

Marine Plants and Coral



Seagrass has leaves, a stem and roots just like plants that grow on land. It grows at the bottom of the ocean. This is a picture of a seagrass meadow.

Sea turtles, manatees, dugongs, marine iguanas all eat seagrass.



Seaweed can attach itself to rocks and is always seen on the beach when the tide is out.

Crabs, crayfish, lobsters and some fish eat seaweed.







Coral reefs are not plants they are living organisms so they are classed as an animal. But they eat algae to grow and like seagrass meadows they provide a safe place full of food to start the marine life food chain.

Parrot fish, butterfly fish and sea slugs feed on coral.

Marine Plants or algae start the food chain for marine life. Sometimes small marine animals eat the plants and then they are eaten by bigger marine animals. But sometimes big animals eat marine plants too.

Next to each of these pictures can you draw the plant or coral that each of these marine animals eat and label it?

<p>Parrot fish</p> 	<p>What do I eat?</p>
<p>Crab</p> 	
<p>Dugong</p> 	
<p>Lobster</p> 	

Can you add one more of your own here?
 (You can use the information you've been given)