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# In The Zone Lifestyles

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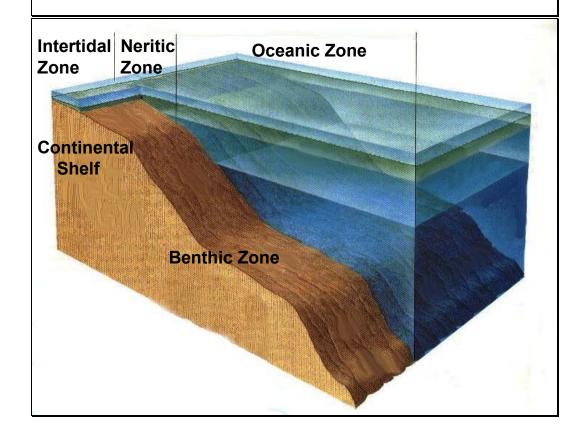
This Power Point is included in this presentation as a review of basic terminology and information.

### **Ocean Zones**

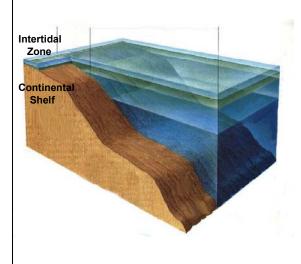
(shoreline to open ocean)

- Intertidal Zone
  - Neritic Zone
  - Oceanic Zone
    - ■Benthic Zone

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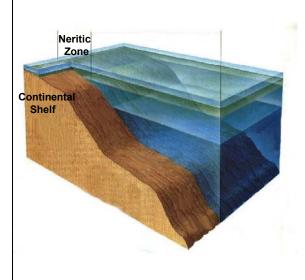
### **Intertidal Zone**



- Area between high tide line and low tide line
- Organisms adapted to harsh, changing environments

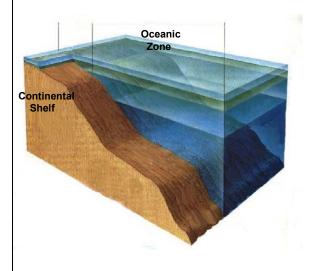
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### **Neritic Zone**



- Area over the continental shelf
- Area of greatest density and diversity of marine life

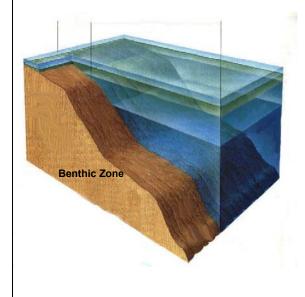
### **Oceanic Zone**



From the continental break out to open ocean

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### **Benthic Zone**



- ■The Ocean Floor
- ■Underlies all the other zones

### **Ocean Zones**

(surface to ocean floor)

#### Epipelagic Zone

Photic Zone or Sunlight Zone

#### Mesopelagic Zone

• Disphotic Zone or Twilight Zone

#### Bathypelagic Zone

• Aphotic zone or Midnight Zone

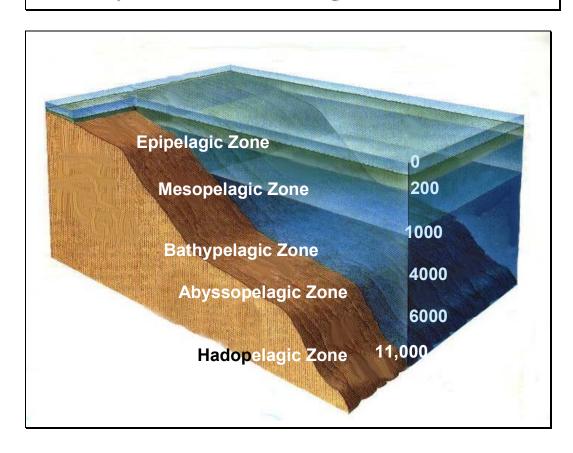
#### Abyssopelagic Zone

• Aphotic Zone or Midnight Zone

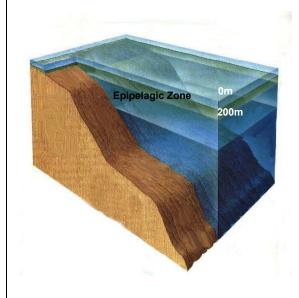
#### Hadopelagic Zone

• Aphotic Zone or Midnight Zone

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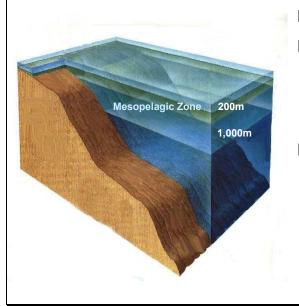
# **Epipelagic Zone**



- Photic Zone
- Enough sunlight for photosynthesis
- Primary area of food production
- From surface down to about 200 meters

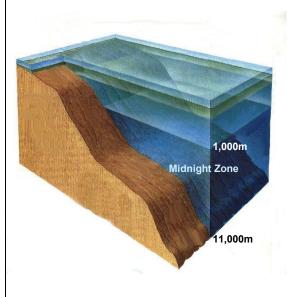
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# Mesopelagic Zone



- Dysphotic Zone
- Not enough sunlight to support photosynthesis
- From about 200 m down to 1,000 m

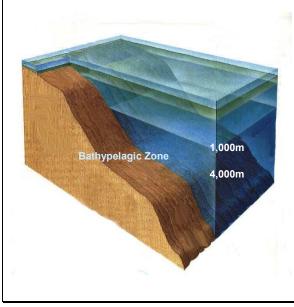
# **Midnight Zones**



- ■No sunlight
- ■From 1,000 m down to ocean floor, or around 11,000 m
- ■Low density and diversity of marine life

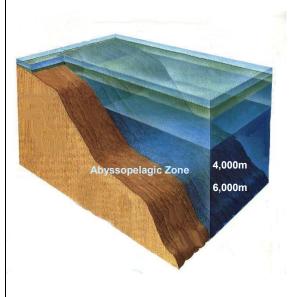
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# **Bathypelagic Zone**



- ■No sunlight
- ■From 1,000 m down to 4,000 m
- Low density and diversity of marine life

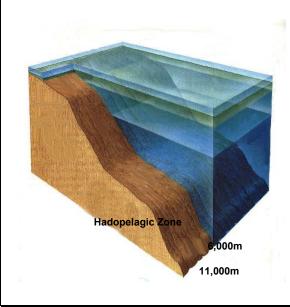
# Abyssopelagic Zone



- ■No sunlight
- ■From 4,000 m down to 6,000 m
- Low density and diversity of marine life

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# **Hadopelagic Zone**



- ■No sunlight
- ■From 6,000 m down to ocean floor, or around 11,000 m
- Low density and diversity of marine life

# Lifestyles

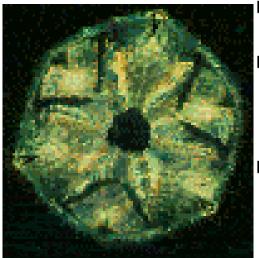
- 3 Basic Lifestyles:
  - Plankton
  - Nekton
  - Benthos

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### **Plankton**

- ■Floaters or very poor swimmers
- ■Plankton divided into 2 groups:
  - Phytoplankton producers, photosynthesizers
  - Zooplankton consumers

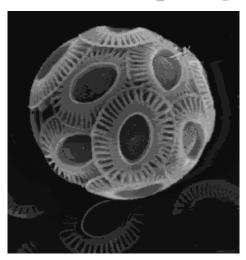
# **Phytoplankton**



- Must live in the photic zone
- Most abundant in shallow coastal areas or in upwelling zones
- The basis of the oceanic food web

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# **Phytoplankton**



- **■**Cyanobacteria
- **■**Diatoms
- ■Coccolithophores
- ■Dinoflagellates

# Zooplankton



- ■Foraminifers
- ■Radiolarians
- ■Cnidarians
- ■Combjellies
- ■Arthropods
- **■**Larvae

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# Zooplankton





#### **Plankton**

#### ■Meroplankton

- Spend only part of their life cycles as plankton
- Are the larval stages of organisms that grow to become benthic or nektonic organisms

#### ■Holoplankton

Spend their entire life cycles as plankton

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### **Nekton**

(swimmers)

- ■Free swimmers
- ■Maneuver actively in the water column
- ■Found in the water column from surface to ocean floor

### **Nekton**

(swimmers)



- ■5 Categories:
  - Reptiles
  - Mammals
  - Fish
  - Arthropods
  - Mollusks

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# **Nekton**

(swimmers) ■Marine



- ■Marine Reptiles:
  - Turtles
  - Snakes
  - Crocodiles
  - Iguanas

### **Nekton**

(swimmers)



- ■Marine Mammals:
  - Whales
  - Seals
  - Otters
  - Manatees
  - Dolphins

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# **Nekton**

(swimmers) ■Bony Fish:



- - Tuna
  - Barracuda
  - Eels
  - Angler Fish

### **Nekton**

(swimmers)



- ■Cartilaginous Fish
  - Sharks
  - Rays
  - Skates

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### **Nekton**

(swimmers)



- ■Marine
  Arthropods
  - Shrimp
- ■Mollusks
  - Squid
  - Octopi

### **Benthos**

(bottom dwellers)

- ■Live either on or attached to the bottom
- ■Primarily filter feeders or scavengers

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### **Benthos**

(bottom dwellers)

- 2 Basic Types:
  - Sessile Live attached to the bottom
  - Vagrant Able to move about

### **Benthos**

(bottom dwellers)



#### ■Sessile:

- Barnacles
- Sponges
- Corals
- Sea Anemones
- Oysters
- Clams

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### **Benthos**

(bottom dwellers)



#### ■Vagrant:

- Crabs
- Sea Stars
- Sea Cucumbers
- Sea Urchins
- Brittle Stars



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