

In the zone

The deeper in the ocean you go, the less sunlight there is. Some animals always live in one zone, while others travel between zones to hunt and feed.



Great white pelican

Orange bell jelly

0-600 feet



Green sea turtle

Pearly razorfish

Bigeye tuna

Dolphin



A copepod is a tiny crustacean that drifts near the surface, eating algae and mini plants.



Lionfish

600-3,300 feet



Squid

Sea star

Eels range from 2 inches to 13 feet long. This one is 10 feet long.



Angel shark

Short bigeye fish



Greeneye fish

3,300-13,000 feet



Fan coral



Glass sponge



Mollusk

The Greenland shark has glow-in-the-dark eyes, thanks to a parasite that latches on and gives off light. The light attracts prey.



Flatfish



Anglerfish

Sea cucumber



THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Most of the creatures that live on the seafloor are found in the twilight zone. Only filtered sunlight reaches here, so the light is dim. Many animals in this zone have big eyes or glow in the dark.

THE SUNLIGHT ZONE

The sunlight zone teems with life. This is where almost all sea creatures live, including many sharks and smaller fish, mammals, turtles, and sea birds. Plants and plankton live here, too.

THE MIDNIGHT ZONE

The midnight zone is pitch black and cold. Animals here have special ways of finding food in the dark. The deepest part of this zone is called the abyss.