

Mediterranean monk seals: the value of quiet coasts

Seeing an animal does not require entering its shelter. A coastline can be explored through questions about space, conditions and disturbance.

Purpose

Explore the topic by separating observations, sourced information and questions. This activity can be completed at a desk; it does not require intervention in a habitat or heritage site.

You will need: paper, a pencil and the reading source listed on the next page.

Activity steps

1. Sketch an imaginary coast with a cave, a boat route and a viewpoint.
2. Identify information missing from the drawing.
3. Explain how a visitor's preferred route might conflict with shelter.
4. Keep the exercise separate from real access or boating advice.

Name / group: Date: Source:

For any visit, follow the relevant site guidance. Observe without capturing, moving or feeding wildlife, or touching historic surfaces.

Your learning record

1. My sketch, diagram or direct observation

2. Information I checked in the source

3. My interpretation and unanswered questions

4. My next learning step

Reading: Cyprus Department of Fisheries and Marine Research — Mediterranean Monk Seal

[Open the reading source](#)

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