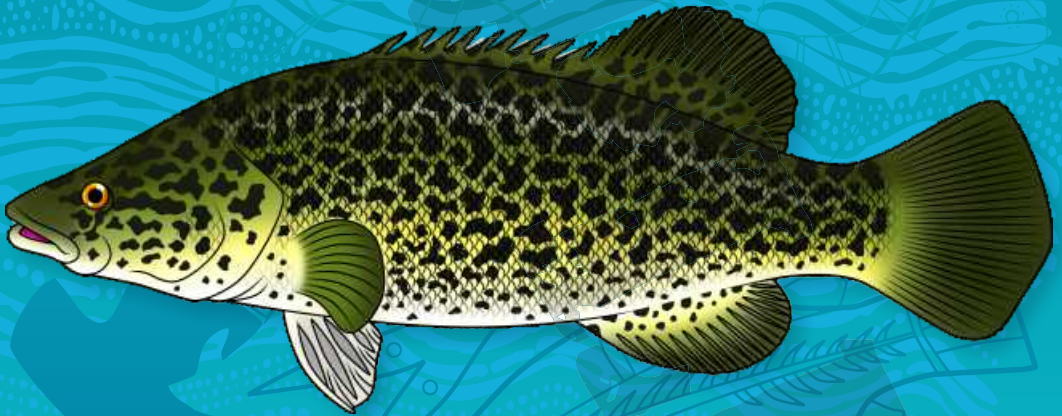


# Marine Animals





**Reading Recovery level:** 18

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**Text type:** narrative

**Content:** non-fiction


**ACARA reference:** Marine animals form the base for the study on ecology and conservation. Cross-curriculum priority is given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Histories and Culture. This can be discussed as an integrated unit of work in relation to the marine environment. This is a discussion starter on the animals and plants that live in the oceans and waterways. ACARA however, state clearly the Early Years' focus is literacy not knowledge or content.

**Teacher notes:** The First Peoples of Australia required Australia's marine life for their own survival. It was essential that they lived off these animals for food. Australia's range of marine environments is great. Further study can be done on the animals that live in the oceans around Australia.

**Difficult words:** dugong, eels, Australia, animals, spear, oysters, turtle, people, crocodile, sharks, whales, trapped, cooked, canoes, caught, looking, shellfish, hunted, dangerous, afraid.



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Australia has many animals that live in the water. Crabs live in the sea under rocks. Crabs would have been good food for the First People.





In the rivers there were big fish to eat. The First People used fish traps and spears to catch cod.

