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| MARINE BUDDY:  Your marine life travel guide |
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Are you a scuba diver who wants to explore species outside of your local water-scene? Do you seek to travel to other sea beds but don’t know what marine life you’ll be encountering? Are you forced to travel to a landmass away from home and are desperate to tour new underwater vistas and its inhabitants? Well let Marine Buddy be your guide!

Scuba enthusiast Sara Hovakeemian, tech surfer Jesse Gray, and hydration connoisseur Mariaveronica Sayewich got together to bring Marine Buddy to life. How, you ask?

First, Sara scraped the following online marine species encyclopedias:

* [Oceana](https://oceana.org/marine-life)
* [Species Identification](http://species-identification.org/)
* [ReefGuide](https://reefguide.org/index1.html)
* [PADI Travel](https://travel.padi.com/d/caribbean/%20) (for calendar sightings by destination)

When Sara gathered enough information, she ran API Calls to get info on all species gathered on [IUCN Red List](https://www.iucnredlist.org/) to make sure that we would be able to wow our audience with relevant data as they search for new adventures.

While Sara deep-dived into her data and collected precious sea-pearls of information, Jesse worked his magic to make sure that you were able to search for marine life by country and by species and created the user-friendly website you see today.

Finally, Mariaveronica worked to make those underwater treasures sparkle. She went to Ripley's Aquarium to get photographs, and then used all of the HTML and visualization tools in her arsenal to make sure that you enjoyed every moment with Marine Buddy.

Like any good diver, you need a partner[[1]](#footnote-1) to help you better prepare for your marine adventures. Although we cannot guarantee that you will see every species on our website, we can help you navigate the waters 😉

1. In scuba terminology, a “Buddy” is a diving partner: https://www.scubatravel.co.uk/glossary.html [↑](#footnote-ref-1)