



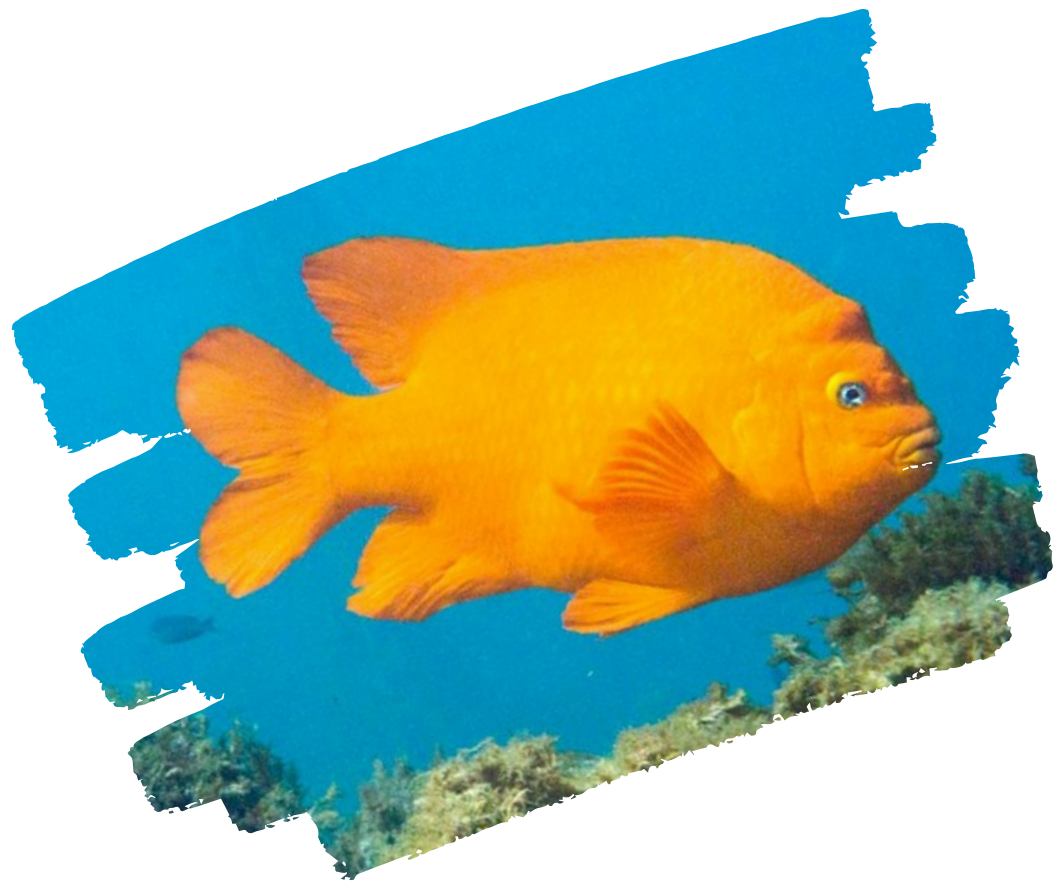
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Learning from Home

Catalina Island Marine Life

Coloring Pages



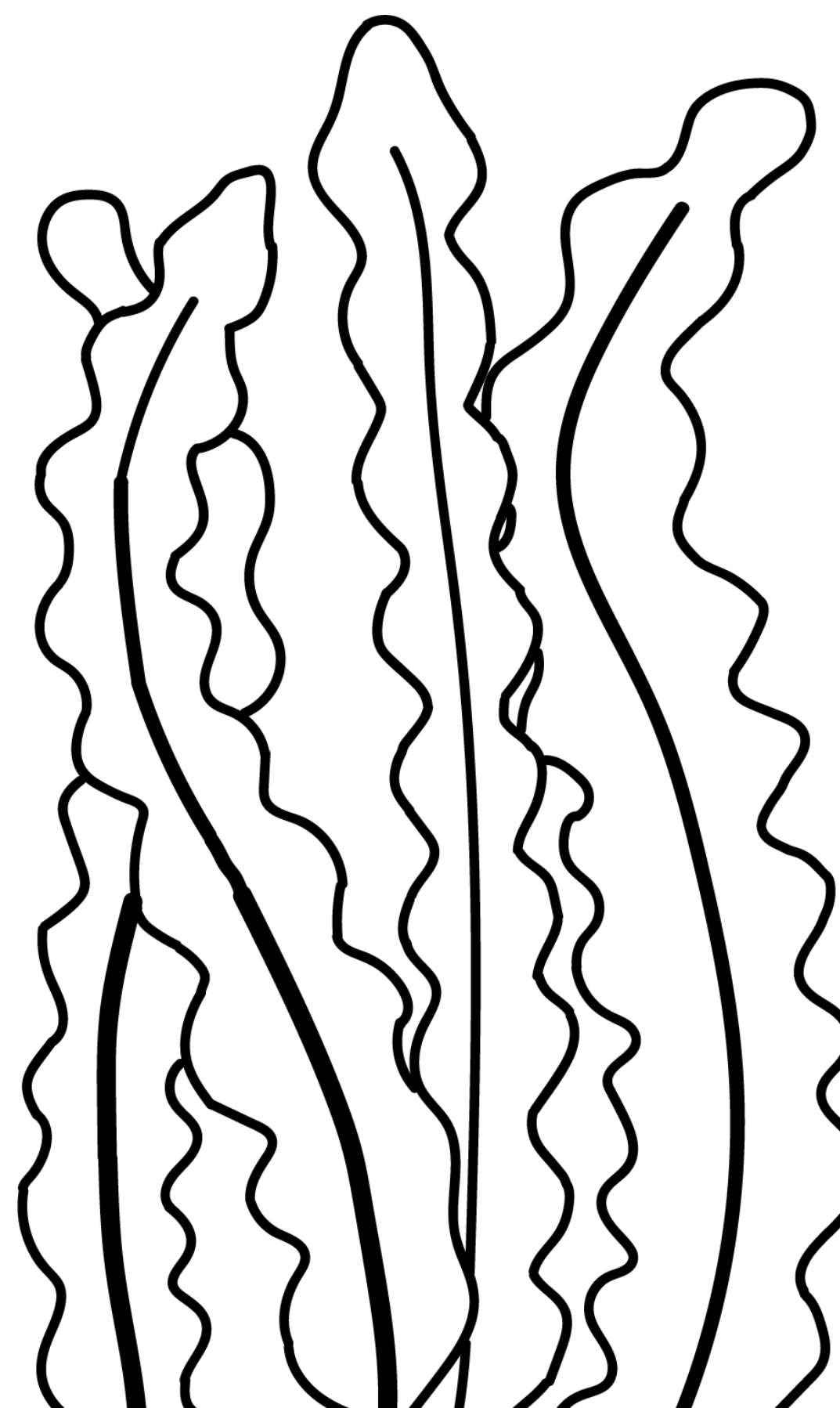
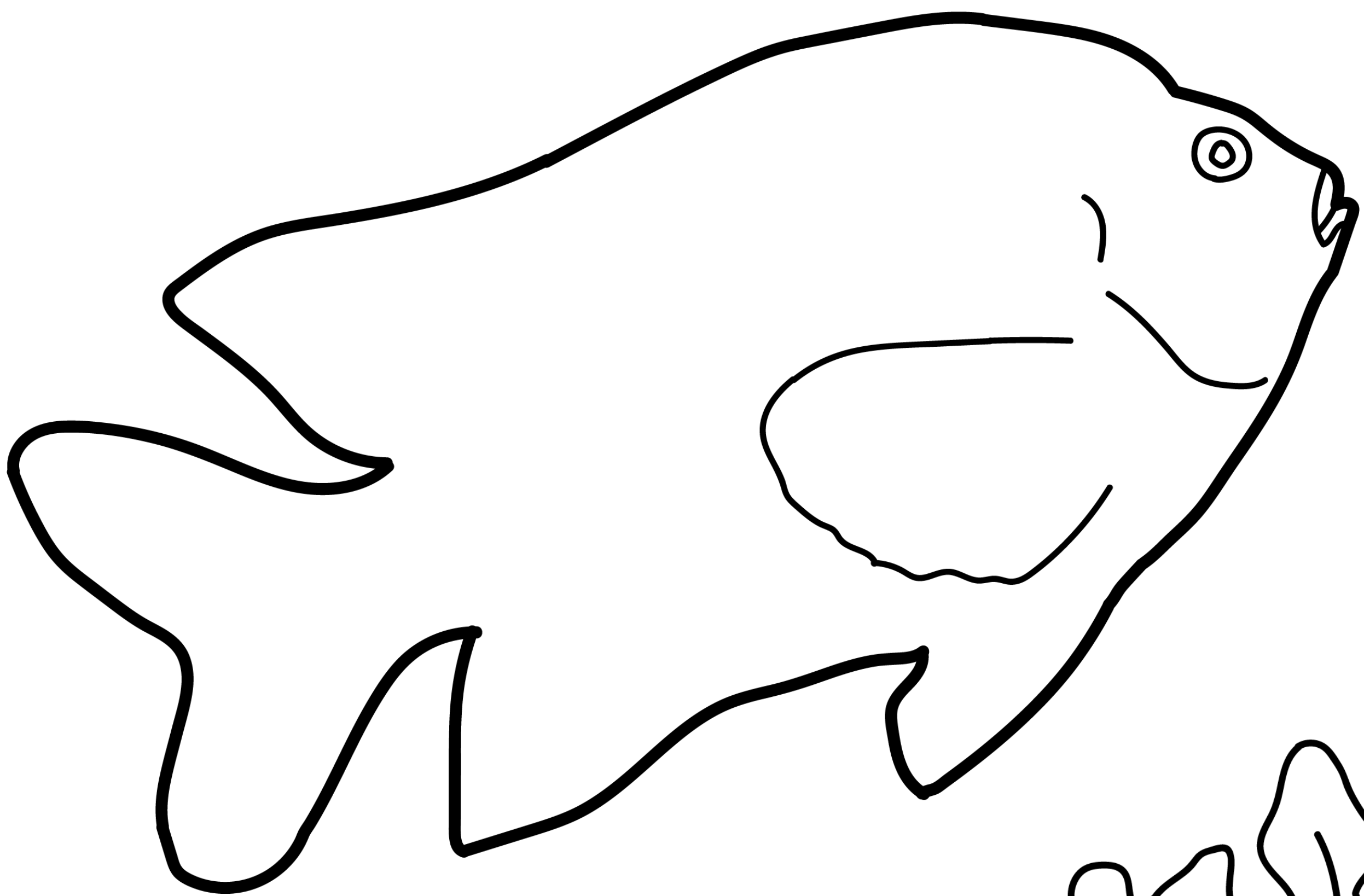
Catalina Island has an abundance of marine life along its coastline. Marine life comes in all shapes and sizes, from teeny microscopic plankton to whales bigger than two whole school buses! These coloring pages will give you an opportunity to learn more about life in the ocean while letting your creativity shine!



Garibaldi

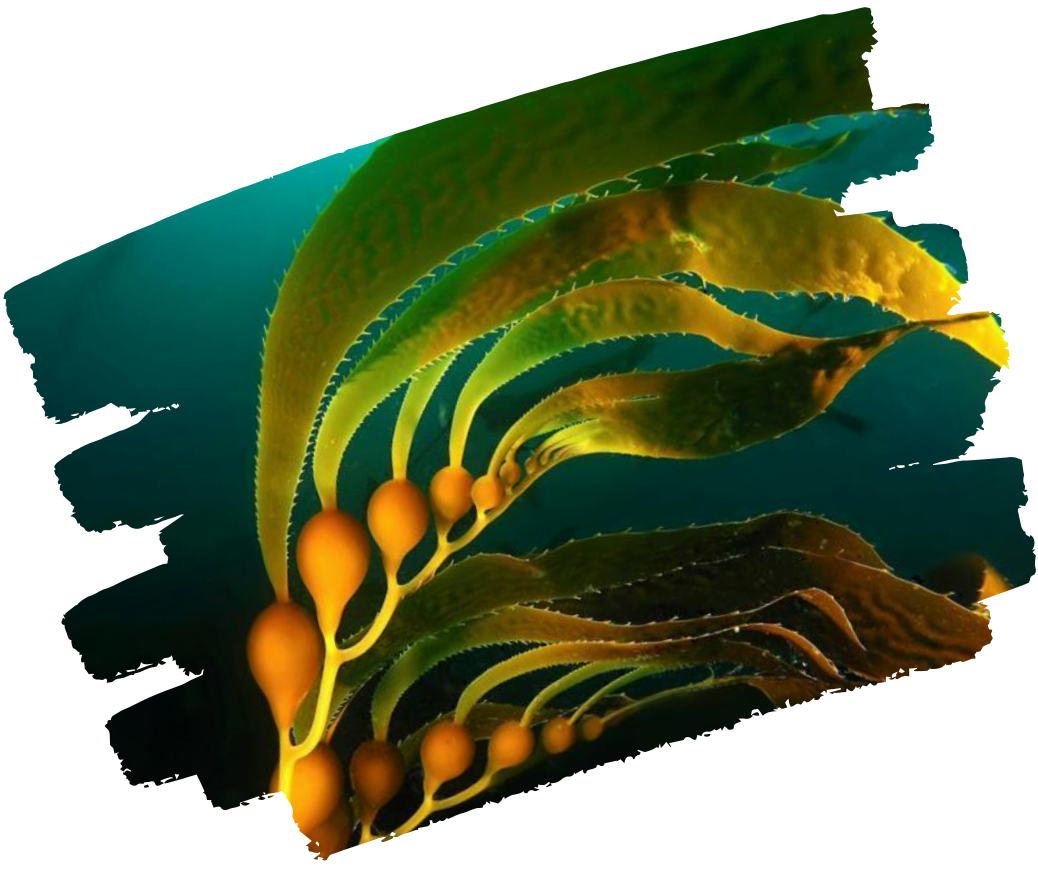
Scientific Name: *Hypsypops rubicundus*

Garibaldi are the California State Marine Fish! They are protected in California waters and are found all around Catalina Island. Juveniles have vibrant blue spots that fade as they grow older.



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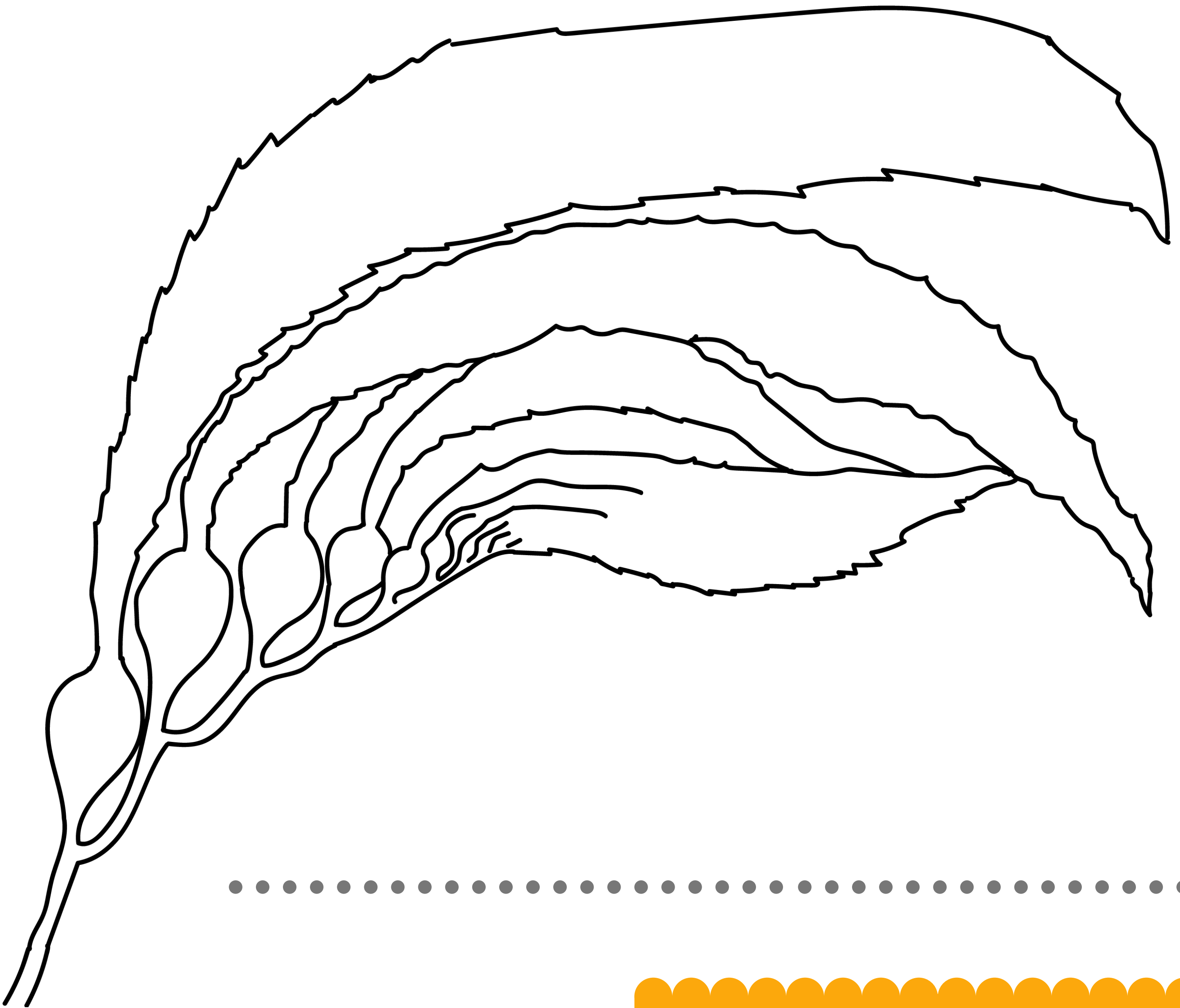
MALE GARIBALDI ARE GREAT DADS! THEY SELECT AND PREPARE THE NEST FOR THE FEMALES AND GUARD THE EGGS



Giant Kelp

Scientific Name: *Macrocystis pyrifera*

Giant kelp is a type of brown algae that grows along the coastline of Catalina Island. Kelp can grow up to 175 feet long, creating giant underwater forests for many ocean creatures to live in! Can you think of an animal that lives in a kelp forest?



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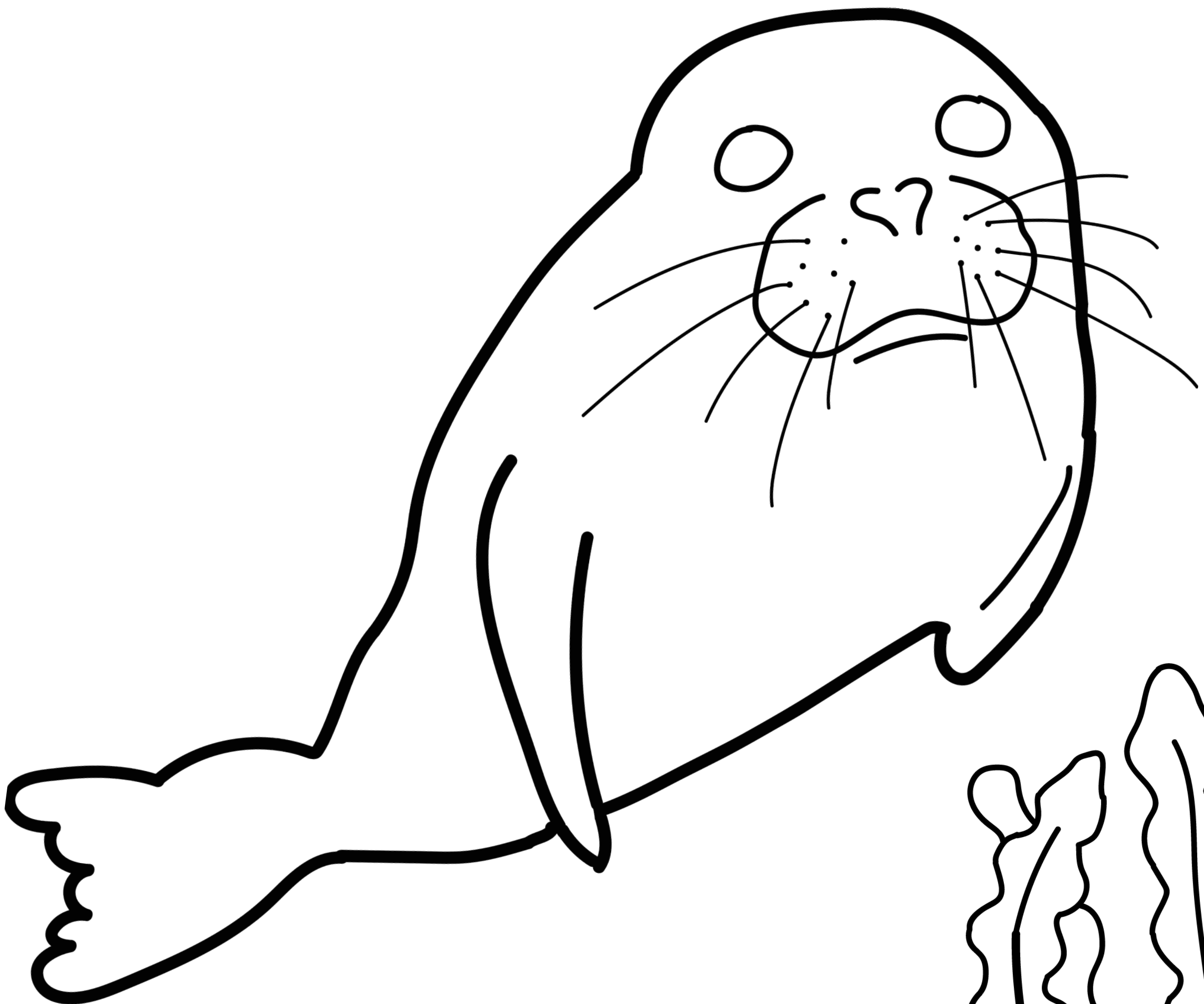
**GIANT KELP CAN GROW UP TO
1-2 FEET IN JUST ONE DAY!**



Harbor Seal

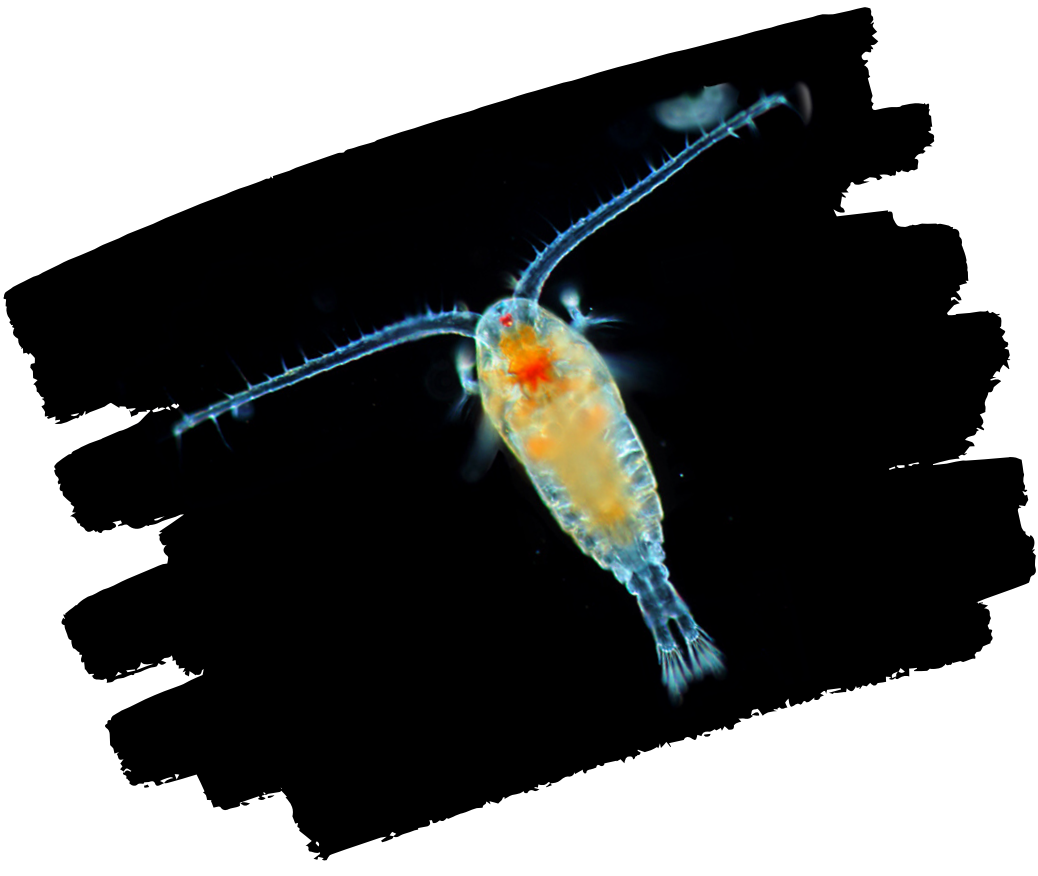
Scientific Name: *Phoca vitulina*

Harbor seals are marine mammals. They live their entire life in the ocean and hunt fish for food. Harbor seals breathe air, like other mammals, but can hold their breath for up to 30 minutes!



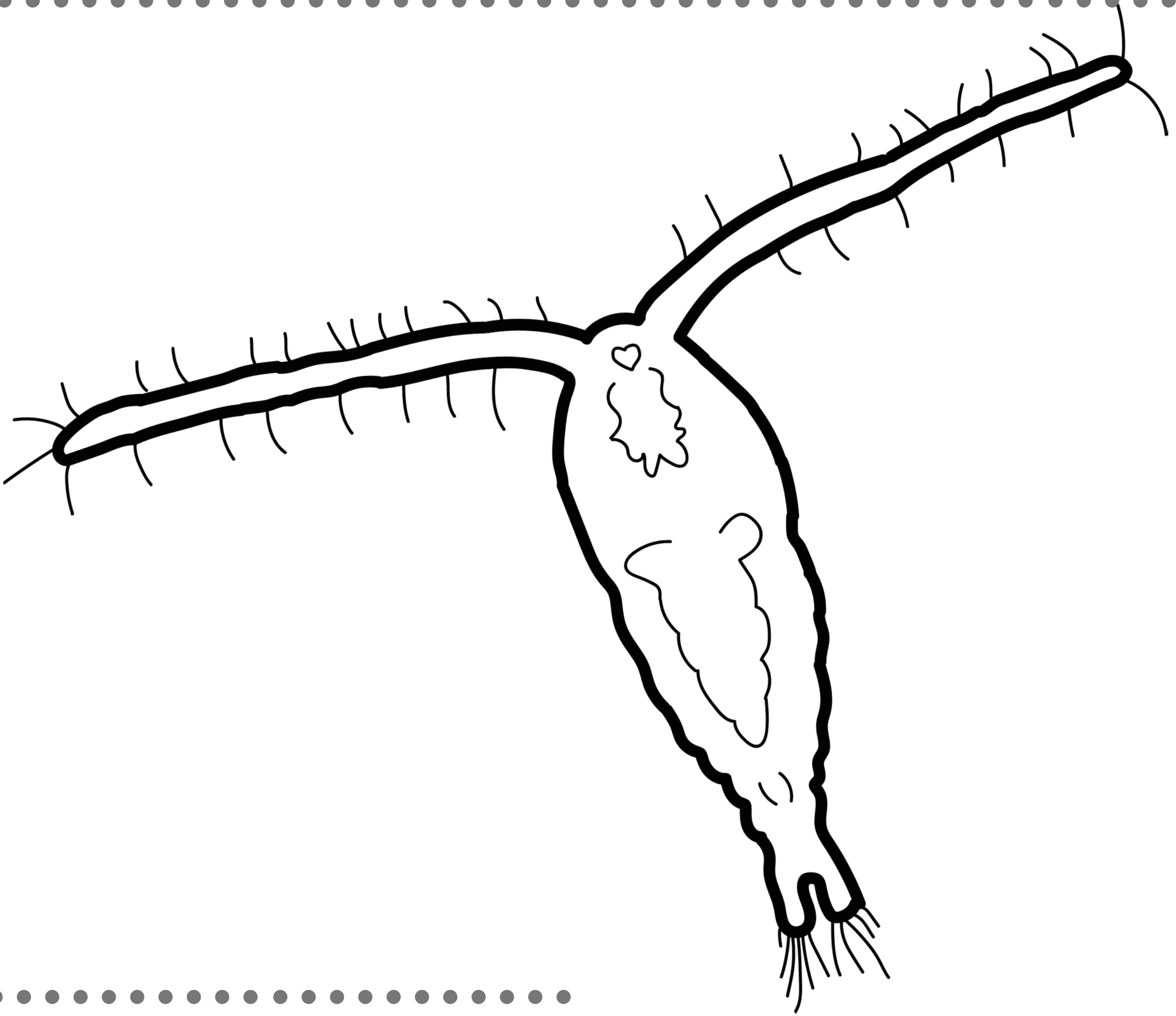
THINKING CAP!

WHY DO YOU THINK HARBOR SEALS EVOLVED TO LIVE IN THE OCEAN RATHER THAN ON LAND?



Plankton

This type of plankton is an animal called a copepod. Plankton float freely in the ocean and are often hard to see without a microscope. Plankton play an important role in the ocean food web. They also produce oxygen that we breathe!



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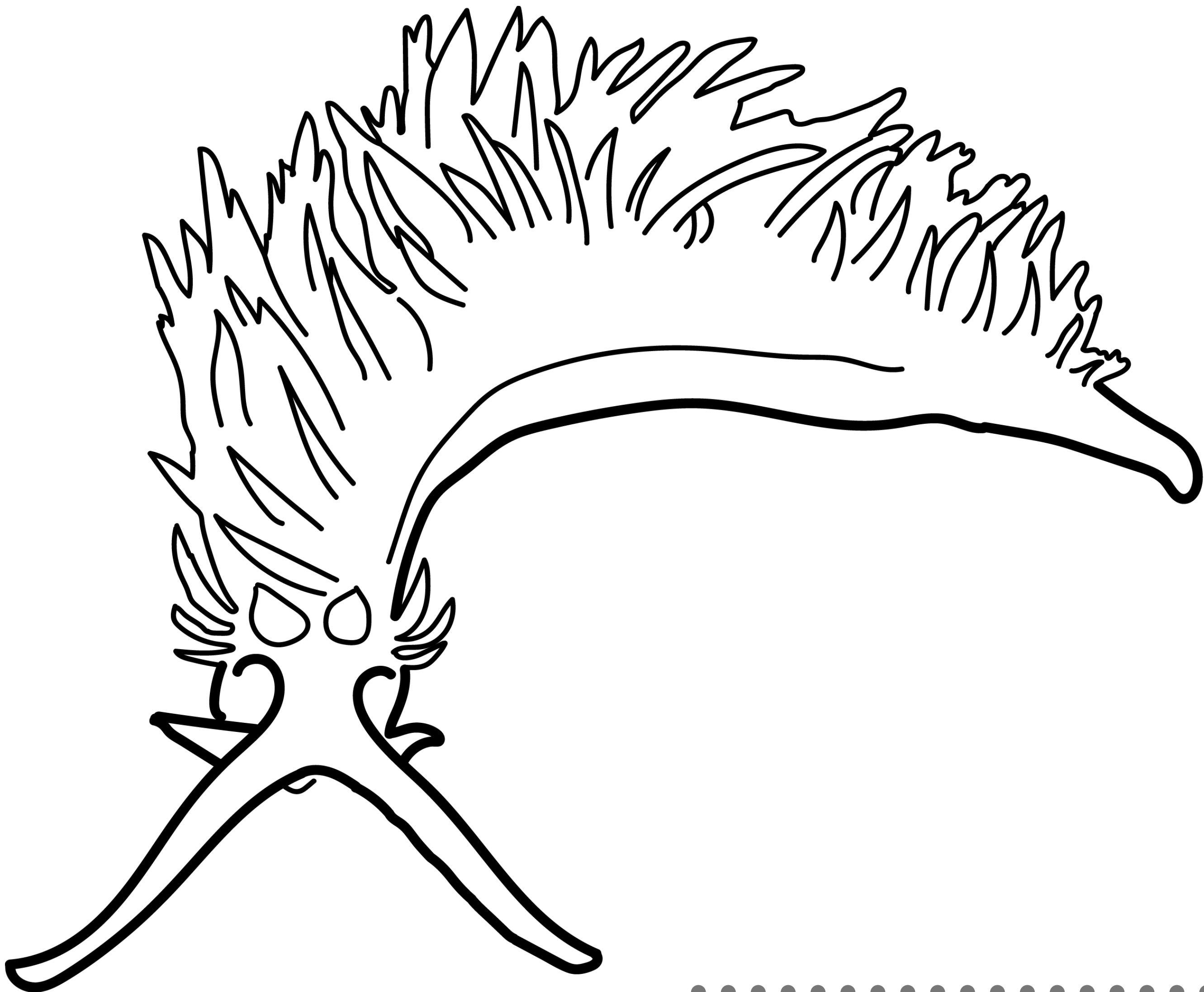
SOME PLANKTON ARE PLANTS AND OTHERS ARE ANIMALS! PLANKTON THAT ARE PLANTS ARE CALLED PHYTOPLANKTON. PLANKTON THAT ARE ANIMALS ARE CALLED ZOOPLANKTON.



Nudibranch

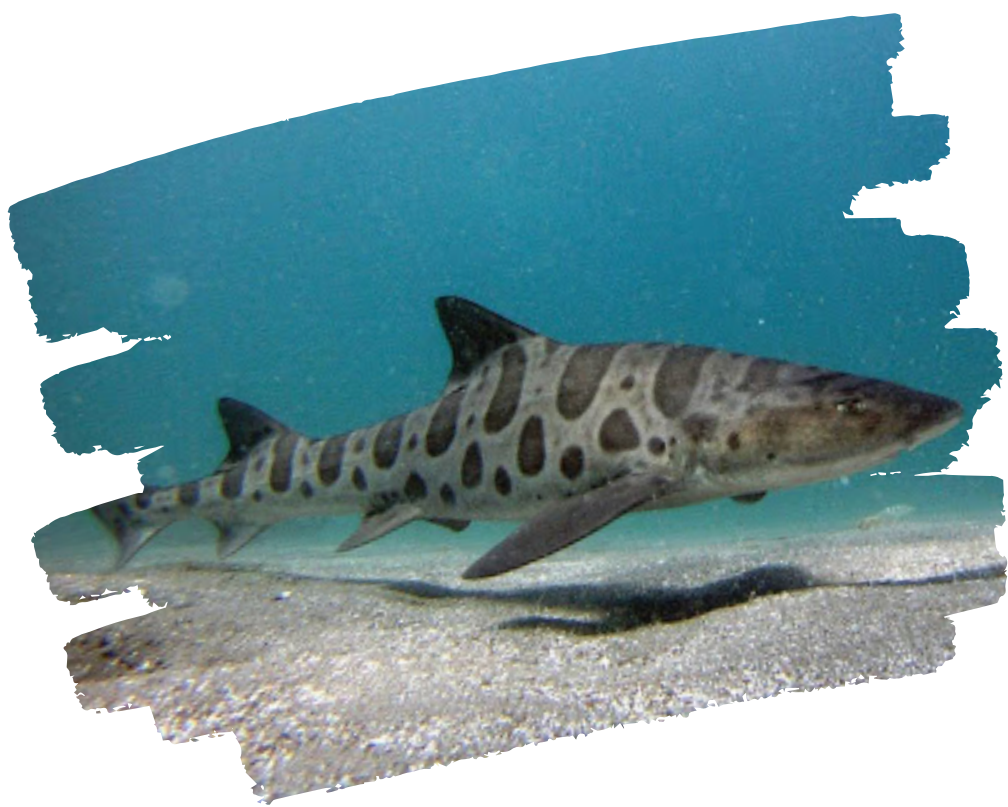
Scientific Name: *Flabellinopsis iodinea*

This species of nudibranch is called a Spanish Shawl. Nudibranchs are sea slugs that come in many beautiful colors! They are carnivores, which means they eat other marine animals. Their diet can include corals, anemones, sponges, and even other nudibranchs!



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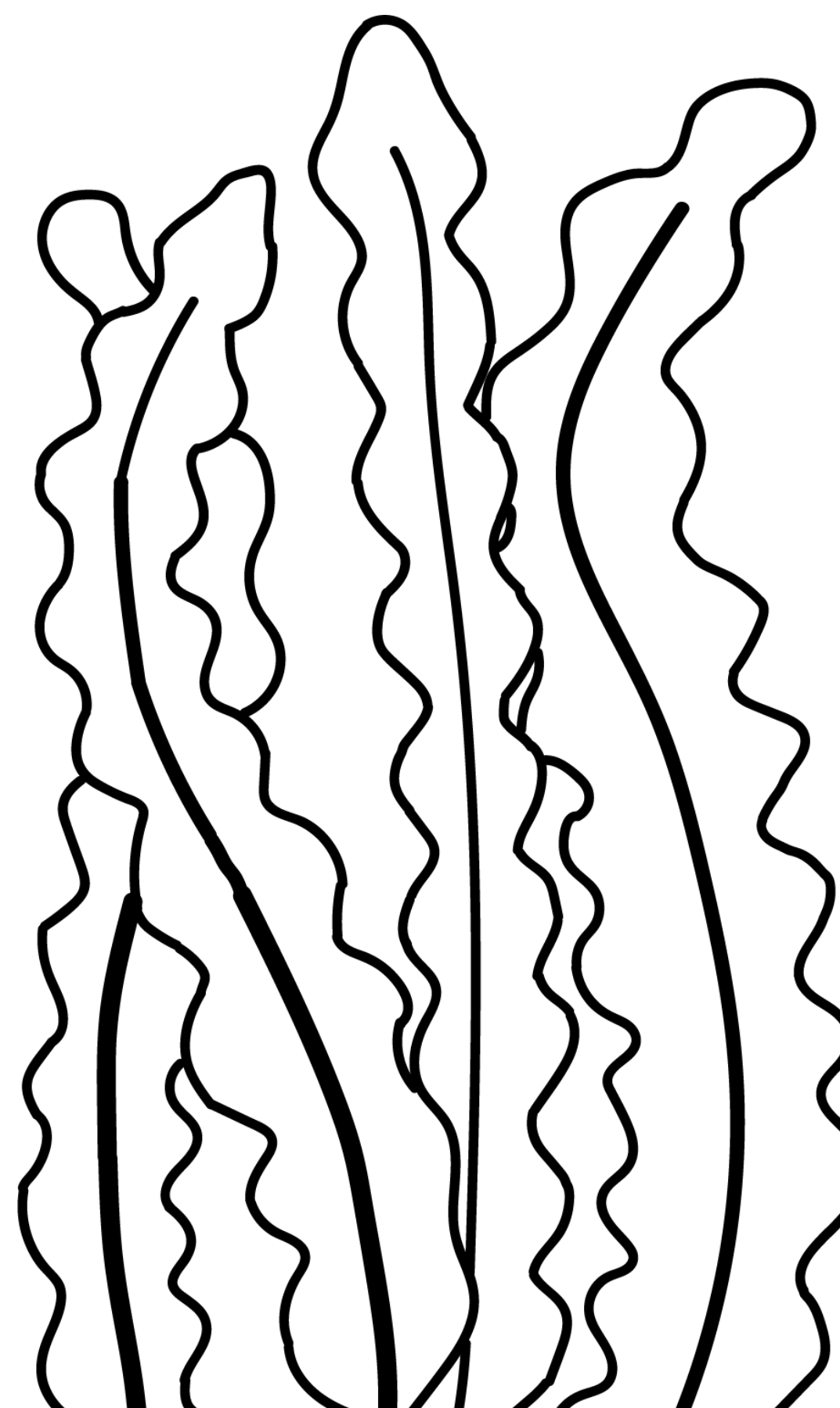
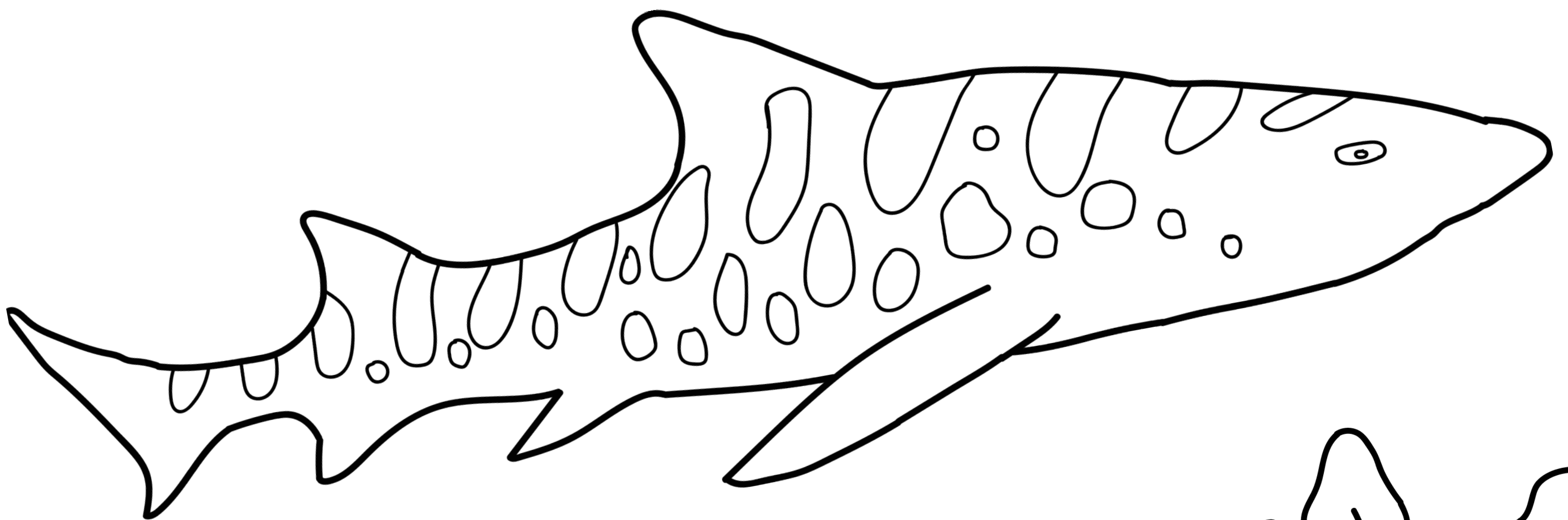
HOW DO YOU THINK NUDIBRANCHS GET THEIR VIBRANT COLORS?



Leopard Shark

Scientific Name: *Triakis semifasciata*

Leopard sharks are often found in the shallow, warm waters of Catalina Island in the summertime. They are a smaller species of shark and can grow anywhere from 4-6 feet in length. Their diet includes animals like crabs, fish, octopuses and clams.



DID YOU KNOW?

SHARK SKELETONS ARE MADE OUT OF CARTILAGE, LIKE OUR NOSES AND EARS! THIS HELPS THEM BE MORE FLEXIBLE WHILE SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN.