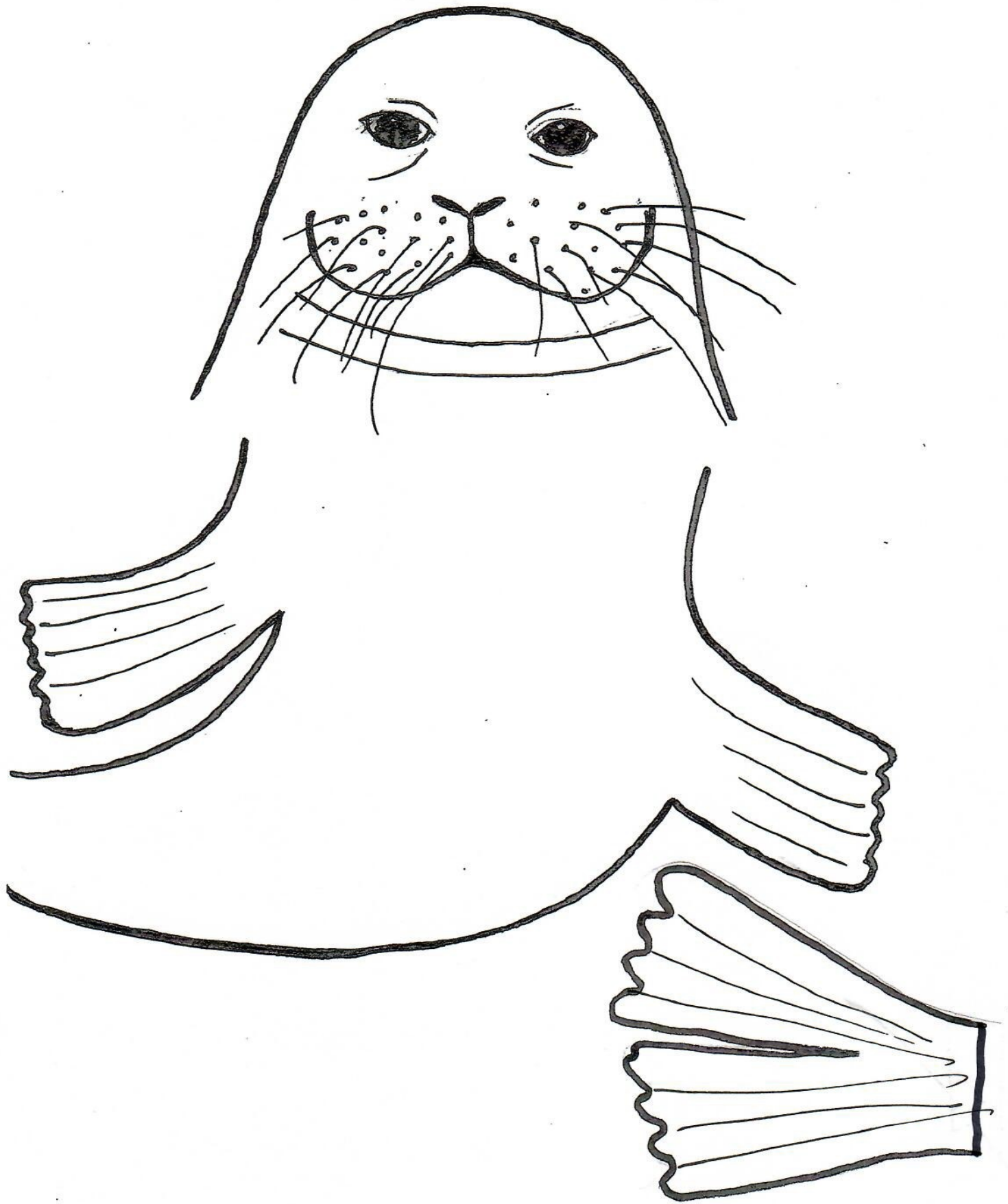
# CRAFT PROJECT

## Monk Seal Art

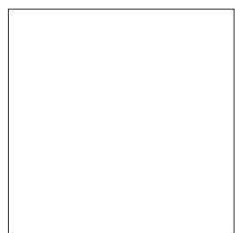
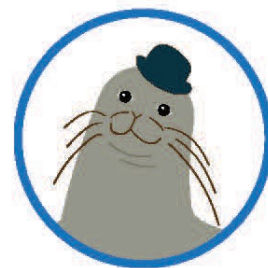
### Monk Seal Puppet

The “lunch bag” style puppet is a fun easy way to create puppets. You can use either white or brown lunch bags usually found in grocery stores. The head to the creature is attached to the folded (bottom ) of the bag and the body on the main part of the bag. The pattern for this puppet is found on the attached page to be colored, cut out and glued or taped to the bag.

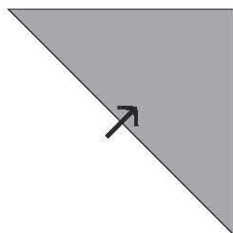




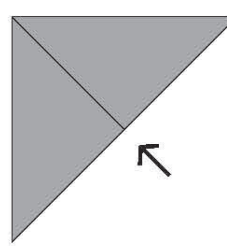
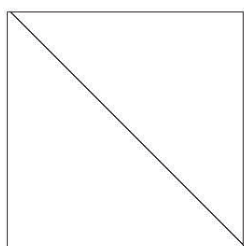
# MAKE YOUR HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL PUPPET!



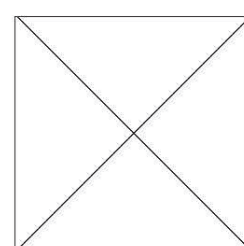
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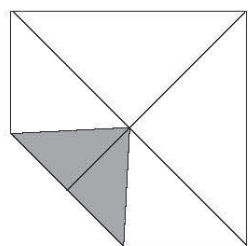
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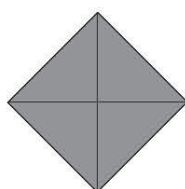
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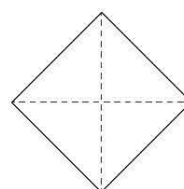
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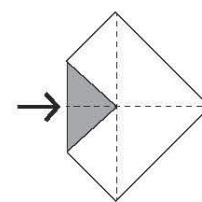
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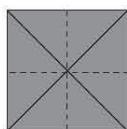
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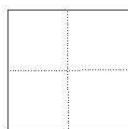
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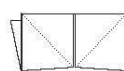
7. Fold corners  
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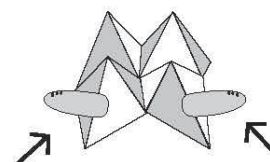
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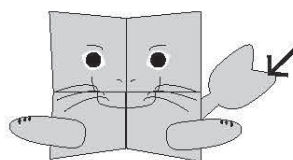
9. Flip over



10. Fold in half



11. Glue fore flippers  
(Left and Right)

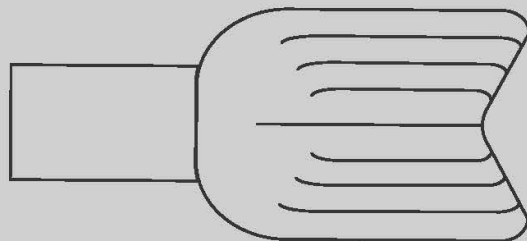
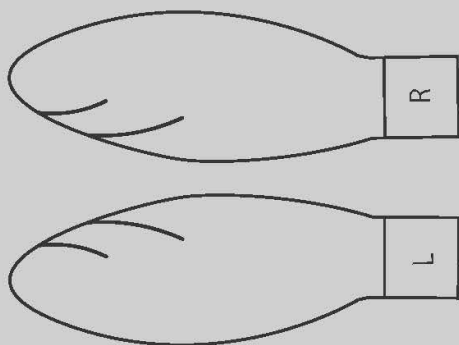
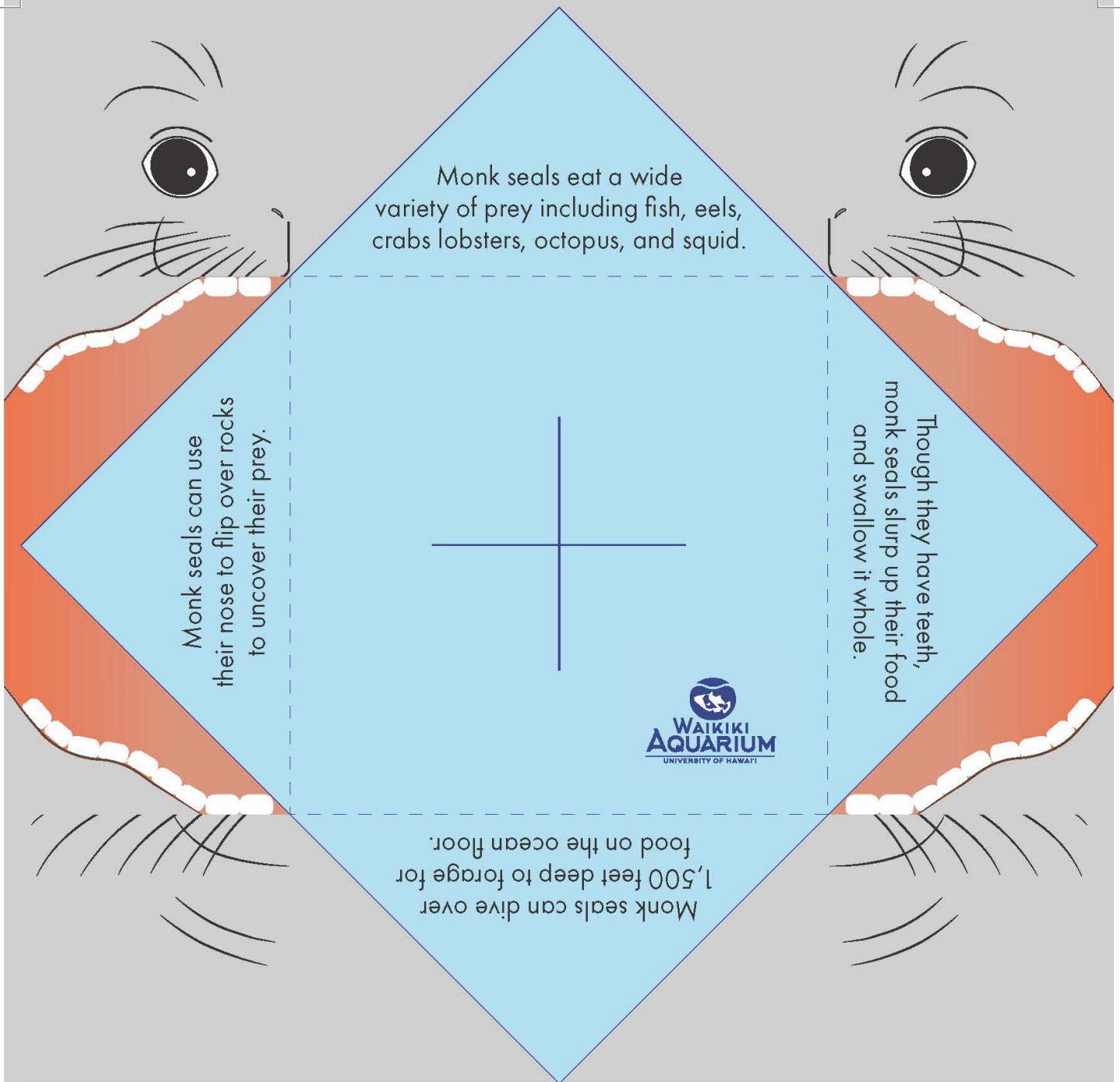


12. Glue hind flipper in the back  
(tail)

Done!!



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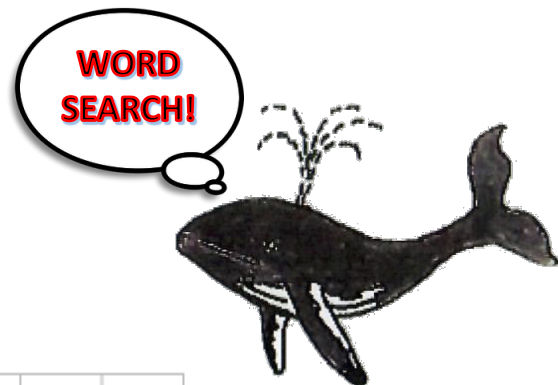


Hawaiian Monk Seal  
'ilio-holo-i-kauaua



# Monk Seal Word Search

Circle the words in the puzzle below!



K	N	H	M	F	E	R	W	R	C	R	A	B	S
P	B	A	W	E	L	I	L	A	I	F	I	S	H
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F	R	E	P	P	I	L	F	K	O	C	E	A	N
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HAWAIIAN  
ENDEMIC  
SQUID  
MONK SEAL  
MAMMAL  
PINNIPED  
FISH  
FUR  
EELS  
WHISKER  
FLIPPER  
ENDANGERED  
OCEAN  
MOLT  
BASK  
MARINE DEBRIS  
CRABS

# SEAL vs SEA LION

DO YOU KNOW THEIR DIFFERENCES?



I live in **warm**, tropical waters.



We mostly live by ourselves (hence the name "monk" seal, for our solitary nature.).

## Hawaiian Monk Seal



I only have earholes.

"bar ppp"

I make a sound like a loud burp!

**6 weeks**  
The length of time my mother cared for me after I was born.

I can't use my flippers to walk, instead when I'm on land I undulate like an inchworm.



"ar ar ar"



I bark like a dog!

I live in **cool** temperate waters.



I have earflaps, just like you.



**9 months**  
The length of time my mother cared for me after I was born.



I live in large groups of up to 1,500!

## Sea Lion



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### Did you know that Hawaiian Monk Seals....

...are endangered species: there are about 1,400 in existence.

...are found only in the Hawaiian Island chain.

...can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes and dive as deep as 1,500 feet!

...grow to 6-7 feet in length and weigh between 350-600 pounds when fully grown.

...have only one pup a year and can start having pups when they are 5 or 6 years old.

...are black when they are pups but turn dark gray or brown as adults.

...molt the top layer of their skin and their fur once a year.

...have a varied diet including fish, squid, octopus and crustaceans.

...are Hawai'i's state mammal.

...have a Hawaiian name, Ilioholoikauaua, which means "dog running the rough seas."

...can be observed from the comfort of your home by watching them on the Waikiki Aquarium's webcam: [WWW.WAIKIKIAQUARIUM.ORG/EXPERIENCE/WEBCAM](http://WWW.WAIKIKIAQUARIUM.ORG/EXPERIENCE/WEBCAM)

### How can we help?

Seals can be seen on the beach resting, nursing a pup or molting. To assure the seals aren't frightened back into the water, please stay 150 feet away, and don't forget to keep your dog on a leash!

Picking up trash on the beach will help prevent injury and entanglements to these curious seals.