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COLOR THE OCEAN: Ocean Twilight Zone

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This coloring page is our free gift to you for you to help celebrate World Oceans Day. Coloring is a creativity-building activity for children and a stress-reliever for adults. On this page, you will also learn about the ocean twilight zone—one of our planet’s hidden frontiers that lies below the sunlit surface.

Directions:

Print this PDF as a double-sided page and bring it to life with colored pencils, markers, crayons or even watercolors.

Fill in large areas or individual sections depending on your creative vision.

Don’t forget to learn more about the ocean twilight zone, the amazing animals that live there, and how you can help preserve them no matter where you live.

To learn more visit twilightzone.whoi.edu

The Ocean Twilight Zone

Below the sunlit surface of the ocean, there’s a realm known as the “twilight zone.” At 200 to 1,000 meters down, it is vast, cold, dark, and almost entirely unexplored. It is also home to some of Earth’s most amazing creatures. There may be up to one million undiscovered species in the twilight zone, and it may also hold more life than all of the ocean combined.

Many of these animals are part of the largest migration on the planet, something that happens every day, sweeping through the ocean every day in a massive, living wave. Life in the twilight zone also plays a role in Earth’s climate by helping move planet-warming carbon from the surface to the deep ocean, where it can remain for hundreds or thousands of years.

The twilight zone’s abundance makes it an attractive target for commercial fishing, but. But we still know very little about this complex ecosystem and it’s connection to the rest of our planet. We need to learn more about the twilight zone before we change it, and the ocean, forever.

Identify and color the following within the scene:

- Anglerfish** Order *Lophiiformes*
- Bristlemouth** *Gonostomatidae spp.*
- Jellyfish** Class *Scyphozoa*
- Krill** Family *Euphausia*
- Lanternfish** Family *Myctophidae*

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