

MUSEUM

Signals
Activities

KIDS

Summer 2018/19

December
January
February

Au Wiri
(Big mullet)

Emeret nar
(Outrigger canoe)

Irwapaup
(Hammerhead shark)

Gep
(Sucker fish)

Nam
(Turtle)

Popwag
(Jellyfish)

Koki ilum
(Giant squid)

Walabi
(fishing net)

Artists are storytellers

These artworks here tell stories about the ocean, the beautiful creatures that live there and how they are in danger from marine rubbish.

Au Karem Ira Lamar Lu means Ghost Nets of the Ocean in the traditional language of the people from Erub in the Torres Strait Islands.

Au Karem Ira Lamar Lu is an art installation at the museum by artists from the Erub Arts Collaborative.

Colour in some creatures you might find in this artwork.

Bonau
(Coral)

What are ghost nets?

Ghost nets are abandoned fishing nets. They drift with the ocean currents and tides, trapping and killing marine animals. Indigenous rangers, who care for their country in Northern Australia, clean up the nets and rescue wildlife caught in them.







These nets are then used by artists in this region to create works of art, to tell stories about the terrible damage that discarded fishing nets cause to marine life.

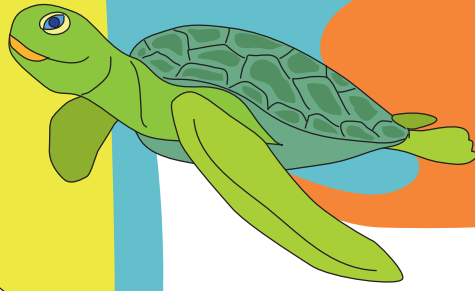
Erub Arts Collaborative is a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists who create works that remind us to care for our marine environment.



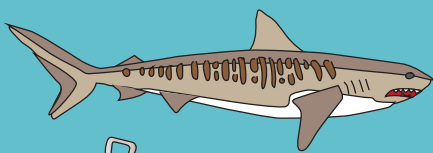
Sketch a turtle

Follow these simple steps to draw a turtle.

- 1 
- 2 
- 3 
- 4 
- 5 
- 6 



More than 10,000 turtles have been trapped in ghost nets in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Some are rescued by Indigenous rangers working in this area but many don't survive. Sometimes they can be released back into the ocean; other times they are so unwell they have to be treated and cared for in a special triage centre.



Where is Erub?

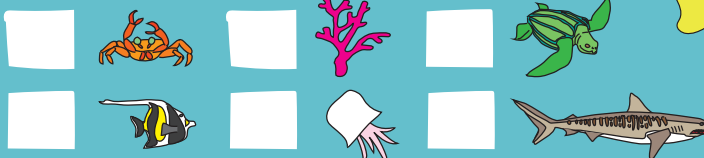
Can you see the Torres Strait Islands on the map?

How far are they from where you live?

Mark your home city/town on the map too.

There are 133 islands that make up the Torres Strait Islands. Only 38 islands have people living on them. Erub (Darnley Island) is one of these islands. Can you see it?

Count how many of each creature you can see in the waters



The 6Rs

How can we help with the problem of ghost nets?

Remove

ghost nets from the coastline.

Record

information about the nets for research.

Rescue

animals from the nets.

Recycle

make art and other products out of nets instead of sending them to landfill.

Raise

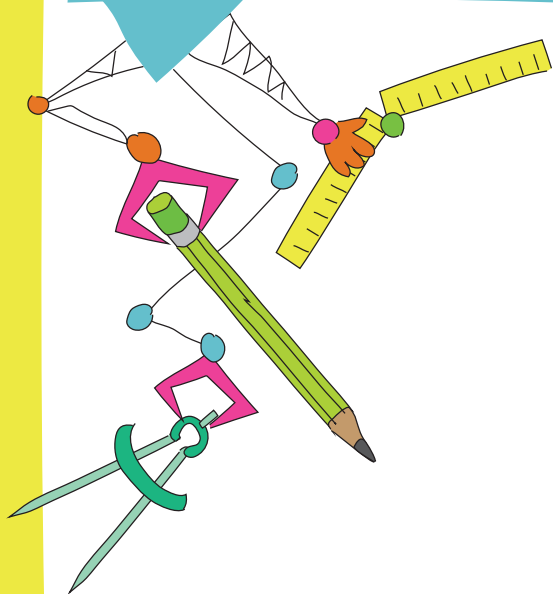
awareness about the issue through education, art, community activities and the media.

Research

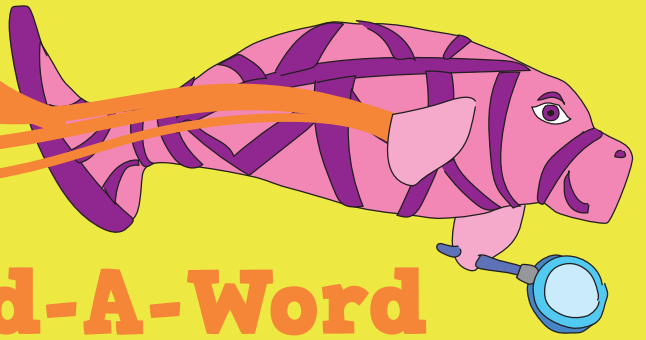
the source of ghost nets to help prevent this issue continuing.

Design your own poster or artwork

that shares the message of how we can help with the problem of ghost nets, using the space below.



Find-A-Word

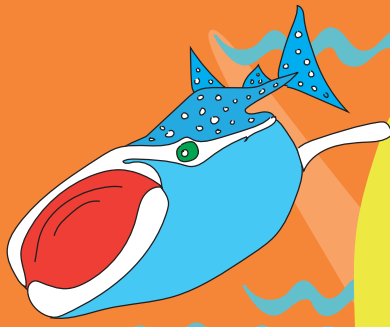


Find the words below.

They could be backwards, forwards, diagonal or downwards.

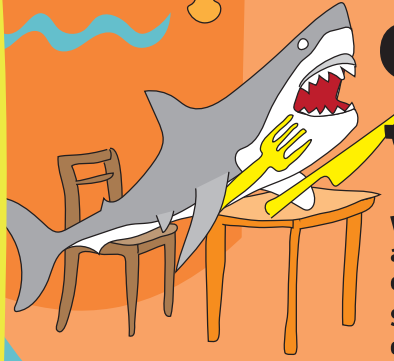
Marine debris	Ghost nets	Erub	Darnley	Ranger
Torres Strait	Weaving	Community	Pollution	Turtle
Ecosystem	Environment	Coral	Reef	
Habitat	Plastic	Endangered	Seabird	

Y S W T N E M N O R I V N E X
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Hammerhead shark

Indigenous name: Irwapaup
Scientific name: Sphyrnidae
Scientific fun facts: Superpowers include ability to see 360 degrees around them and some species can produce 55 babies (pups) at once! Favourite foods include stingrays, octopus, fish, squid and crustaceans. But if food is hard to find they may also eat other sharks, even their own pups.



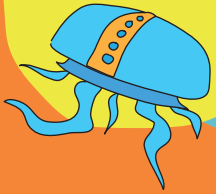
Who's eating who?

What role do turtles, jellyfish and sharks have in the ocean ecosystem?

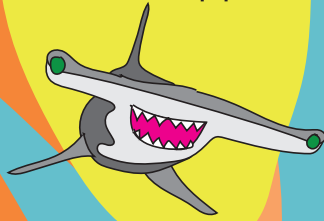
See if you can join the dots to connect them below. We've given you an example.

Jellyfish

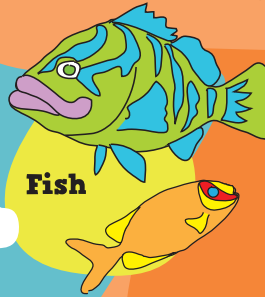
Indigenous name: Popwag
Scientific name: Medusozoa
Scientific fun facts: A group of jellyfish is called a bloom, a swarm or a smack! They've been around for millions of years, even before dinosaurs. Favourite foods include plankton, fish and shrimp. They don't have any brains, heart, bones or eyes, but they do have excellent propulsion. They are not actually fish.



is eaten by



Fish



Tiger shark

Sea turtle

Indigenous name: Nam
Scientific name: Cheloniodea
Fun facts: Sea turtles are reptiles. They've been around since the dinosaurs were here, for more than 220 million years! Their superpowers include excellent eyesight, sense of smell and swimming long distances. Favourite foods include jellyfish, sea grass, crabs and sea cucumbers (but they don't have any teeth).



Plankton



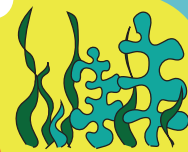
Corals / sponges



Sea cucumber



Crustaceans



Algae



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