Deep Gulf Habitat Mats

This activity takes ocean lovers on a scavenger hunt for animals who reside in the twilight, dusk, and midnight zones.

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Habitat Mats: Outline

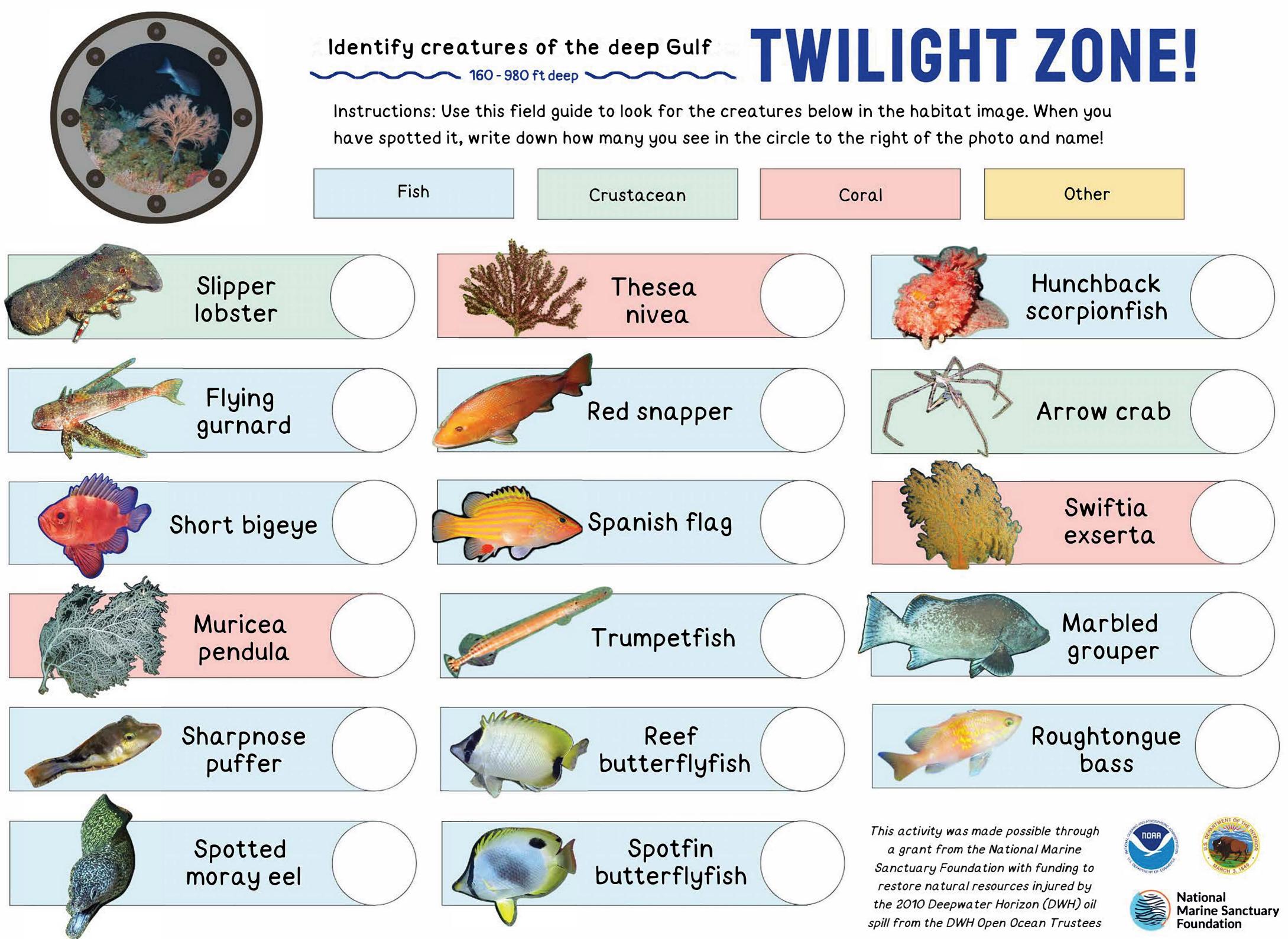
- In this document, you will find assets for each of the three zones (twilight, dusk, and midnight)
- Under each zone, you will find:
 - Species ID guides
 - Populated mats
 - Unpopulated mats
 - Species pages

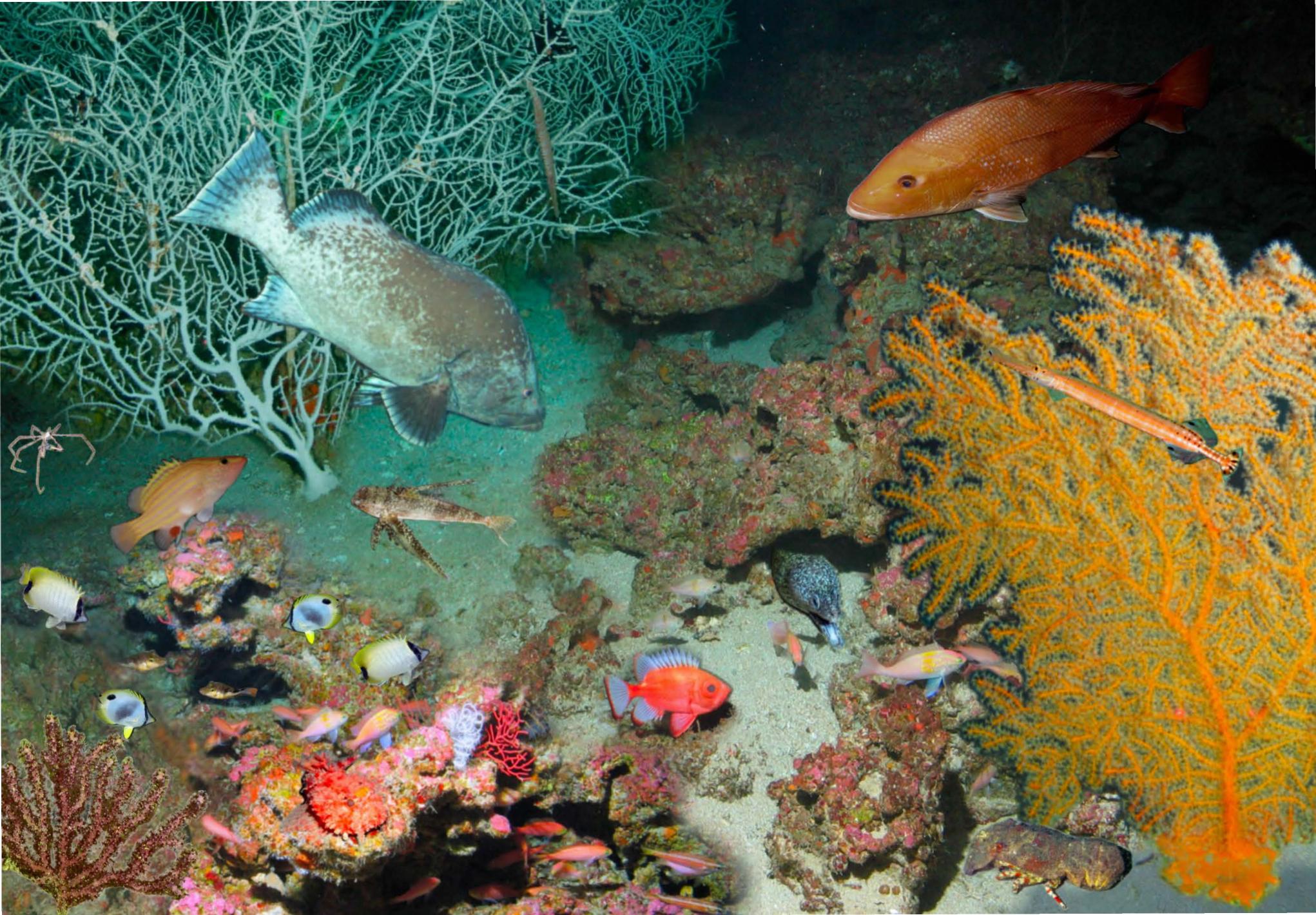
Habitat Mats: User Guide

- Populated mats: Use the species ID guides for the twilight, dusk, and midnight zones to find creatures in each habitat. When you find it, check off the animal on the ID guide! For an added challenge, include the number of each species you found.
- <u>Unpopulated mats</u>: Print and cut out each of the species from the species pages. Then mix them up in a pile and use the species ID guides to place them in the correct zone mat!
- To print large versions of mats, use banner files found here or email sasha.francis@noaa.gov: https://drive.google.com/drive/ folders/12fuTBO3Htw7hFrV147N2eMfSJbR9tXWI

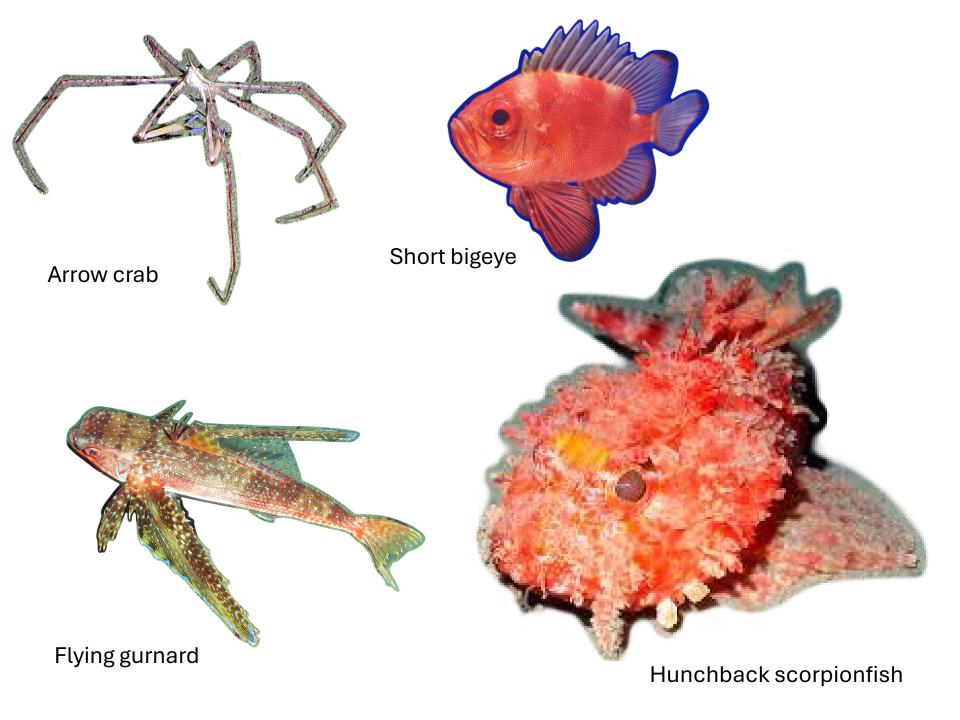
Twilight Zone Assets

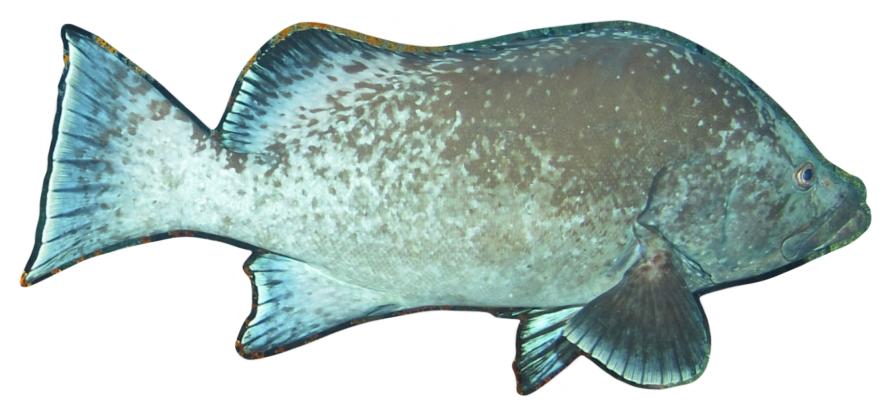
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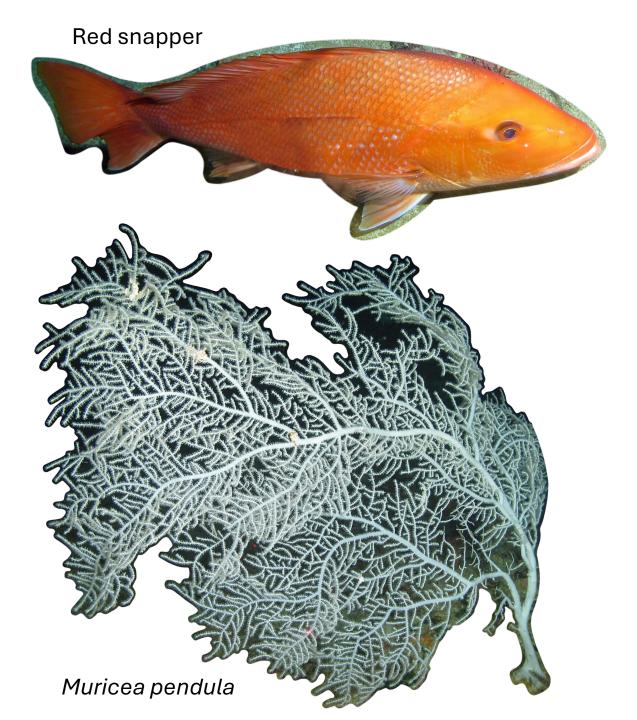


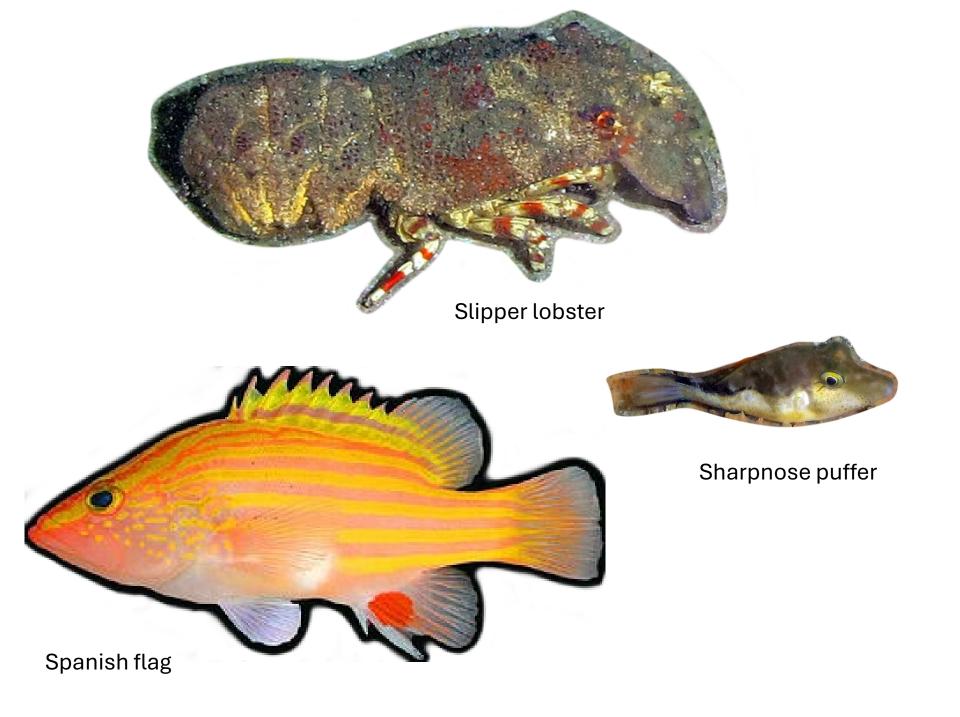
Marbled grouper

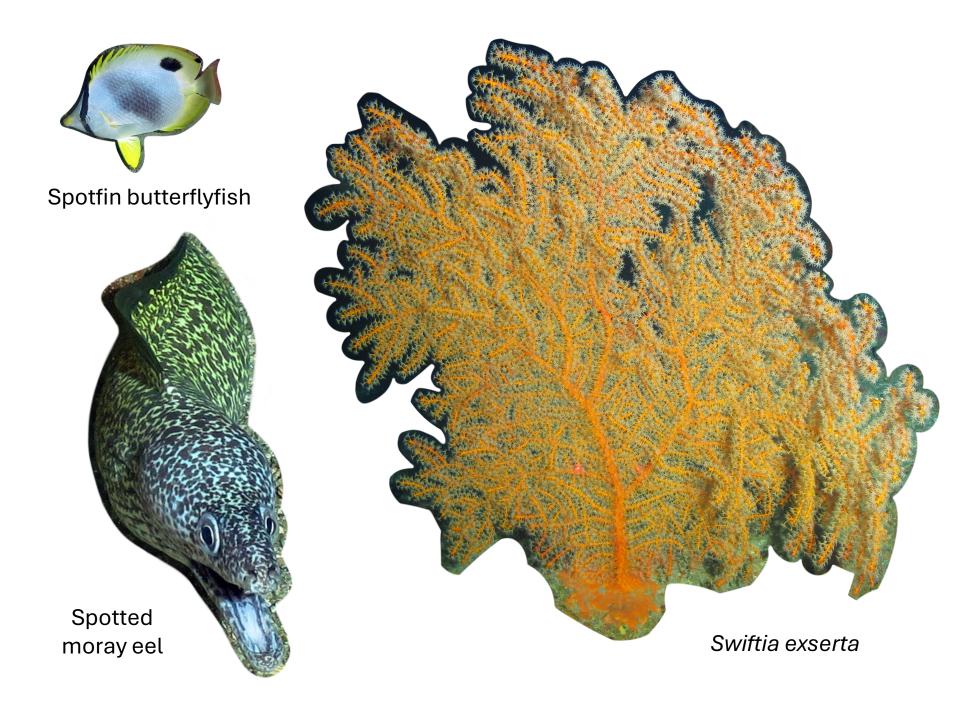




Reef butterflyfish





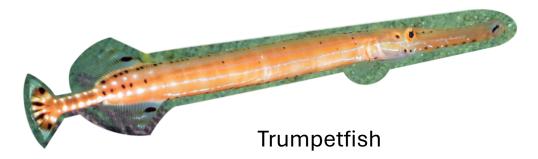






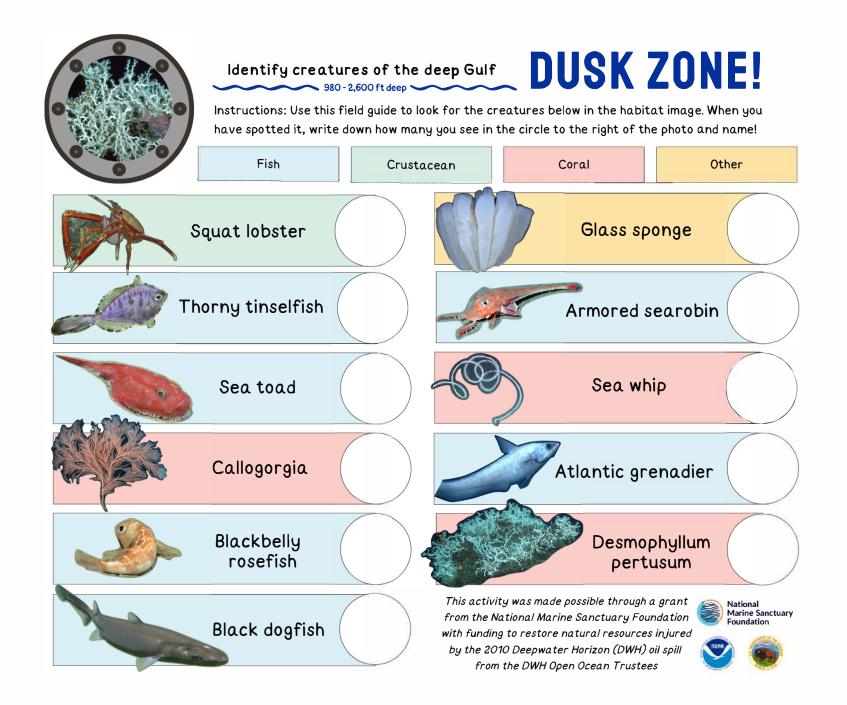
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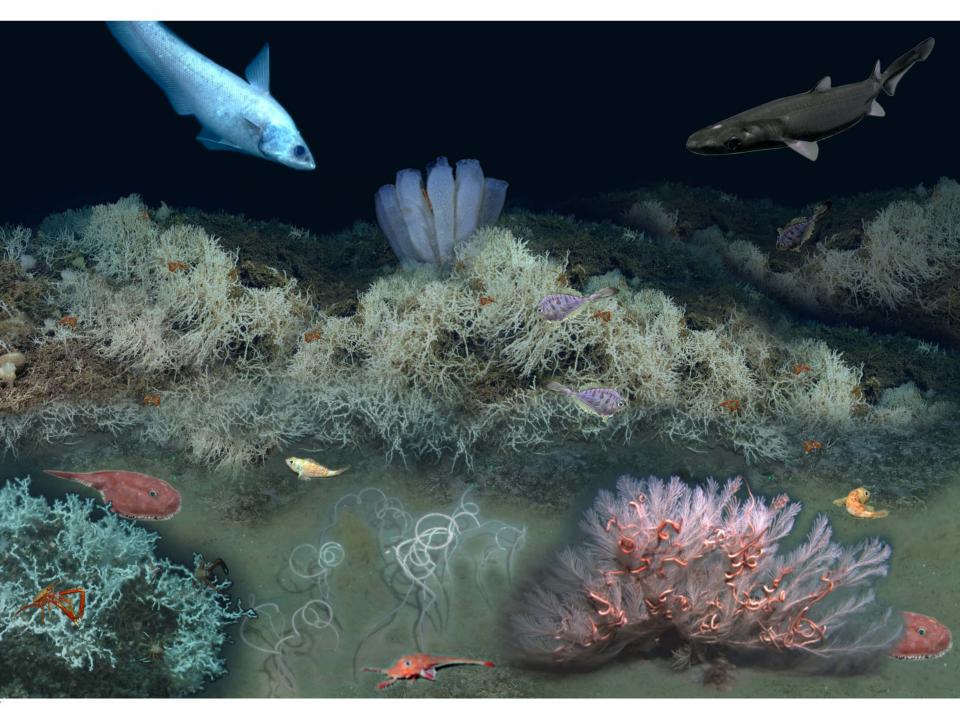
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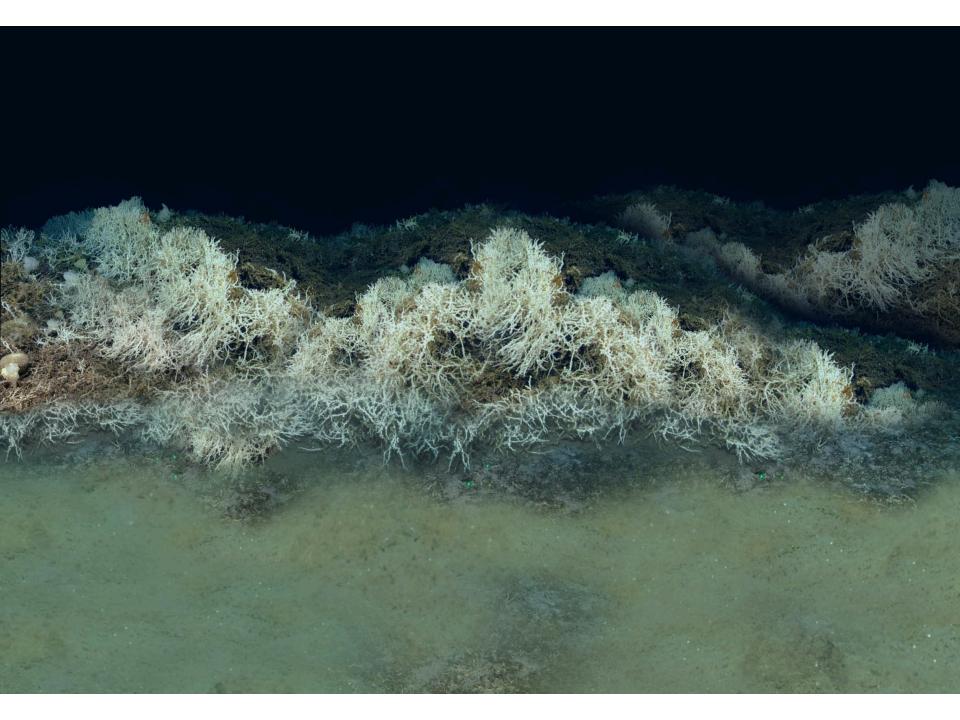


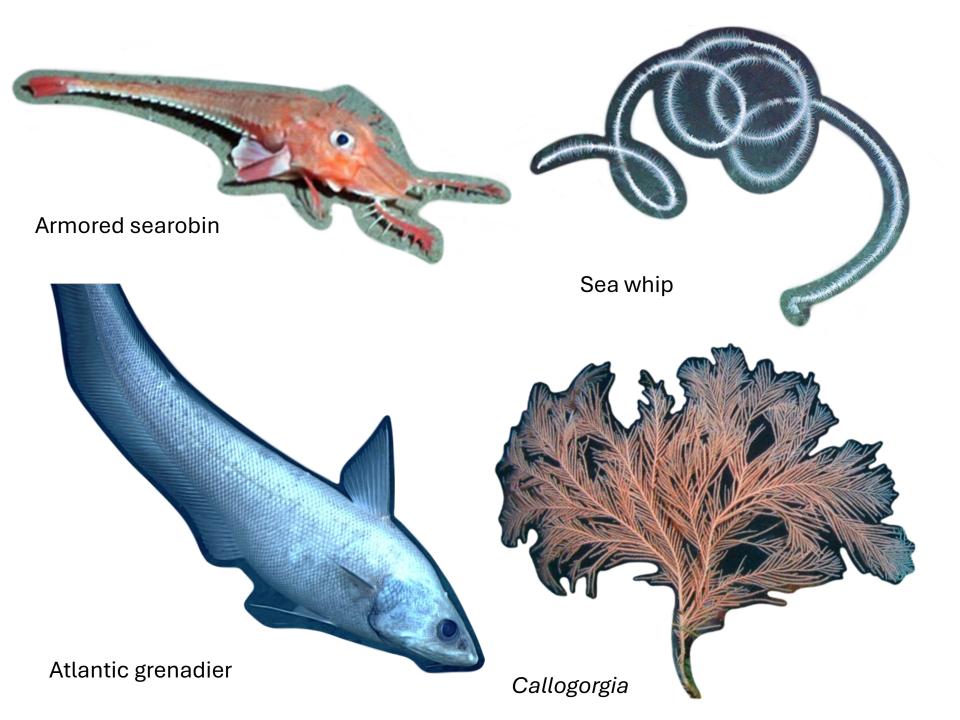
Dusk Zone Assets

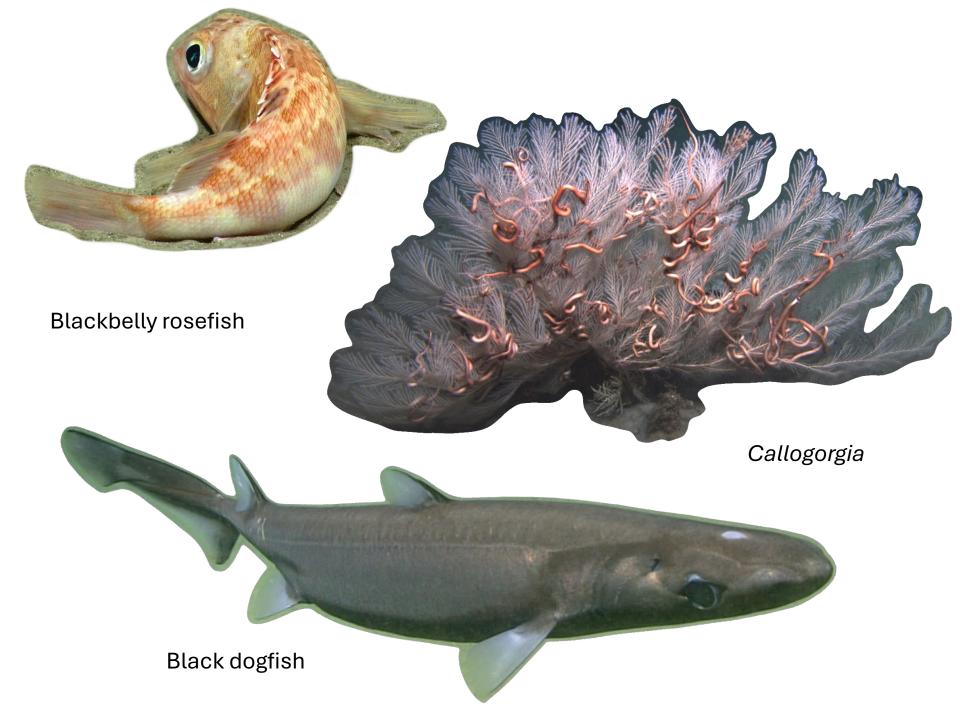
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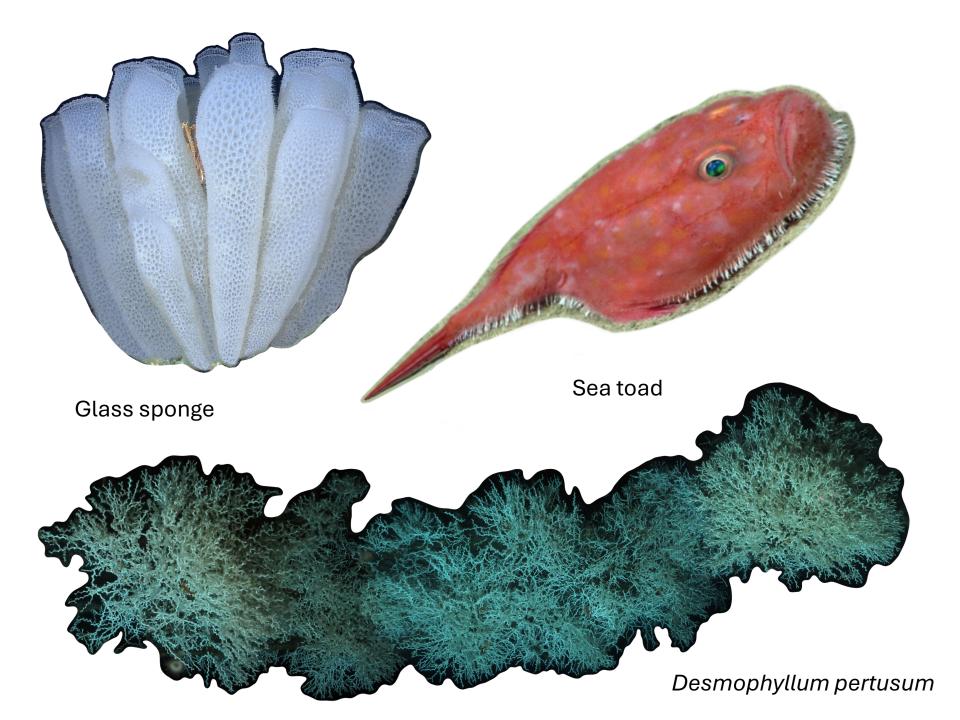


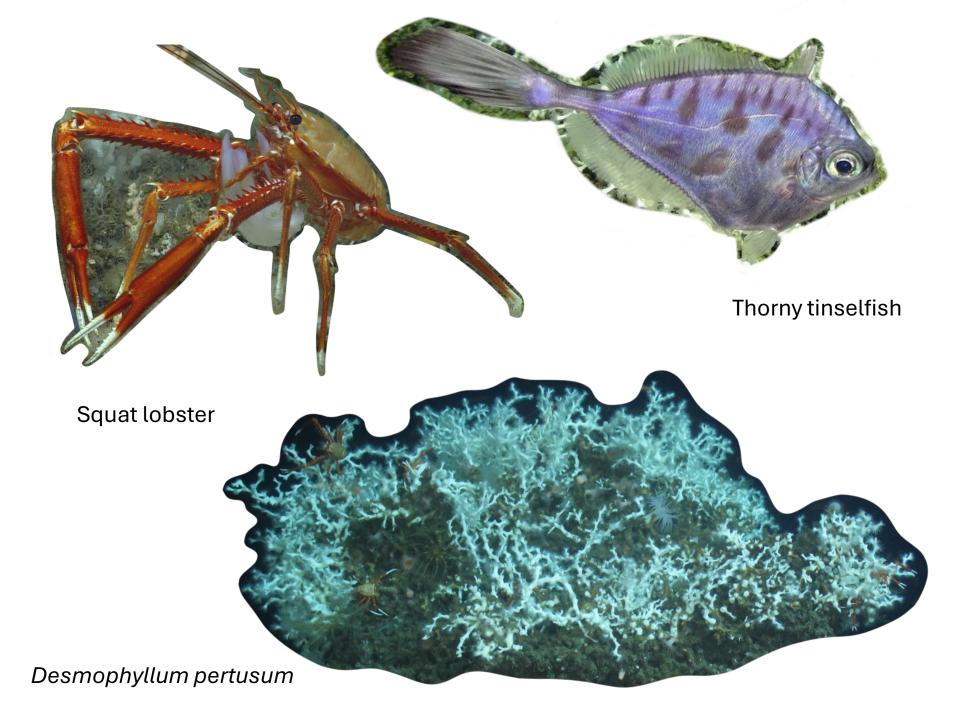






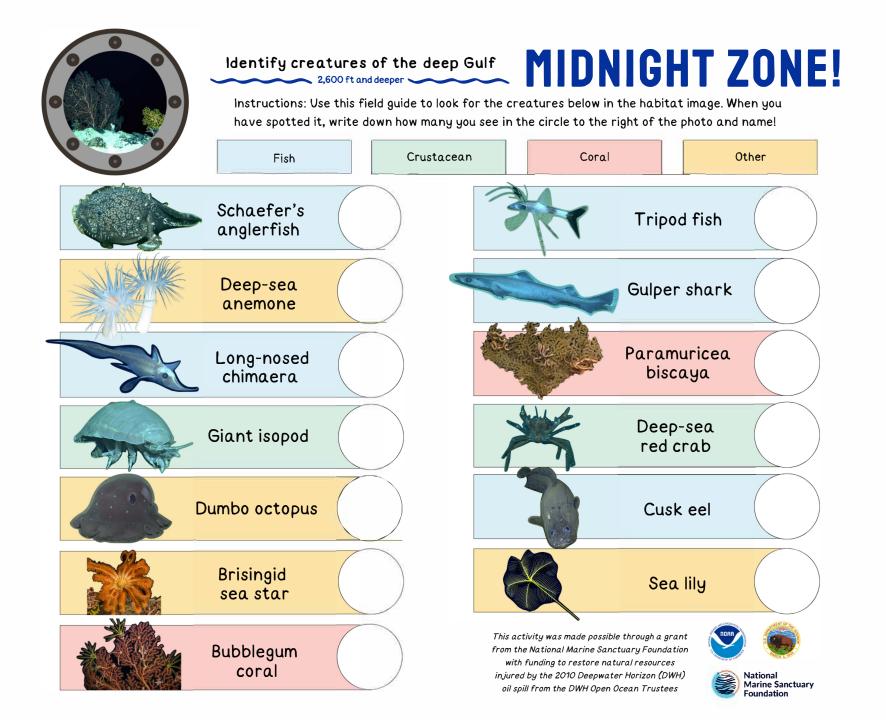


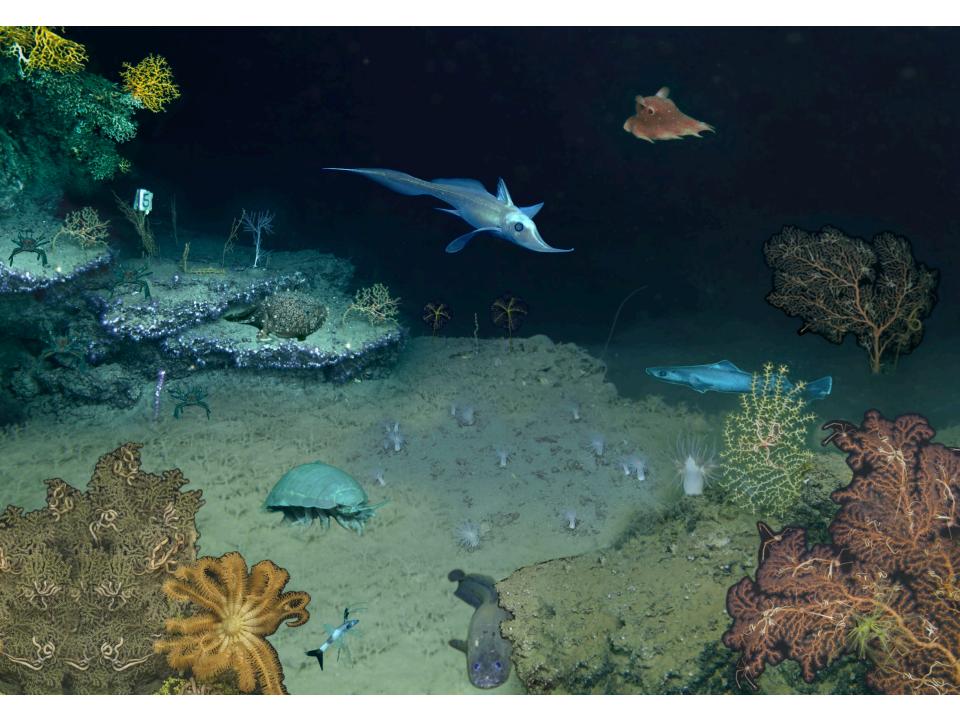


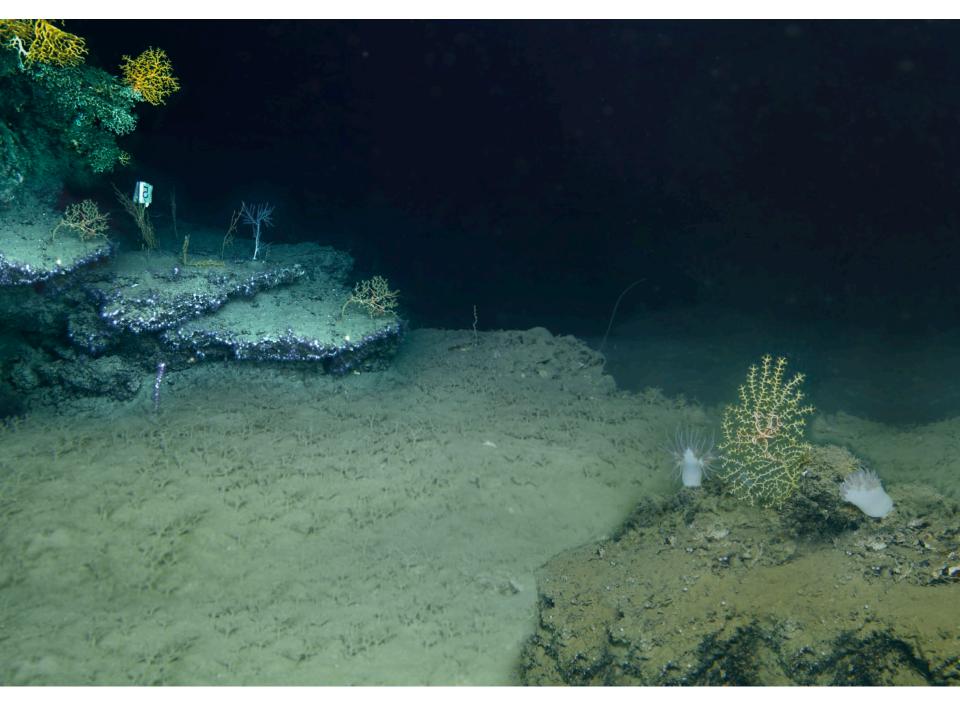


Midnight Zone Assets

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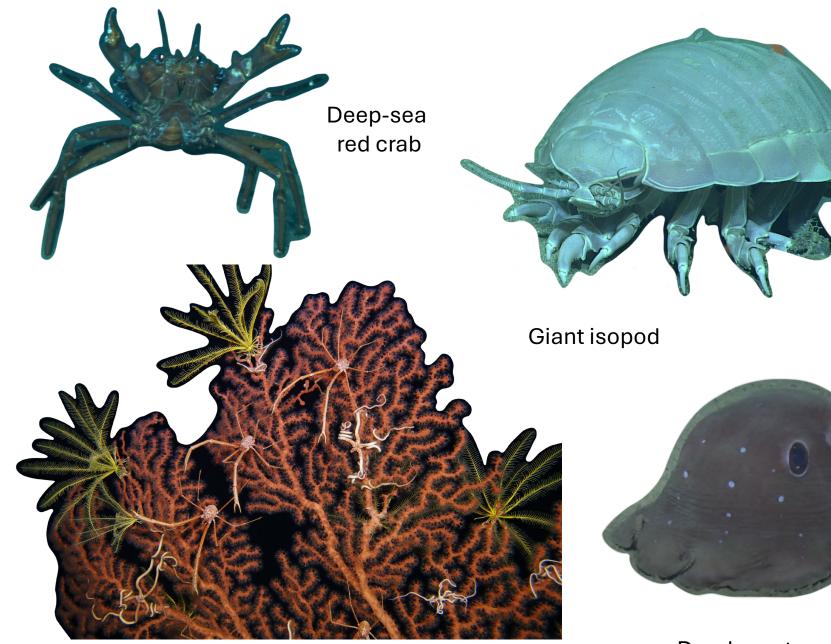






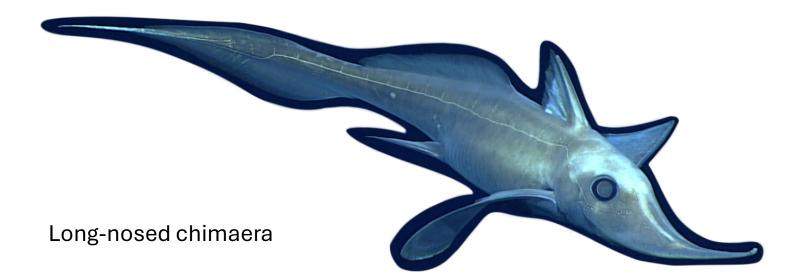
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Paramuricea biscaya



Bubblegum coral

Dumbo octopus

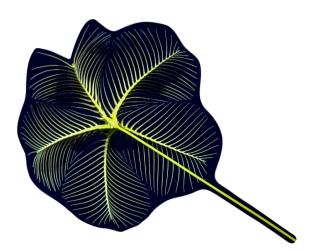




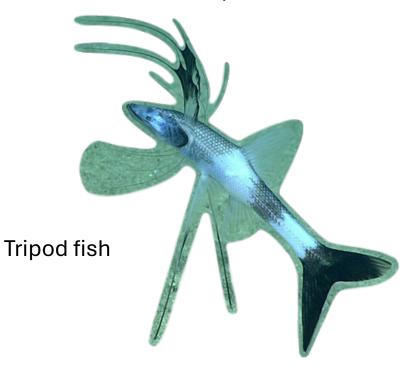
Gulper shark



Schaefer's anglerfish



Deep-sea anemone



Sea lily