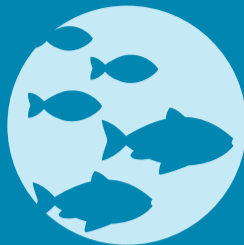


Fantastic fishes: FIND OUT WHAT OUR FINNED FRIENDS CAN DO

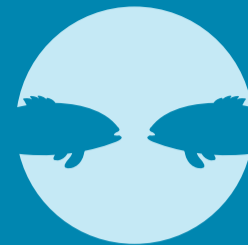
The term 'fishes' is used to refer to multiple species of fish. Fishes make up **60%** of all vertebrate species in the world, so when we use the term 'fish' we clump together a huge range of diverse aquatic individuals from over **33,200** species. Salmon, goldfishes, eels, manta rays and sharks are all different kinds of fishes. Scientific evidence shows that fishes feel pain and are capable of suffering, just like us. In addition to being sentient, fishes are also highly intelligent and socially sophisticated animals.



Fishes have more ways of communicating with each other than any other vertebrate group



Fishes lead complex social lives and can remember hundreds of individuals



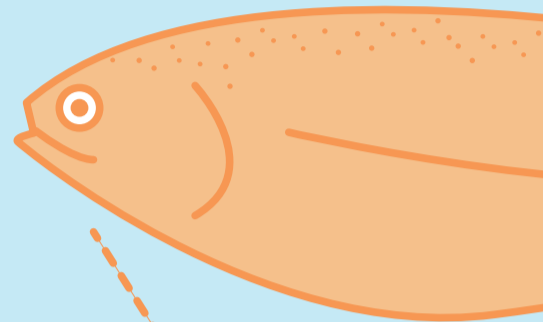
Fishes play and have cultural traditions

Cleaner wrasse ARE SELF-AWARE



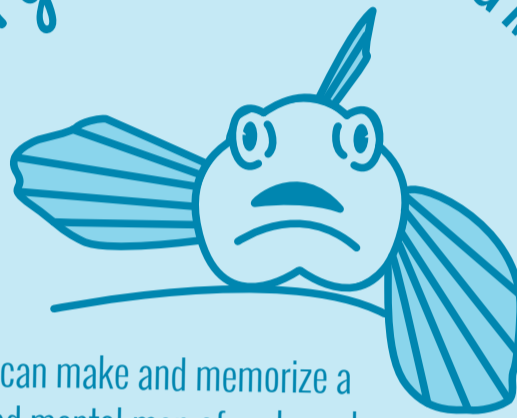
In 2018, I passed the classic mirror self-recognition test, which shows I'm self-aware just like humans, elephants, dolphins and crows..

Salmon HAVE A REMARKABLE SENSE OF SMELL

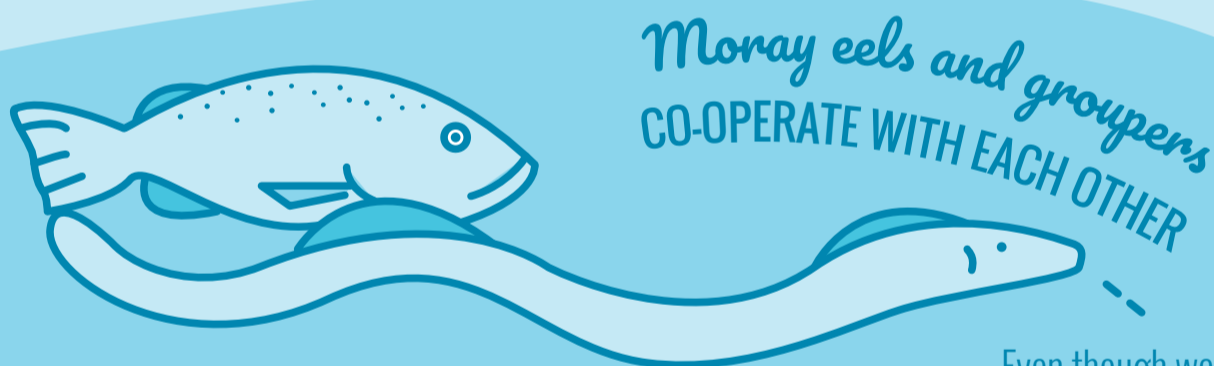


I can smell a single drop of water in an Olympic-sized swimming pool!

Frillfin gobies HAVE AMAZING MEMORIES



I can make and memorize a detailed mental map of rock pools, so that I can safely jump between them at low tide.

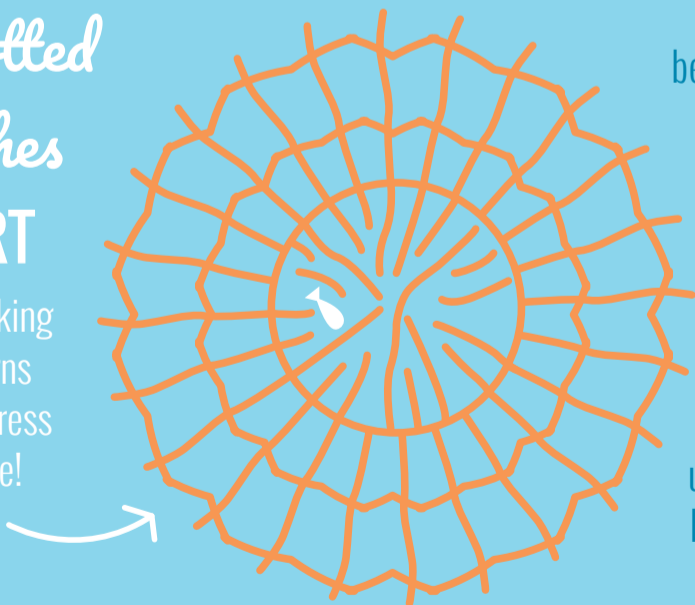


Moray eels and groupers CO-OPERATE WITH EACH OTHER

Even though we're different species, we hunt in pairs because we catch more prey when we work together.

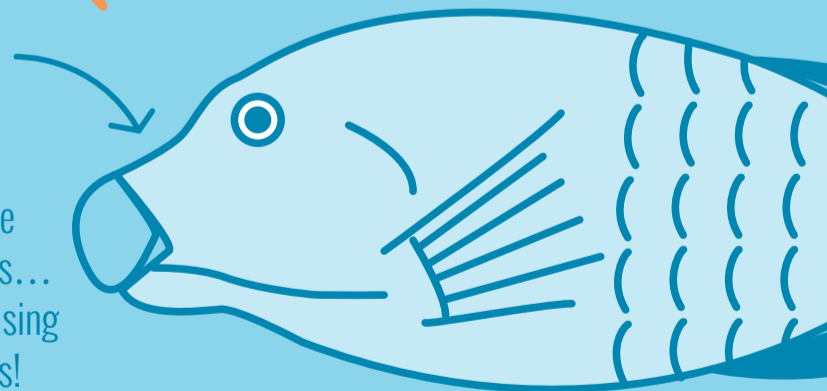
White-spotted puffer fishes MAKE ART

I spend weeks making geometric patterns in the sand to impress my perfect mate!



Tuskfishes USE TOOLS

Tool-use was thought to be unique to mammals and birds... but then scientists saw me using rocks to crack open clams!



Archerfish ARE INNOVATIVE

I can accurately aim and spit sharp jets of water through the air to catch insects taking visual distortion into account.



Question

whether our treatment of fishes reflects what we know about them.



Consider

the different views on this issue, and decide for yourself where you stand.



Discuss

with your friends, family, classmates and teachers. Debating complex issues is healthy and helpful.

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