



Irish Marine Ecosystem Posters

DISCUSSIONS



What is an Ecosystem?



What is a Marine Ecosystem?



What Marine Ecosystem can we find in Ireland?



Who lives amongst them?

CHOOSE ONE ECOSYSTEM BELOW TO EXPLORE AND CREATE YOUR POSTER!

1 SEAGRASS BEDS



- Seahorse
- Pipefish
- Juvenile Fish
- Snakelocks Anemones
- Scallops
- Seasquirts

Seagrass beds are nurseries for many young species, and produce OXYGEN!

2 KELP FORESTS



- Kelp & other seaweeds
- Pollock
- Ballan Wrasse
- Sea Urchins
- Catsharks
- Spider Crabs

Kelp forests are homes for many marine species and help protect our coastline

3 ROCKY REEFS



- Coral (Soft Coral)
- Velvet Swimming Crab
- Corkwing Wrasse
- Jewel Anemones
- Starfish
- Lobsters

Rocky reefs are full of hiding places and food!

4 ROCK POOLS



- Limpets
- Periwinkles
- Beadlet Anemones
- Seaweeds (Wracks)
- Gobies
- Barnacles

Rock Pools are mini worlds of amazing life

5 SANDY SHORES & BAYS



- Shore Crabs
- Lug Worms
- Razor Clams
- Flounder
- Skates
- Sand Eels

Many Animals live hidden in the sand!

6 ESTUARIES & SALTMARSHES



- Curlew
- Grey Mullet
- Shore Crabs
- European Eel
- Atlantic Salmon
- Glasswort

Estuaries are rich feeding grounds and support lots of wildlife

POSTER IDEAS FOR STUDENTS

- Draw the ecosystem and the animals that live there
- Label the plants and animals
- Include fun facts, and threats to the habitat
- Add a message about how we can protect it



REMEMBER

OUR SEAS ARE ALIVE WITH WONDER. LET'S LEARN, CARE AND TAKE ACTION FOR A HEALTHIER OCEAN