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SEAHORSES

Seahorses are truly unique, and not just because of their unusual equine shape. Unlike most other fish, some species are monogamous and mate for life. Rarer still, they are among the only animal species on Earth in which the male bears the unborn young.

You can learn more about these threatened creatures in the following materials.

BOOKS

Realm of the Pygmy Seahorse/Constantinos Petrinos. QL137.5.P48 2001

The author is an underwater photographer who features not only the Pygmy Seahorse, but all of the other sea life in the Lembeh Strait in Indonesia.

Seahorses: A complete pet owner's manual/Frank Indiviglio. SF458 .S43 I53 2002

Everything you would like to know about the seahorse's history, classification, care, nutrition, handling and behavior can be found here.

Seahorses: Conservation and care/Neil Garrick-Maidment. QL638 .S9 G37 1997

The author has set up the Seahorse Nature Aquarium, the Seahorse Trust and launched the British Seahorse Survey. Accurately informs how to keep and care for seahorses while stressing the need for their conservation.

Seahorses, Pipefishes and their relatives: A comprehensive guide to syngnathiformes/Rudie H. Kuiter. QL638 .S9 K85 2000

Loaded with beautiful photographs, this book explains that the seahorse family, scientifically termed order Syngnathidae, includes seadragons, pipefishes and pipehorses. Besides useful facts, there is a treasure trove of information about all the different species.

Children's Books

The Life Cycle of a Sea Horse/Bobbie Kalman. QL638 .S9 K35 2004

and

Seahorses/Elaine Landau QL638 .S9 L35 1999

Accompanied by both photographic and artistic illustrations, these books are excellent choices to introduce younger children to seahorses.

Secret Seahorse/Stella Blackstone and Clare Beaton. PZ8.3 .B5735 Se 2005b

This board story book features beautiful photographs of fabric illustrations of sea life.

The Sign of the Seahorse: A tale of greed and high adventure in two acts/Graeme Base. PZ8.3 .B2894 Si 1998

The action revolves around the Seahorse Café, where Corporal Bert (a "soldiercrab") must solve the mystery of the vanished seahorses. Gloriously detailed artwork enliven this Gilbert & Sullivan-like story.

Seahorses, Pipefishes and their kin/Sara Swan Miller. QL637.9.G37 M55 2002

Describes the common characteristics of many different-looking fish including seahorses, sticklebacks and the other "bony-bellies."

PERIODICALS

- "Coral Stables"/Richard Milner. Natural History, Vol.110, No. 3, April 2001, pp. 94-95.
- "From Father Neptune's Stables"/Lowell P. Thomas. <u>Sea Frontiers</u>, Vol.28, No.2, March-April 1982, pp 118-119
- "Horse of Many Colors"/Geri Murphy. Skin Diver, Vol. 36, No.7, July 1987, pp. 52-53.
- "The Improbable Seahorse"/Amanda Vincent. National Geographic, Vol. 186, No.4, October 1994, pp.126-140
- "Seahorses"/William Arrigoni. Sea Frontiers, Vol.35, No.6, November-December 1989, pp. 358-365
- "Struggling to Save the Seahorse"/Pamela S. Turner. <u>National Wildlife</u>, Vol.43, No. 4, June/July 2005, pp 30R-30X

FEATURED WEBSITE

Ocean Rider, Inc.

www.seahorse.com

Presented by an organic Hawaiian-based aqua-farm that follows strict good farming practices in raising seahorses and other aquatic life.

Contains an embedded video of seahorses plus numerous articles on seahorse life. There is a message board and the ability to purchase seahorses online. Located in Kona, the public is invited to book a tour of the facility.

Monterey Bay Aquarium Saving Seahorses online exhibit

www.mbayaq.org/efc/efc_se/se_ssh_sea.asp

This page has beautiful photos that accompany facts about seahorses. Specific species are profiled and there are links that describe their perilous habitat and efforts to save them.