



Oceans Alive!



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Cost: \$199.95 for all four videotapes
\$59.95 + s&h for each videotape

SUBJECT

Science
Social Studies

This material consists of four fifty-minute videotapes and two teaching guides. Each videotape contains ten five-minute segments, each of which addresses a different aspect of ocean life. Topics include the classification of sponges, ways to identify fish, the role of zooplankton in the ocean, food chains, and homes used by sea creatures. A variety of oceanic life forms from whales to sponges, are featured. Segments are narrated and feature color photography, much of it under water. The teaching guide includes additional information on each of the forty topics, as well as suggestions for discussions or classroom investigations related to the segment topic. The first two videocassettes and accompanying teacher's guide are also available in Spanish.

Grade	Level
	5 & up
Length	
	videos & teacher's guides
Date	Published
	1992

What the REVIEWERS Said!

Strengths Noted

Other Considerations

The photography in the videos is very clear and was well received. The information appears to be both accurate and fair in presentation. The suggestions for activities and discussion in the teacher's guide are helpful. Animals not frequently found in nature films are given attention here. The segments are in no particular order; all feature the same background music, and move rather slowly. As a result, they might become boring to some students if used for too long or too frequently. Related topics are sometimes scattered among segments, with unrelated footage in between. Some of the terminology used in the videotape is not defined.