

Ocean Literacy Aotearoa New Zealand
DIRECTORY

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Created to support those who deliver ocean literacy learning inside and outside a classroom.

Key Aotearoa New Zealand organisations are included who currently offer ocean literacy related:

- Virtual or face to face experiential learning
- Ocean (field based) experiential learning
- Online learning resources; and/or,
- Curriculum aligned learning resources and experiences

Created in celebration of the UN Decade of Ocean Science and in the spirit of ocean inspired unity.

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Auckland Zoo

National zoological leader in New Zealand. Provides some online resources but emphasises in-person field trips to Auckland Zoo.

Location: Tāmaki-Makaurau/
Auckland & National / Online

Web: aucklandzoo.co.nz

Email:
rachel.arnold@aucklandzoo.co.nz

Department of Conservation

Has a series of online resources available for teachers that use conservation to teach multiple learning areas.

Location: National / Online

Web: doc.govt.nz

Email: info@doc.govt.nz

Enviroschools

A nationwide action-based programme supported by Toimata Foundation, where young people are empowered to design and lead sustainability projects in their schools, early learning centres and communities. The website Toimata is a place for kaiako and facilitators to access key resources, tools, activities and plans. Regions also offer a range of in-person and online events and learning opportunities.

Location: National

Web: enviroschools.org.nz

Web: toimata.org.nz

Email: info@enviroschools.org.nz



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Explore Your Coast

Local Trust with a mix of classroom and online resources. Provides VR Headsets at community events and for classroom visits.

Location: Te-Whanganui-a-Tara / Wellington

Web: exploreyourcoast.co.nz

Email: exploreyourcoast@gmail.com

House of Science

National organisation with regional offices that hold science kits for use by teachers in classrooms. They have several kits with an ocean focus and/or ocean related content.

Location: National

Web: houseofscience.nz

Email: info@houseofscience.nz

International Antarctic Centre

Focused on all aspects of NZ's interactions with the Southern Continent. Offers education on the southern ocean in the form of field trips at their site in Christchurch.

Location: Ōtautahi / Christchurch

Web: iceberg.co.nz

Email: education@iceberg.co.nz

LEARNZ - Tātai Aho Rau – Core Education

Online resource of virtual field trips for teachers and students to use in the classroom. Field trips have video and written components, including teacher resources.

Location: National / Online

Web: learnz.org.nz

Email: help@learnz.org.nz



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Marine Metre²

Provides support and resources for educators and students to collect valuable data about biodiversity, distribution and abundance of local seashore species over time and space.

Location: National / Online

Web: mm2.net.nz

Email: info@mm2.net.nz

Mātauranga Land of Voyagers

Māori organisation with powerful online offerings all with a marine focus, including Māori celestial navigation.

Location: National / Online

Web: maatauranga.co.nz

Email: voyage@taylormade.co.nz

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)

Host of Te Kawa o Tangaroa, a suite of online resources free for teacher use. Useful and adaptable for NZC level 4-8. Also runs teacher PD and other education focussed events.

Location: National / Online

Web: msc.org/tangaroa

Email: rika.milne@msc.org

Mohimohi Moana

Charitable Trust Located in Whangaruru Te Tai Tokerau / Northland. Utilising a mobile marine classroom with a mix of online resources, and hands on experiential learning establishing ocean hanging gardens and restoring the biodiversity of our marine environment.

Location: Whangaruru Te Tai Tokerau / Northland.

Web: mohimohimoana.nz

Email: office@mohimohimoana.nz



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Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust

Offers curriculum aligned education outside the classroom, including Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR). Has robust Health & Safety. Services many regions.

Location: National

Web: mountainstosea.org.nz

Email: info@mountainstosea.org.nz

Mountains to Sea Wellington

Focussed on educating Wellington region schools on the wildlife in the Taputeranga Marine reserve. Only has in-person offerings.

Location: Te-Whanganui-a-Tara / Wellington

Web: mountainstoseawellington.org

Email: info@mtsw.org.nz

National Aquarium of New Zealand

Large online offering of marine education resources and virtual experiences for all levels as well as onsite experiential learning at the aquarium in Ahuriri/Napier.

Location: Ahuriri / Napier / National / Online

Web: nationalaquarium.co.nz

Email: education@nationalaquarium.co.nz

National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research Limited (NIWA)

NIWA supports education at all levels in New Zealand. Providing resources for students and teachers is part of NIWA's commitment to helping young New Zealanders discover more about science and technology.

Location: National / Online

Web: niwa.co.nz/education-and-training

Email: enquiries@niwa.co.nz



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New Zealand Marine Studies Centre

The University of Otago's NZ Marine Studies Centre has a range of in person and online education offerings for all ages and is home to Marine Metre² project.

Location: Ōtepoti / Dunedin / National / Online

Web: otago.ac.nz/marine-studies

Email: marine-studies@otago.ac.nz

Royal Albatross Centre - Taiaroa Heads

Provides the opportunity to get close to marine bird colonies in Ōtepoti/Dunedin. Offers experiential learning for all ages and online education resources.

Location: Ōtepoti / Dunedin / National / Online

Web: albatross.org.nz/education

Email: education@albatross.org.nz

New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO

Represents UNESCO to New Zealand and is the first point of contact for the UN Decade of Ocean Science in Aotearoa. Offers a dedicated website for ocean projects and resources (TE TINĪ A TANGAROA).

Location: National / Online

Web: unesco.org.nz

Web: tetiniatangaroa.org.nz

Email: unesco.nz@education.govt.nz

Science Learning Hub Pokapū Akoranga Pūtaiao

A national Aotearoa-focused project. It offers a wide range of supported teaching and learning resources covering all aspects of science education, including marine.

Location: National / Online

Web: sciencelearn.org.nz/

Email: enquiries@sciencelearn.org.nz



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Seaweeek

An annual celebration of the many ways our lives are connected to the sea. Seaweeek works collaboratively to organise a variety of opportunities for all to immerse themselves in the marine environment and learn about the ocean.

Location: National / Online

Web: seaweeek.org.nz

Email: seaweeek@merc.org.nz

Sir Peter Blake Marine Education & Recreation Centre (MERC)

Provider of safe, fun, high quality marine environmental education and recreation experiences at their residential facility in Long Bay. Coordinates national Seaweeek and public engagement events year-round.

Location: Tāmaki-Makaurau / Auckland

Web: merc.org.nz

Email: office@merc.org.nz

Te Papa

National Museum of Aotearoa/New Zealand. Offers experiential learning for all ages at the museum and a large range of online resources for educators around the country.

Location: Te-Whanganui-a-Tara / Wellington / National / Online

Web: tepapa.govt.nz

Email: learning@tepapa.govt.nz

Te Tini a Tangaroa

Discover how Aotearoa New Zealand ocean science is addressing the significant challenges our oceans are facing during the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

Location: National / Online

Web: unesco.org.nz

Web: tetiniatangaroa.org.nz

Email: unesco.nz@education.govt.nz



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Worser Bay Boating Club - Boat and Beach Wise Trust

Local yachting club in Te-Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington offering experiential learning for local schools.

Location: Te-Whanganui-a-Tara / Wellington

Web: wbbc.org.nz/boat-and-beach-wise

Email: learntosail@wbbc.org.nz

Young Ocean Explorers

A charity inspiring a love for the ocean for kids 5-13, through an interactive, content rich website, free NZC-aligned 21-Day Challenge, in-school presentations, and fun activities to nurture future explorers.

Location: Tāmaki-Makaurau / Auckland / National / Online

Web: youngoceanexplorers.com

Email: info@youngoceanexplorers.com

Yachting New Zealand

Runs the school RŪNĀ education programme through various schools and yacht clubs around the country. The Moanamana module aims to connect schools and kura with their local sailing club and supports ākonga to become citizen scientists to research the impact of pollution, climate change and overfishing on marine ecosystems.

Location: National

Web: runa-yachtingnz.org.nz

Email: alisa@yachtingnz.org.nz





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