

# Fabulous facts about...

## Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana marine life



Photo: Brian Mackie

**T**āmure/snapper spend most of their lives close to our coasts. They eat almost anything they come across, including crabs, shrimps and small fish.



Photo: Nadine Gibbs



**A**ihe/common dolphin seem to get along with everyone! They form enormous schools of several thousand individuals, and often hang out with pilot whales, other dolphin species, and even humans.

**M**angō ururoa/great white sharks around New Zealand migrate to the tropics during winter and return home to places like the Hauraki Gulf for summer.



Photo: Clinton Duffy

**B**efore humans arrived there were 2 million kekeno/fur seal in New Zealand. After centuries of being hunted they are now protected and numbers are growing again.



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**S**ome maki/orca (killer whale) stay with their mothers for life. Their complex matriarchal society is just one reason experts believe keeping orca captive is inhumane.



Photo: Roger Grace

**T**here are five marine sanctuaries in the Hauraki Gulf. These allow marine life to thrive and give thousands of people the chance to swim, snorkel, and dive into nature.

**K**ina/sea urchin population explosions happen when species like snapper are overfished. 'Kina barrens', where kelp forests are entirely eaten, significantly change the marine environment.

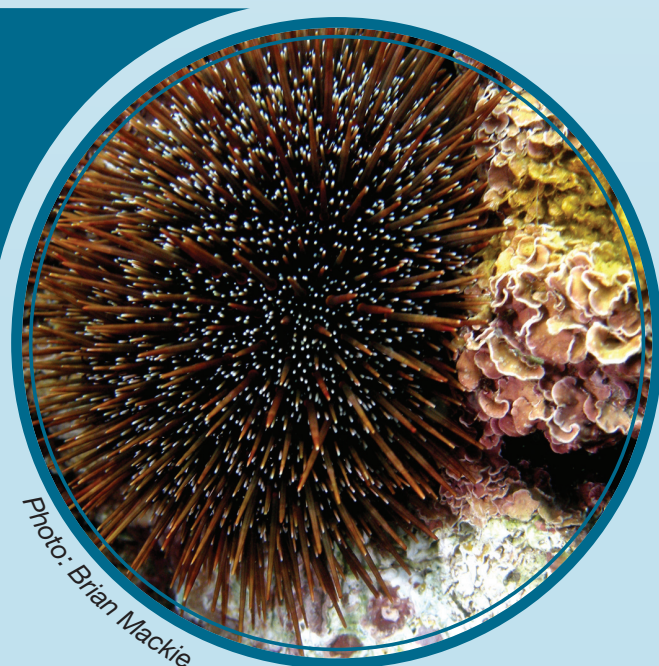


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**W**hakahao/New Zealand sea lion aren't ill when they are vomiting – they are getting rid of undigested food, like fish bones. Apart from this, they are quite charismatic.



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