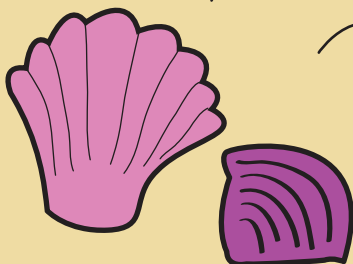
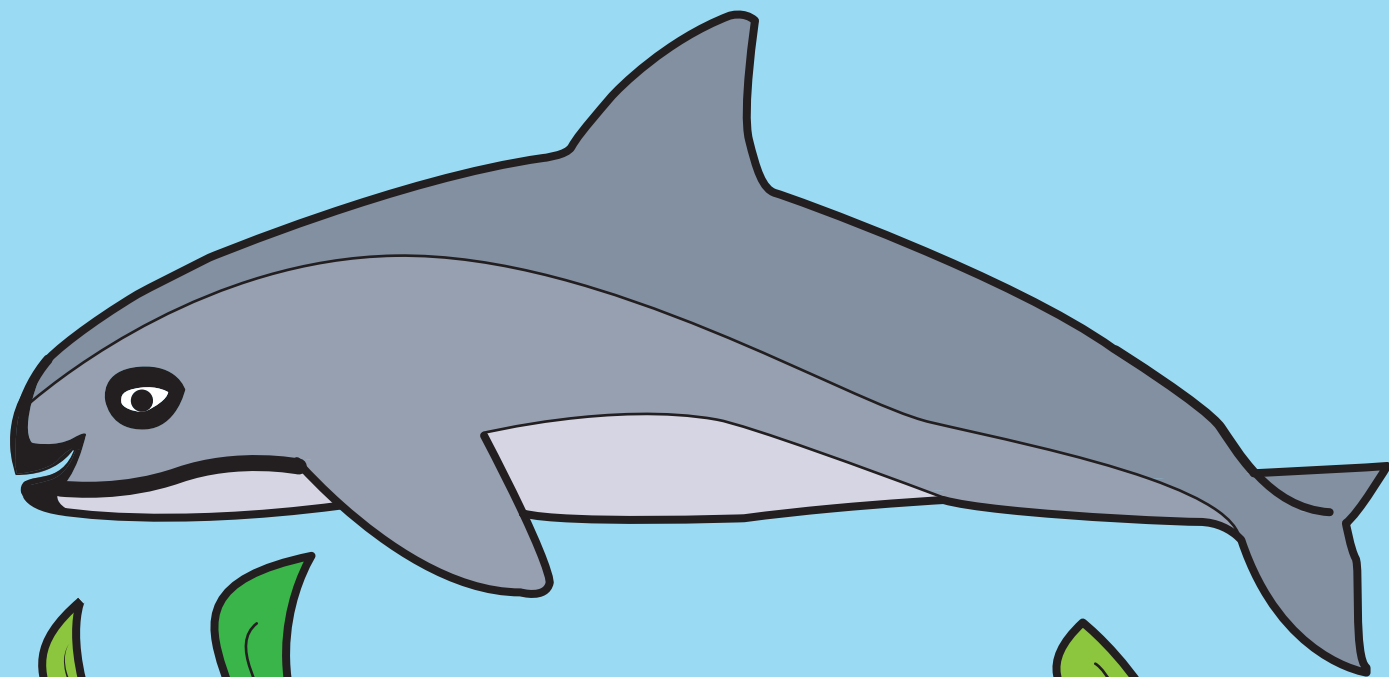


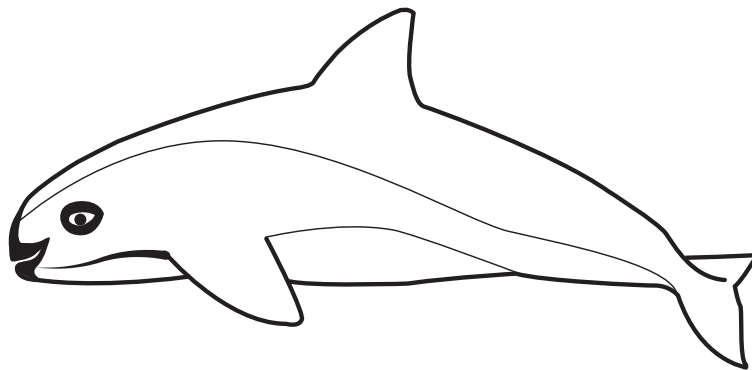
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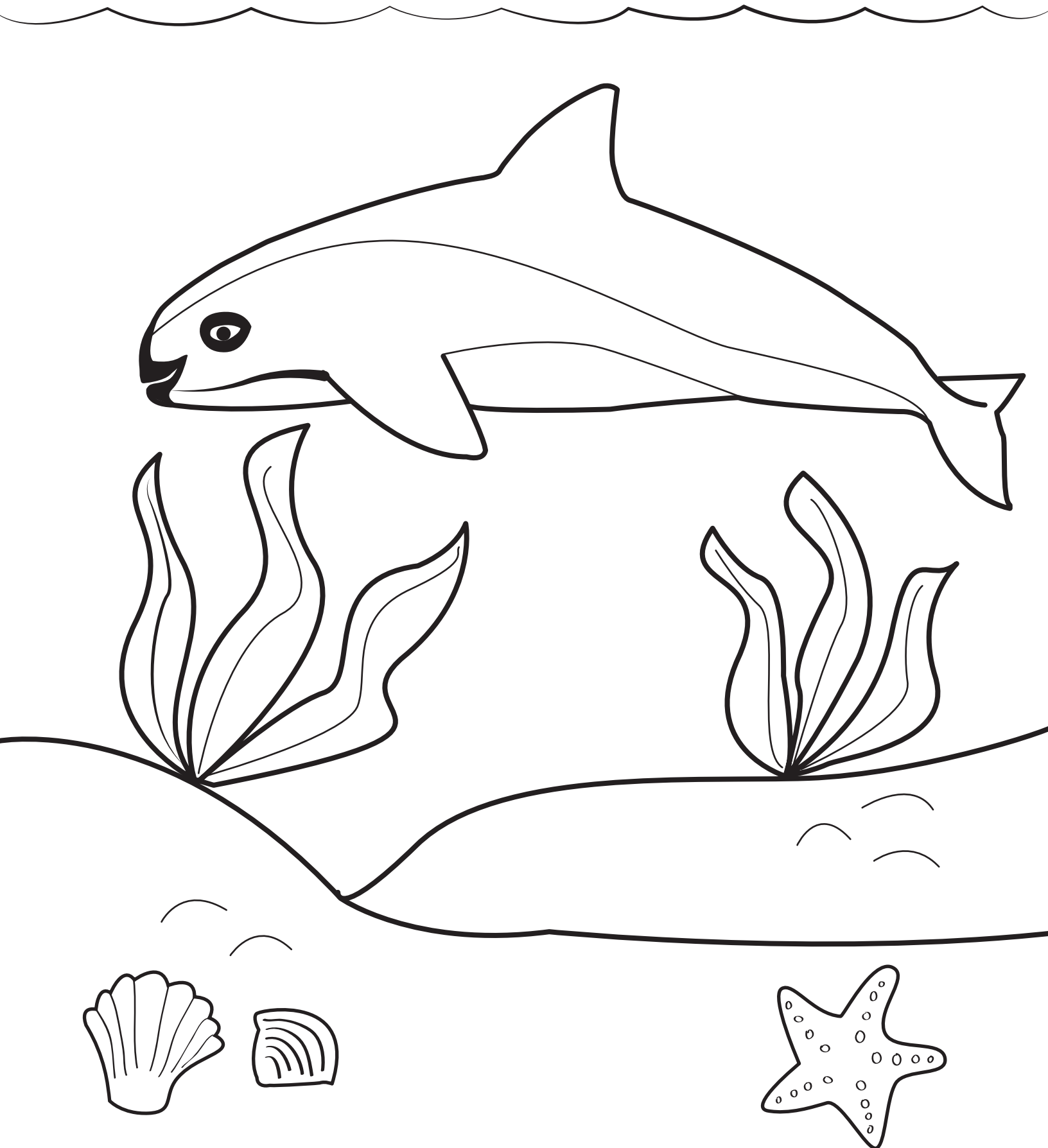
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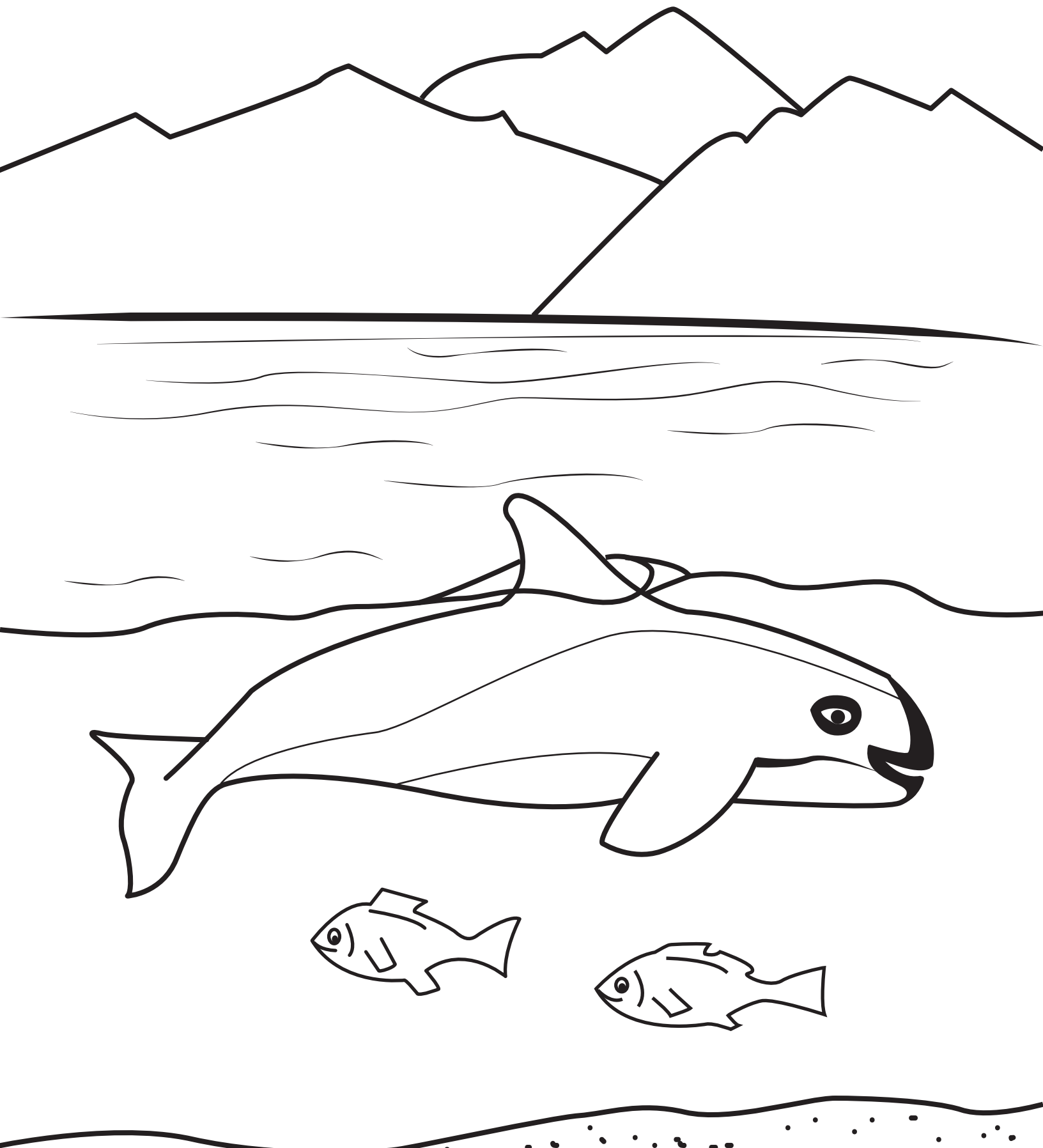
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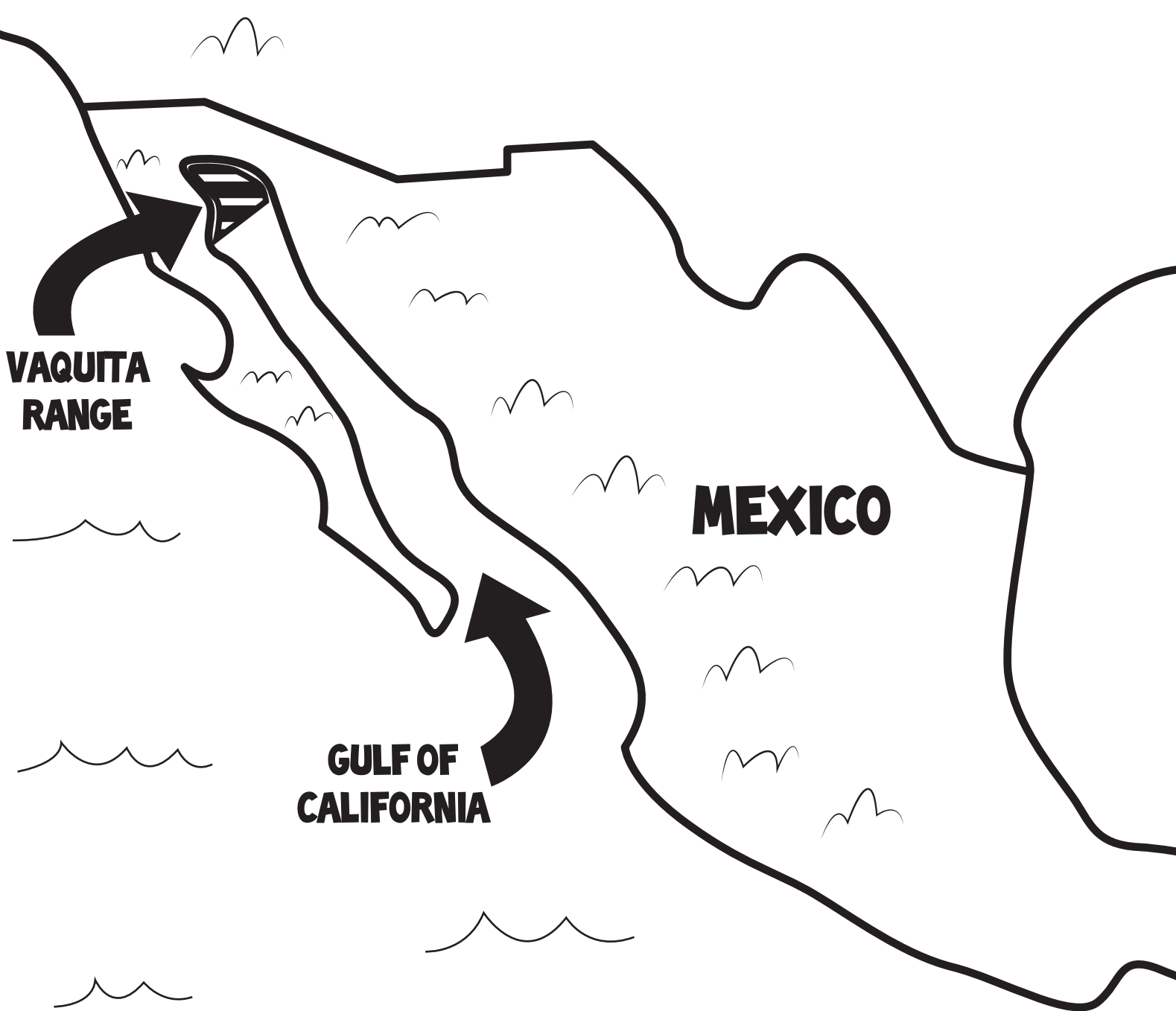


This is Anita the Vaquita. Vaquitas are small porpoises.
They are related to whales and dolphins.

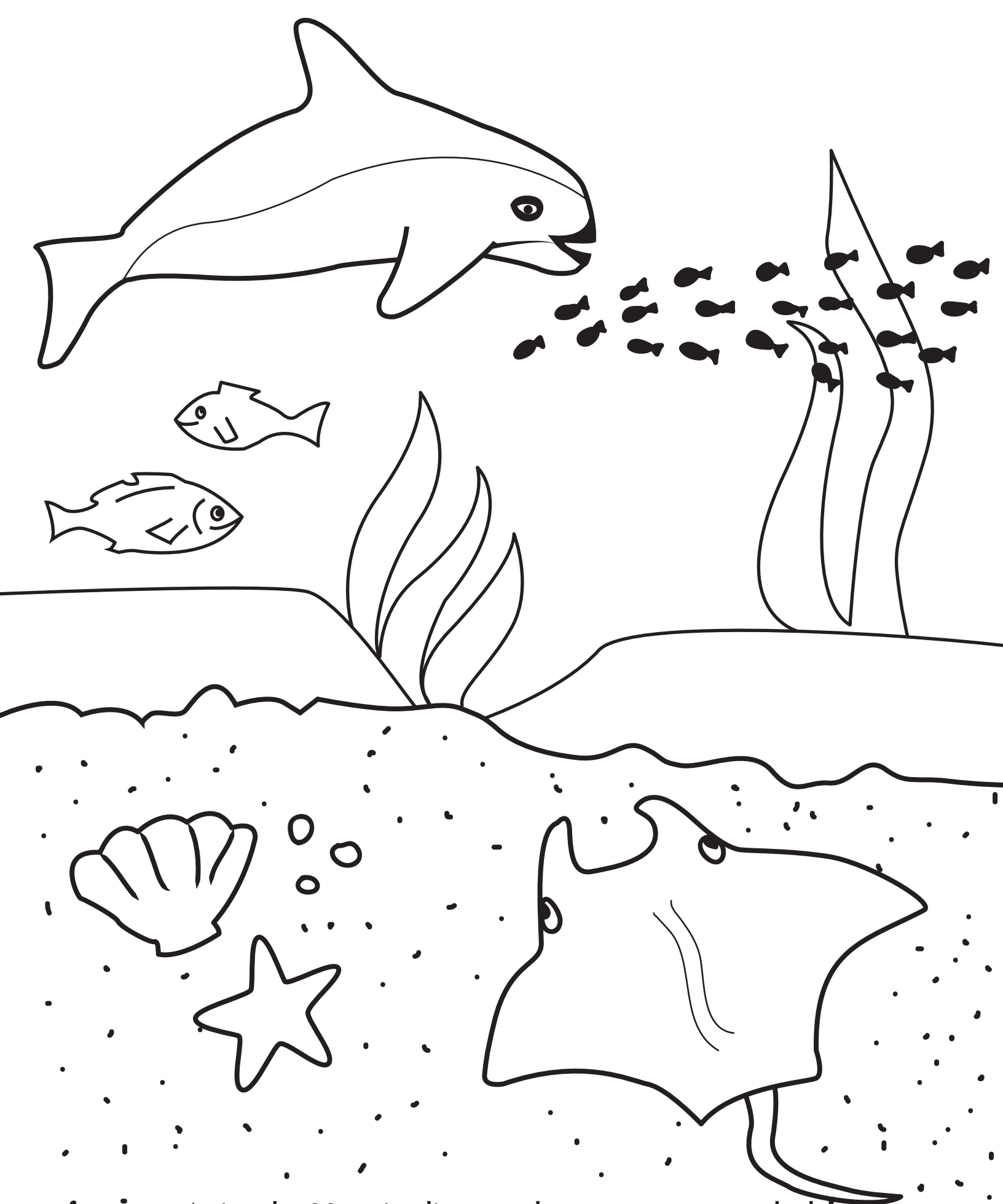


Vaquitas are an endangered species. They have small bodies for marine mammals, at only around 1.5 m (5 feet) long. They have dark patches around their eyes and lips.

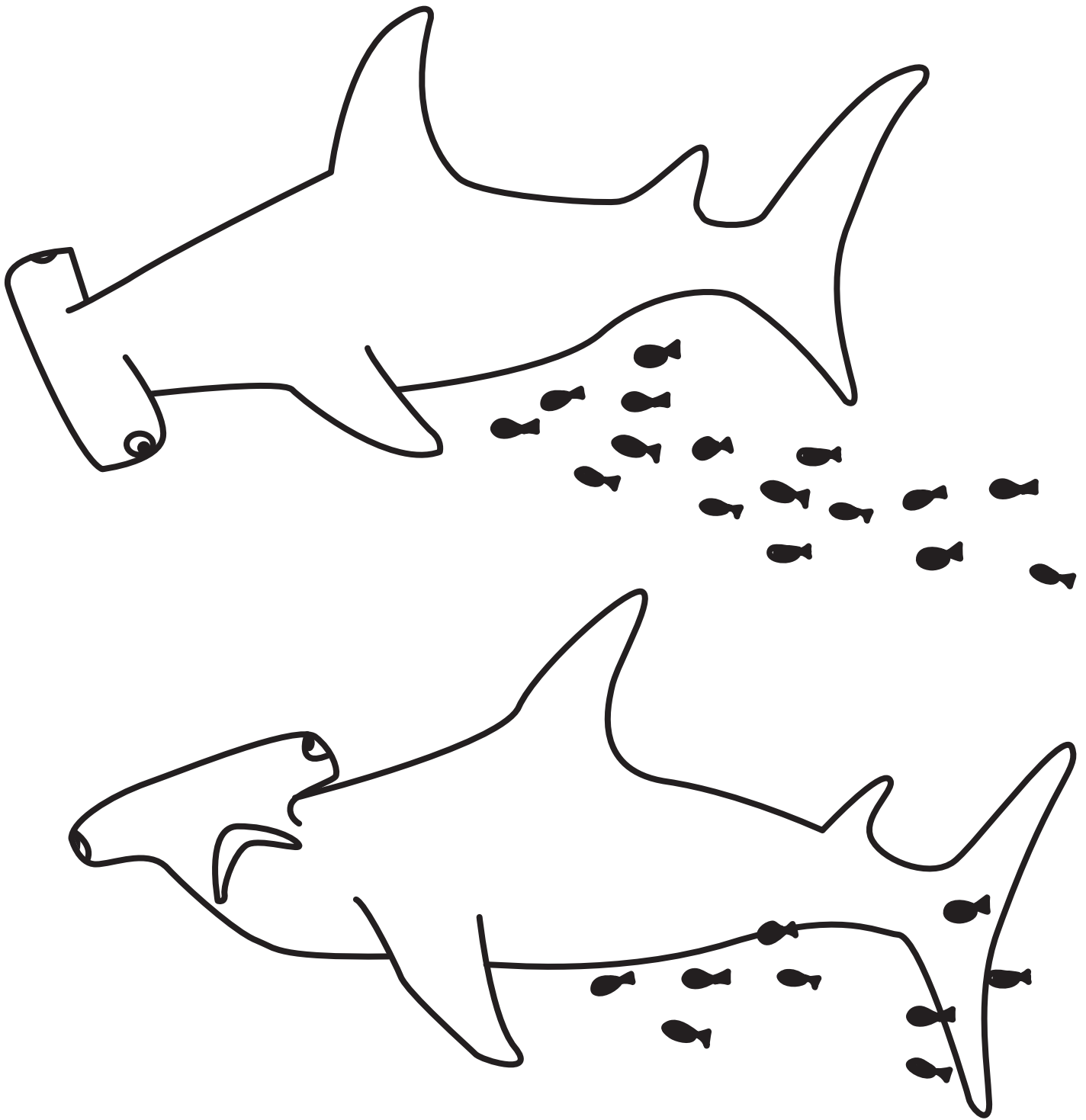
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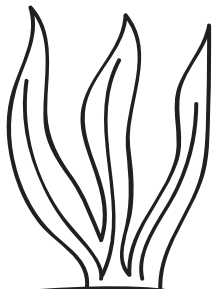
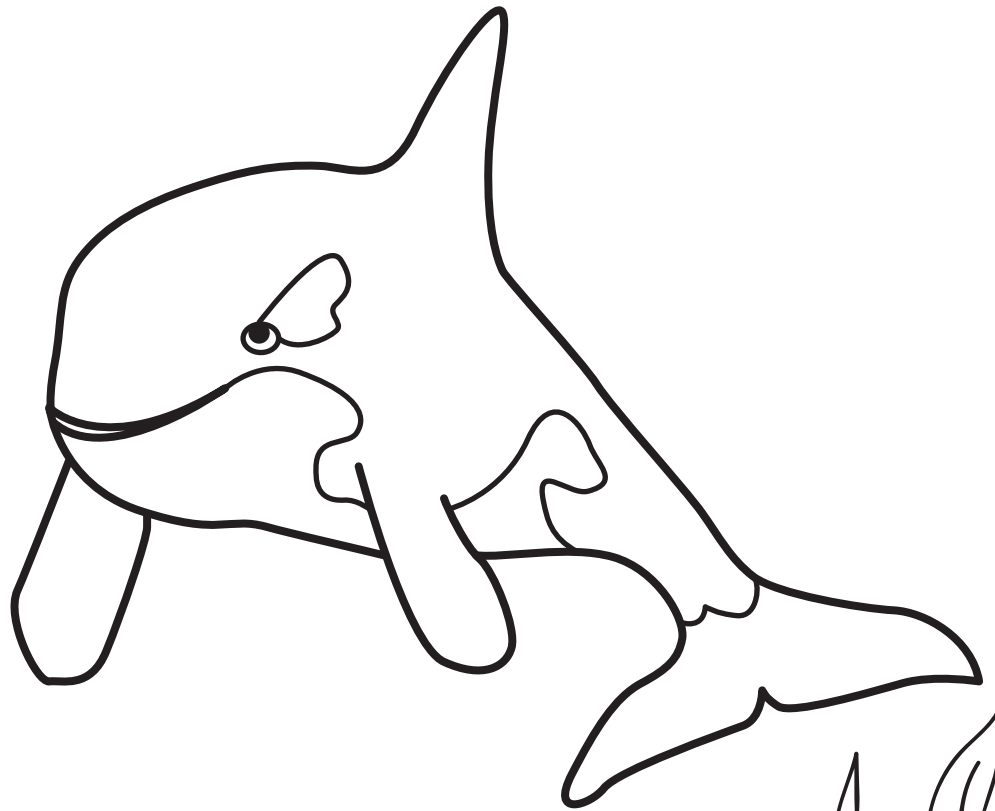
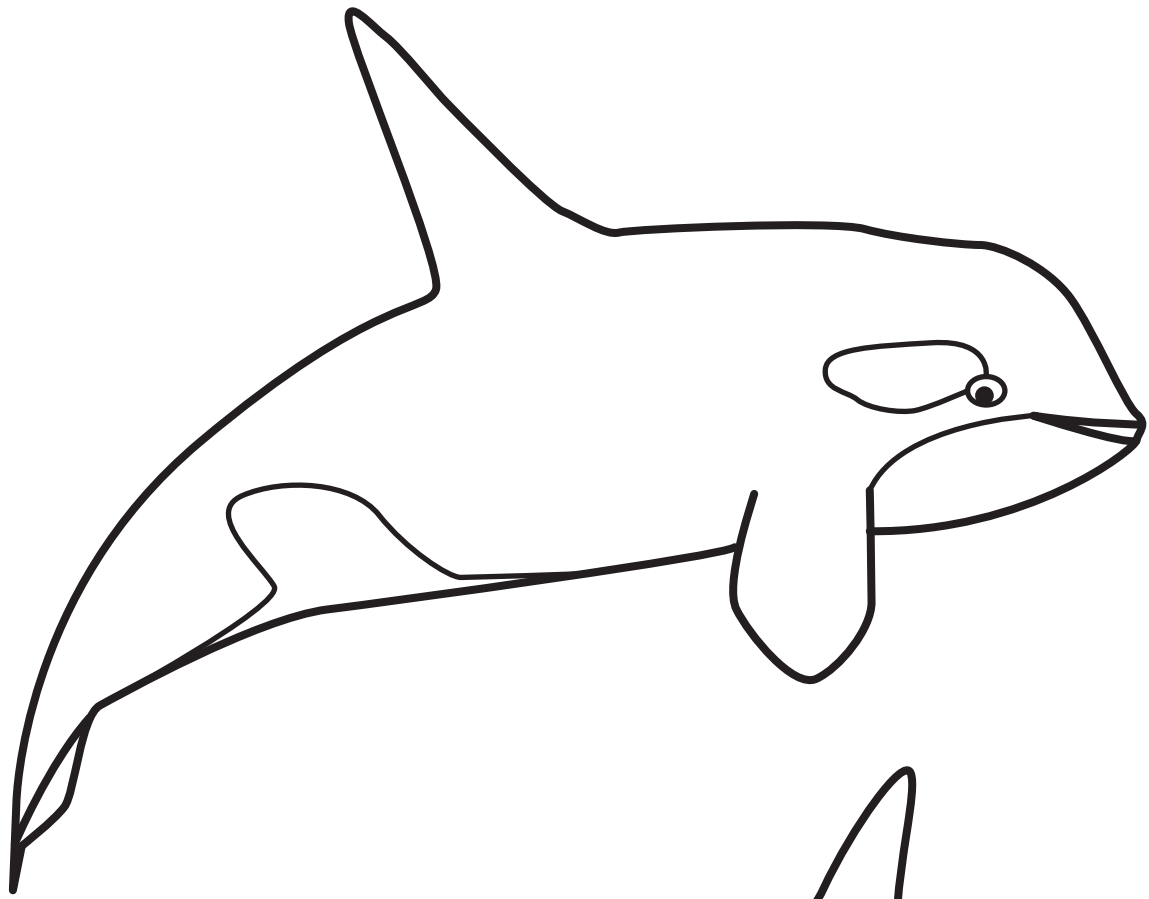
The Gulf of California is part of Mexico.
Vaquitas live in the northern part of the Gulf.
It is the only place in the world that
they are found!



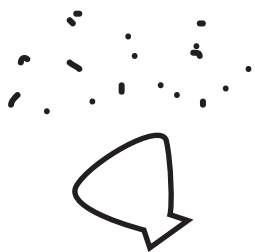
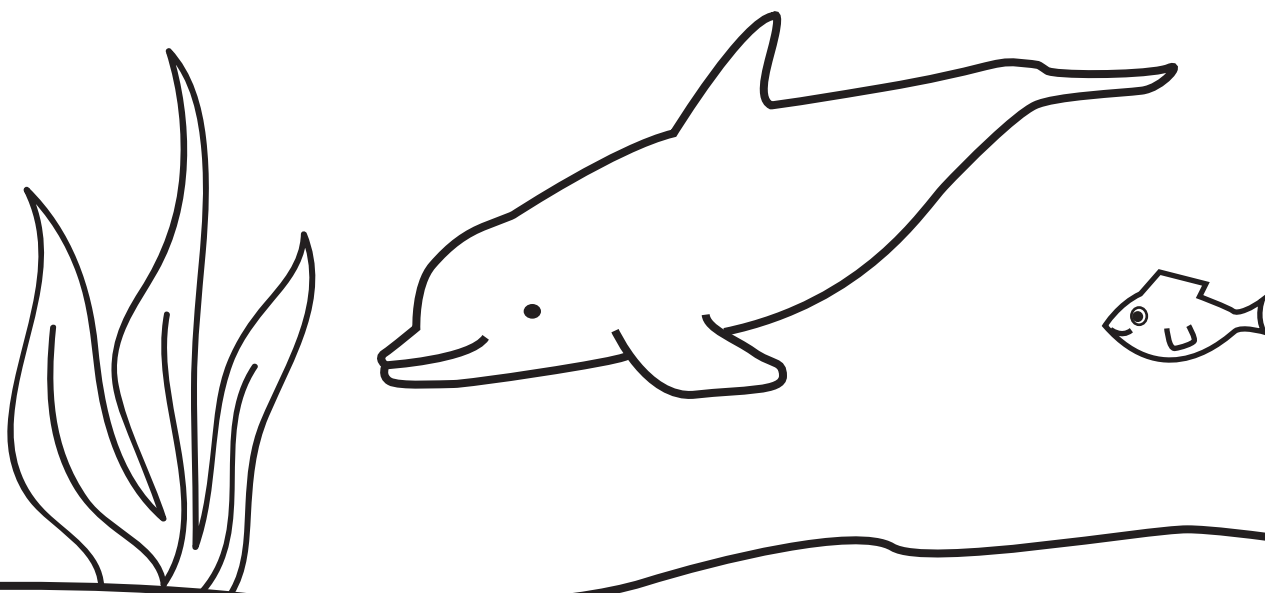
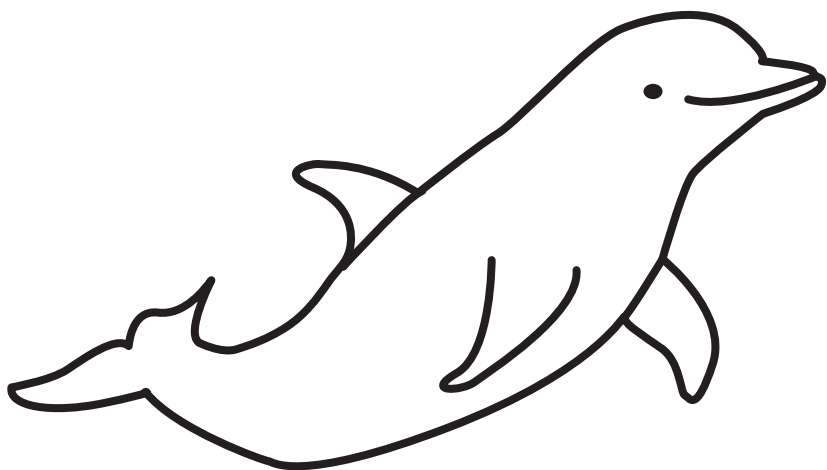
Anita the Vaquita lives underwater, surrounded by many other creatures!



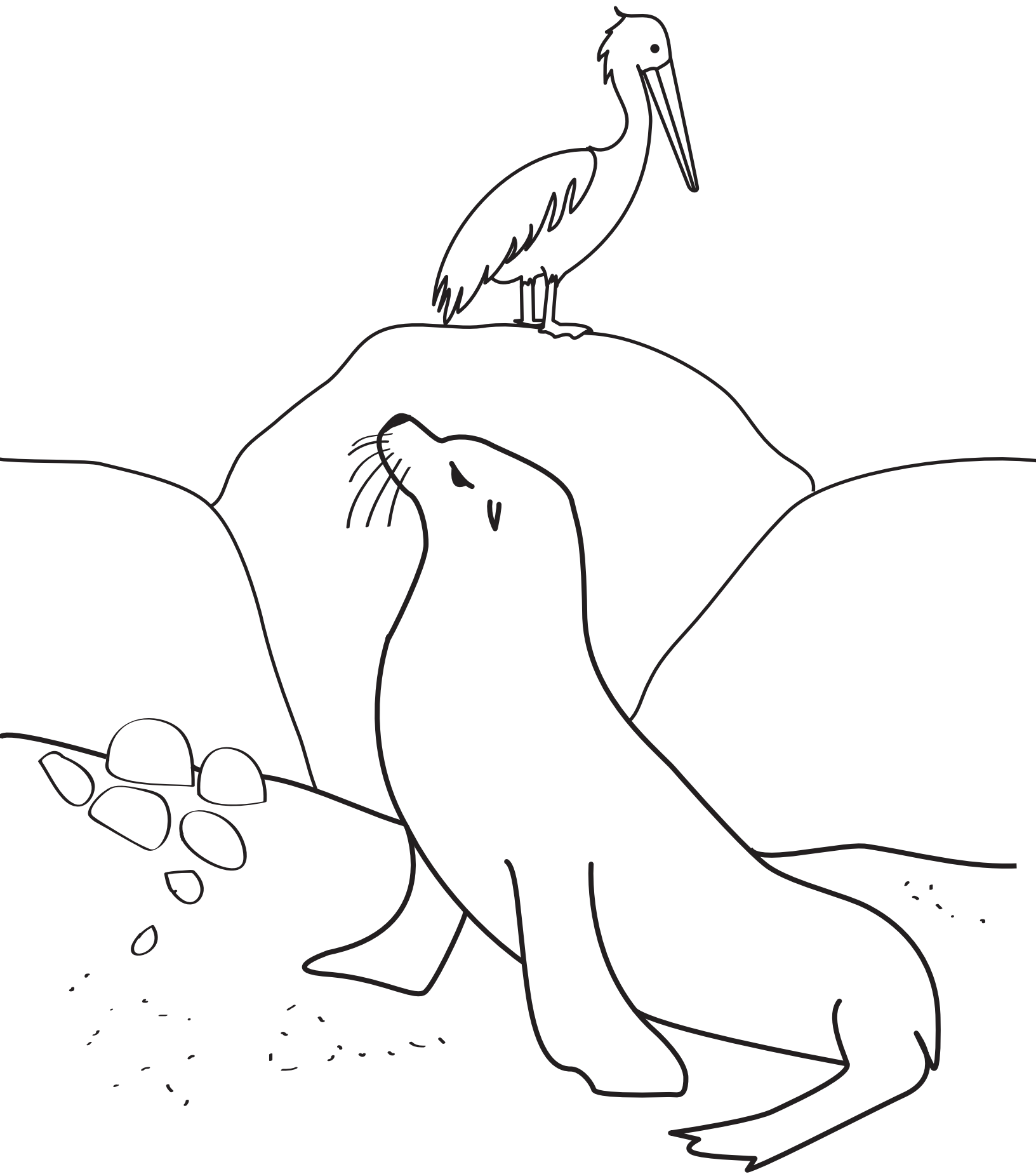
Other creatures in the Gulf of California include, Hammerhead Sharks...



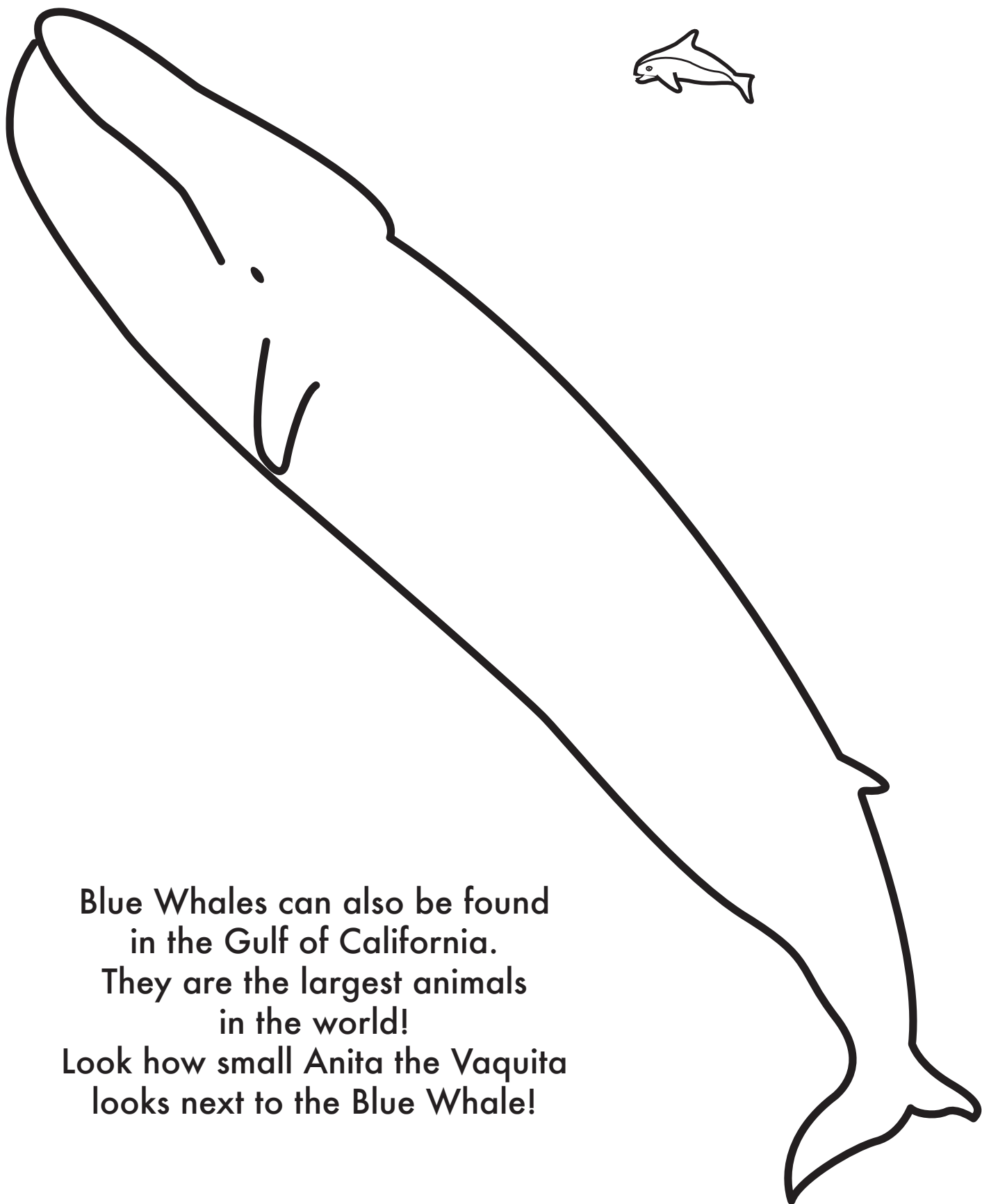
... And Killer Whales! ...



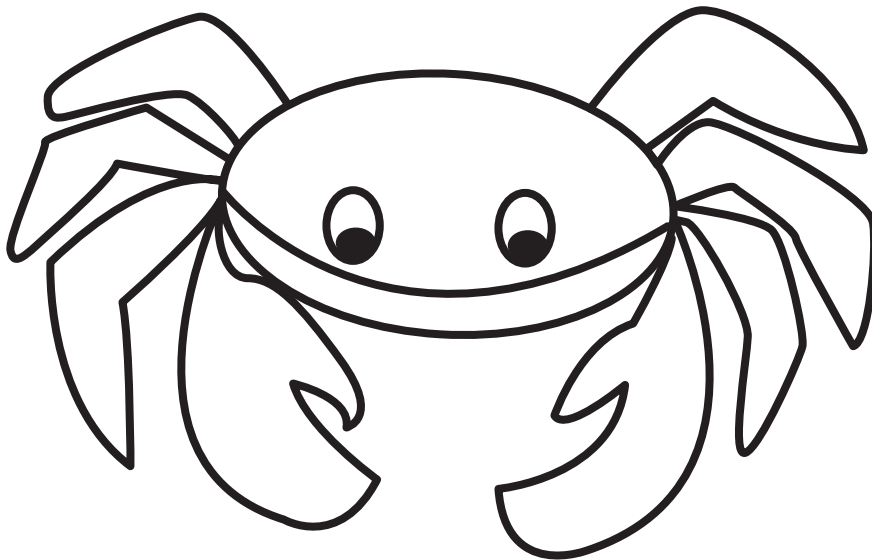
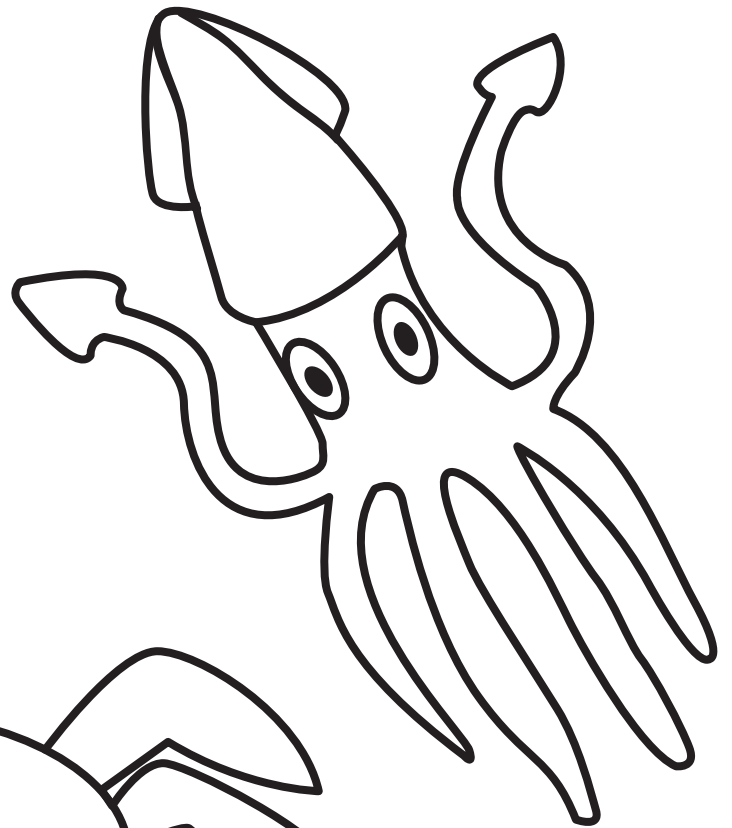
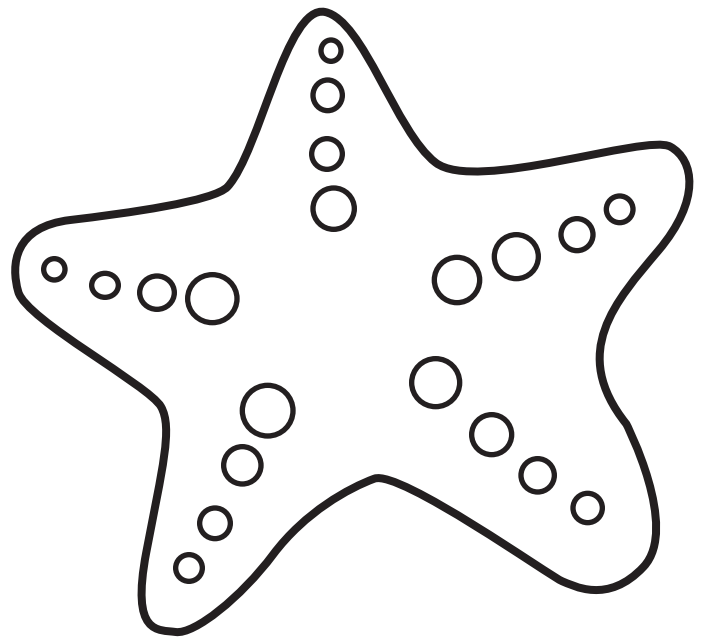
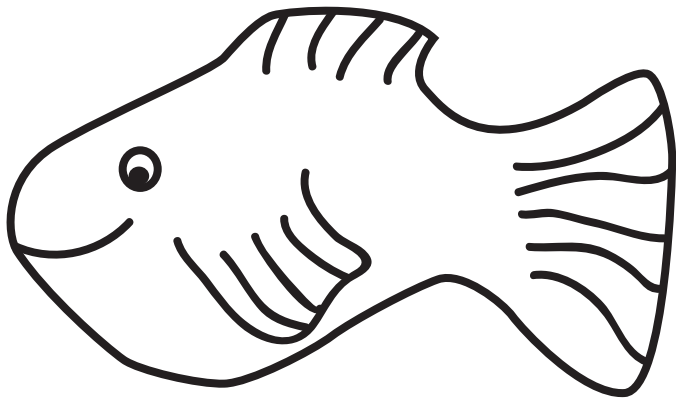
... And Bottlenose Dolphins! ...



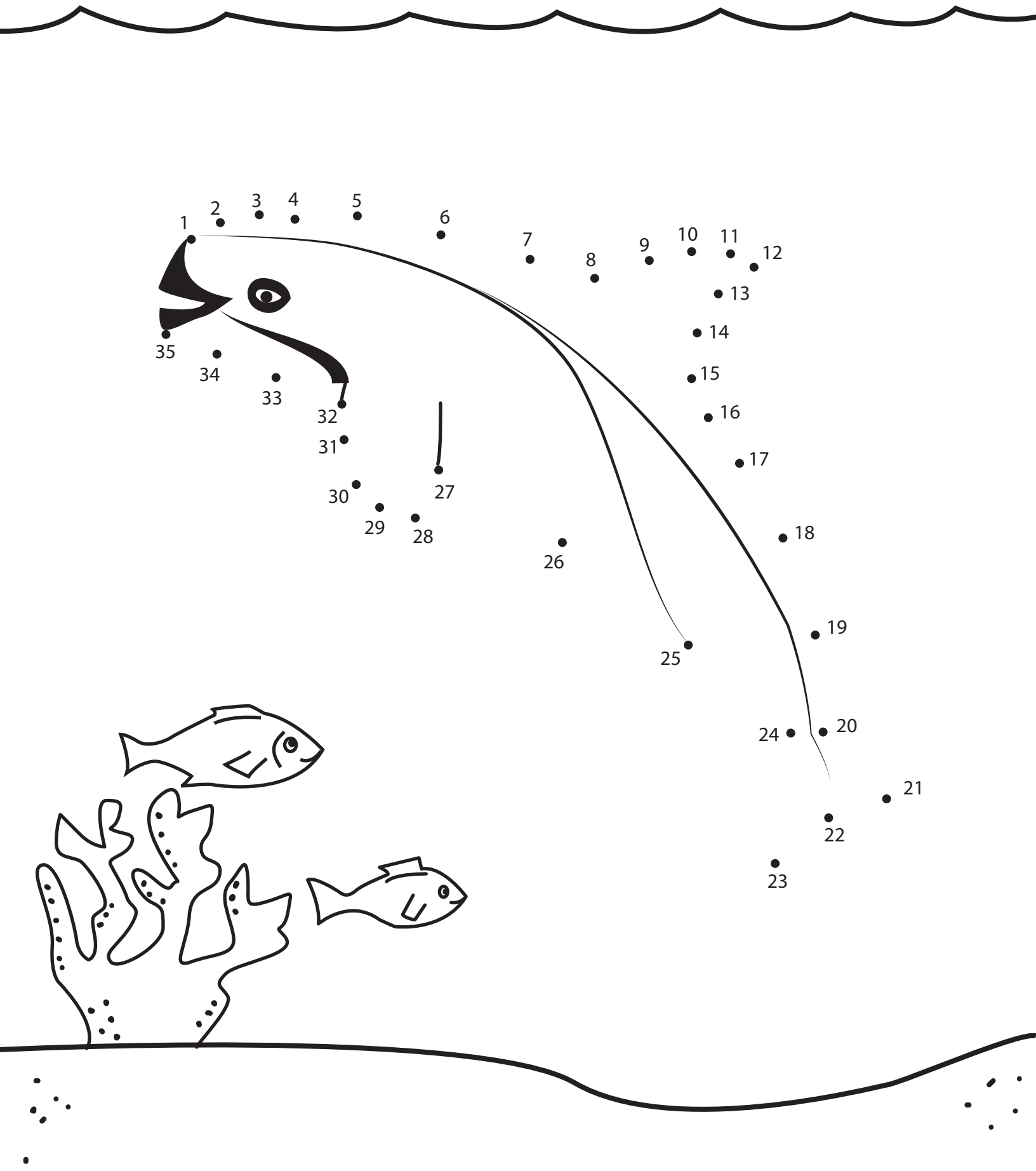
California Sea Lions and Pelicans live there too!



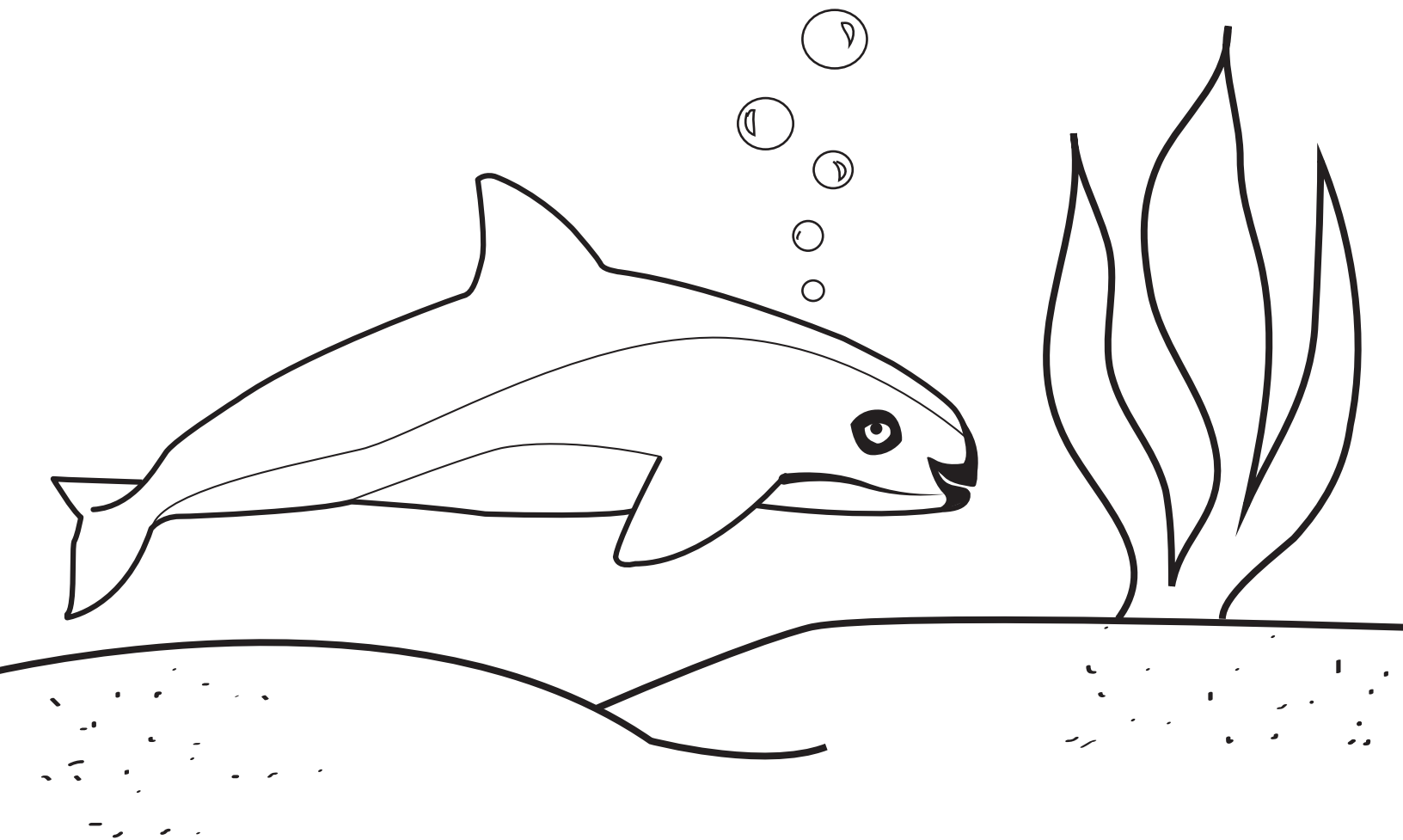
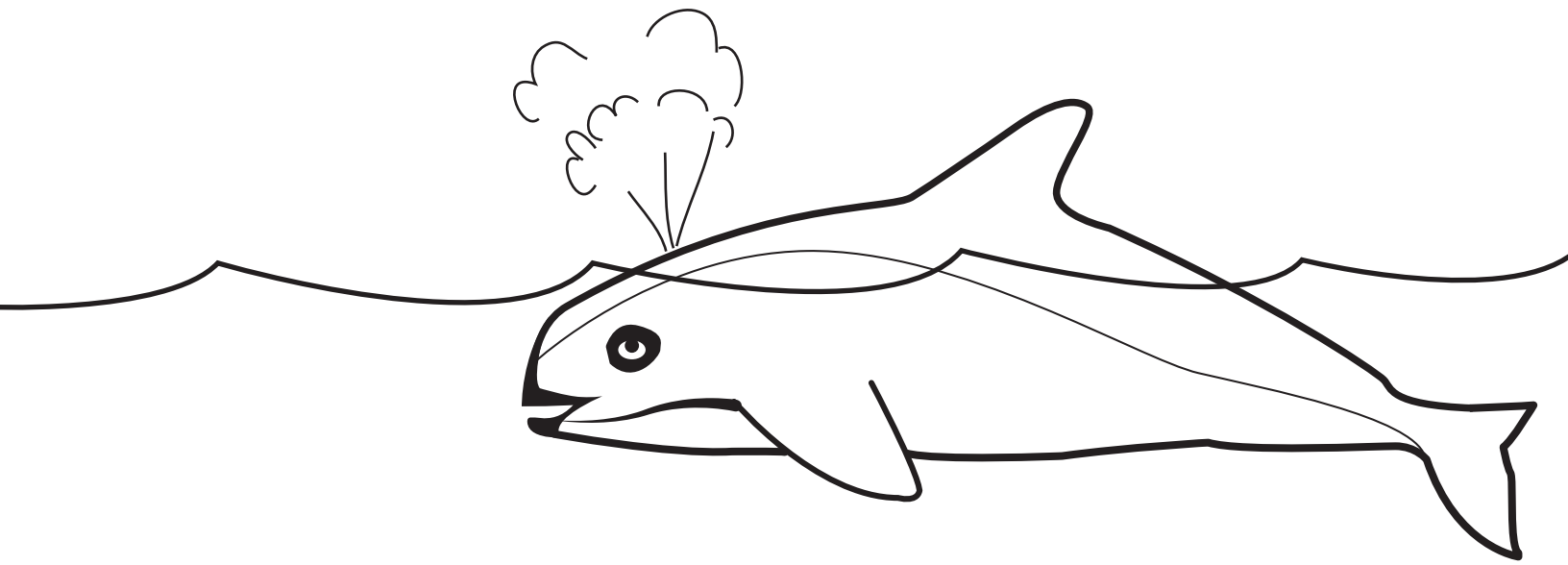
Blue Whales can also be found
in the Gulf of California.
They are the largest animals
in the world!
Look how small Anita the Vaquita
looks next to the Blue Whale!



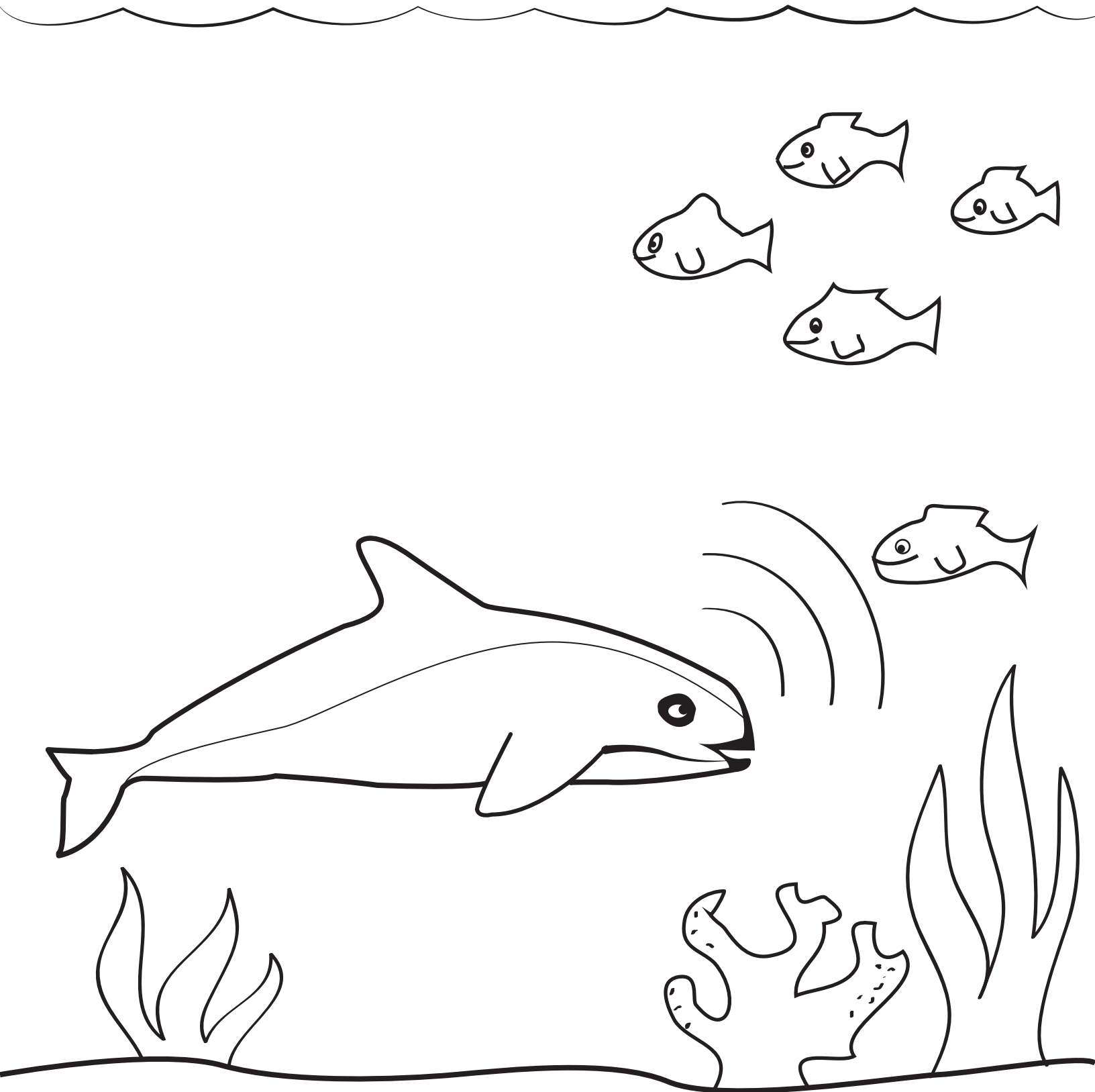
Vaquitas like to eat fish.
Can you circle Anita the Vaquita's dinner?



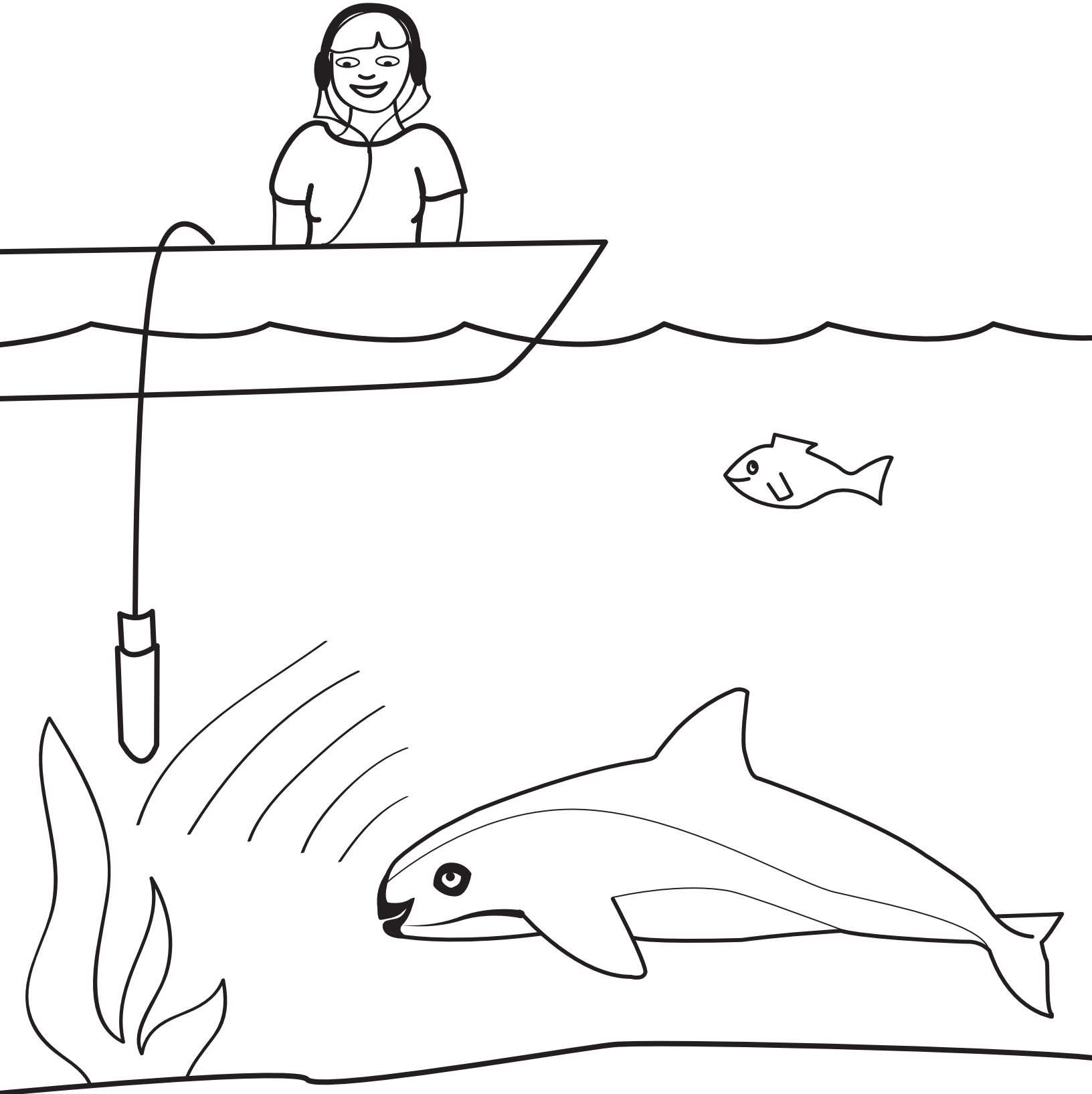
Connect the dots!



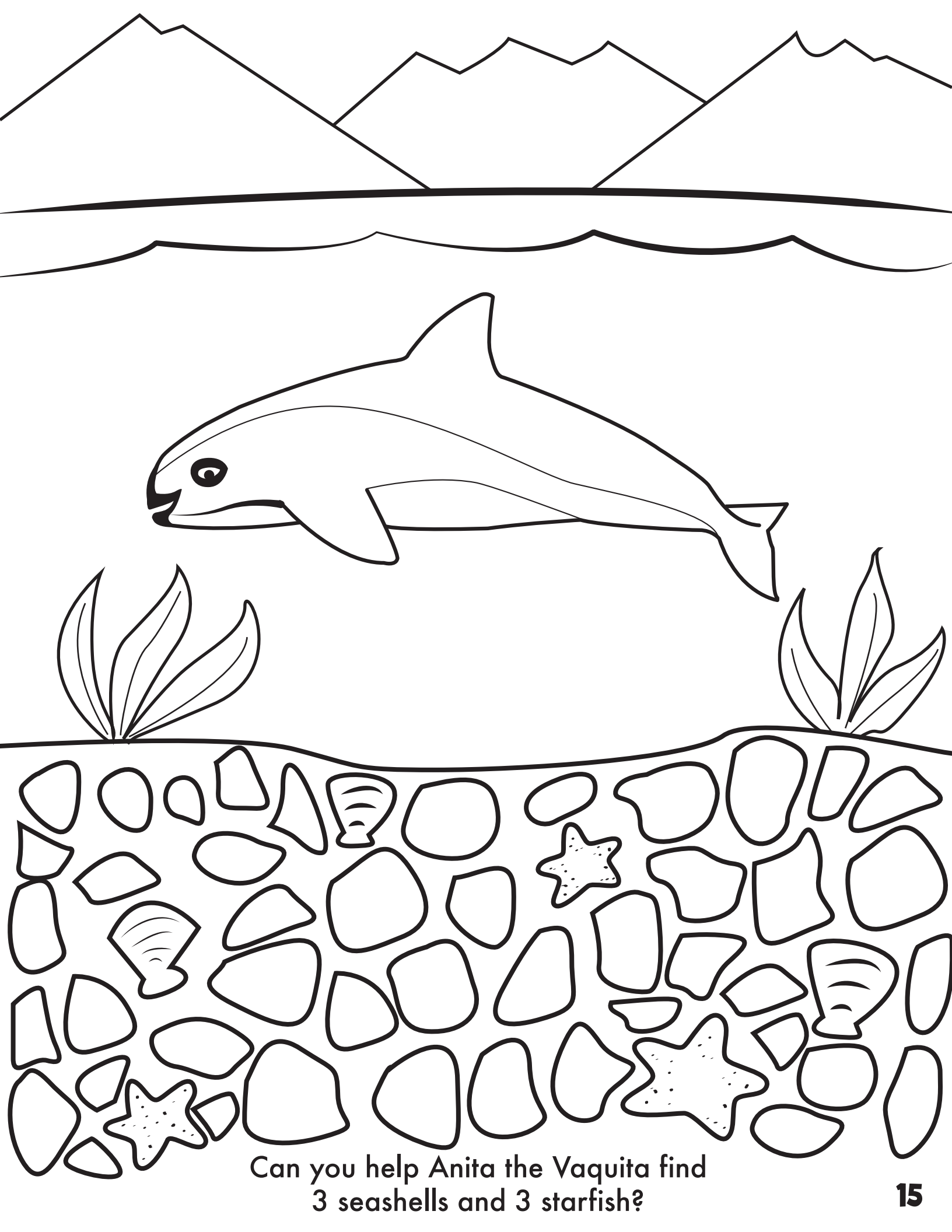
Vaquitas can stay underwater for a long time (a couple of minutes), but must come up to the surface to breathe!



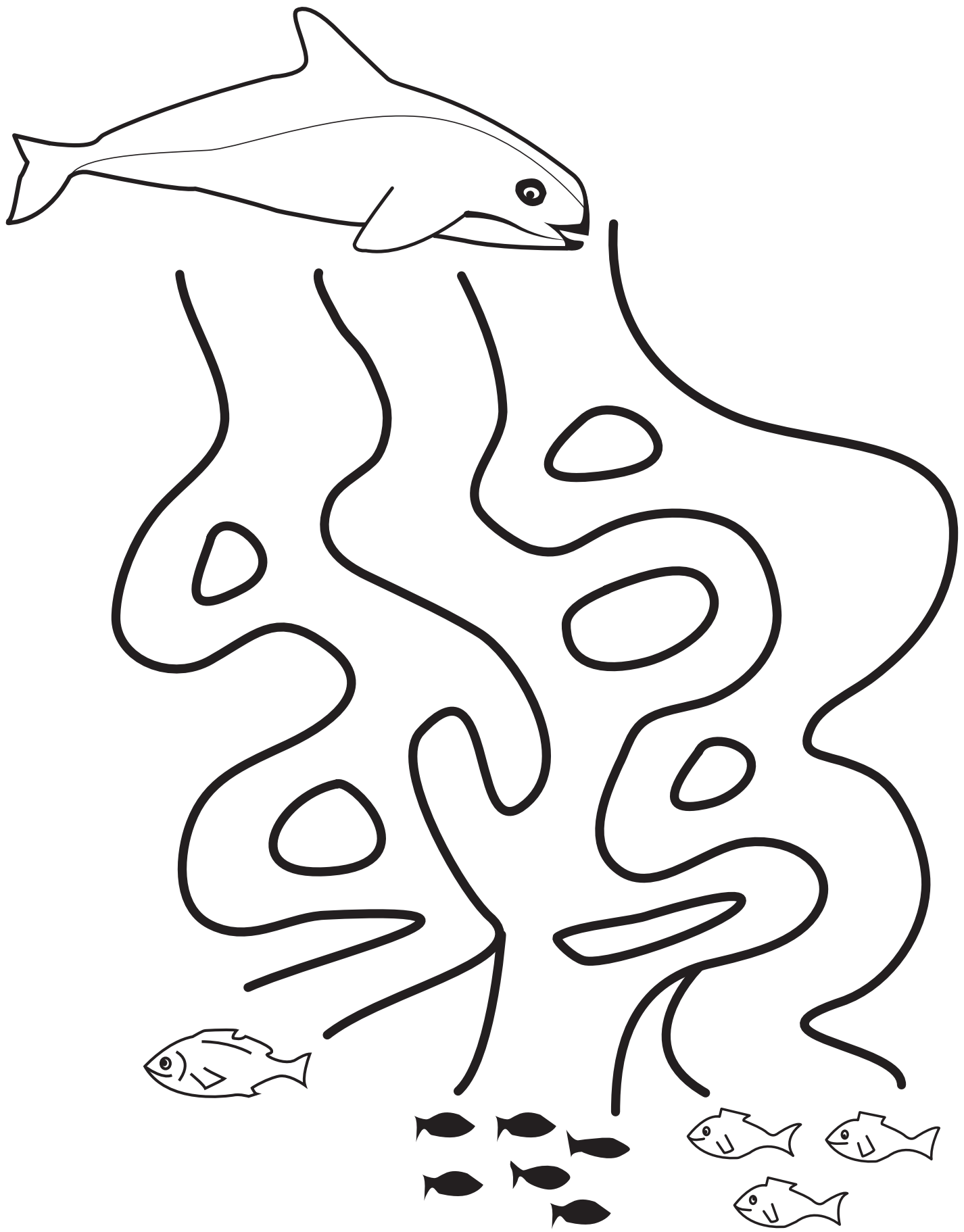
Vaquitas use “echolocation” by sending out special click sounds and listening to the echoes. They do this to find objects and other creatures under the water!



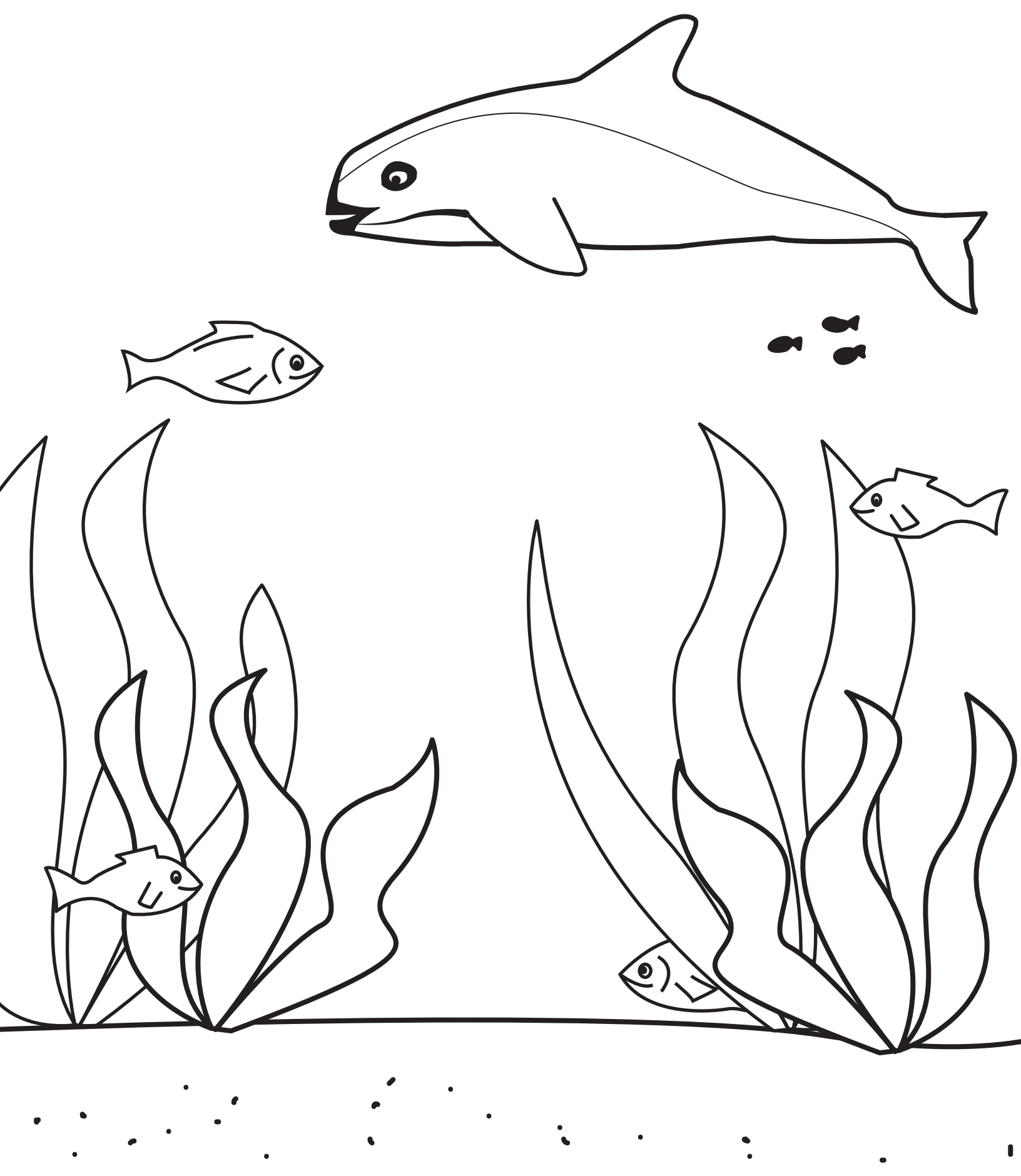
Scientists can listen to Anita the Vaquita echolocate by using a "hydrophone" (an underwater microphone). People can't hear them without special equipment!



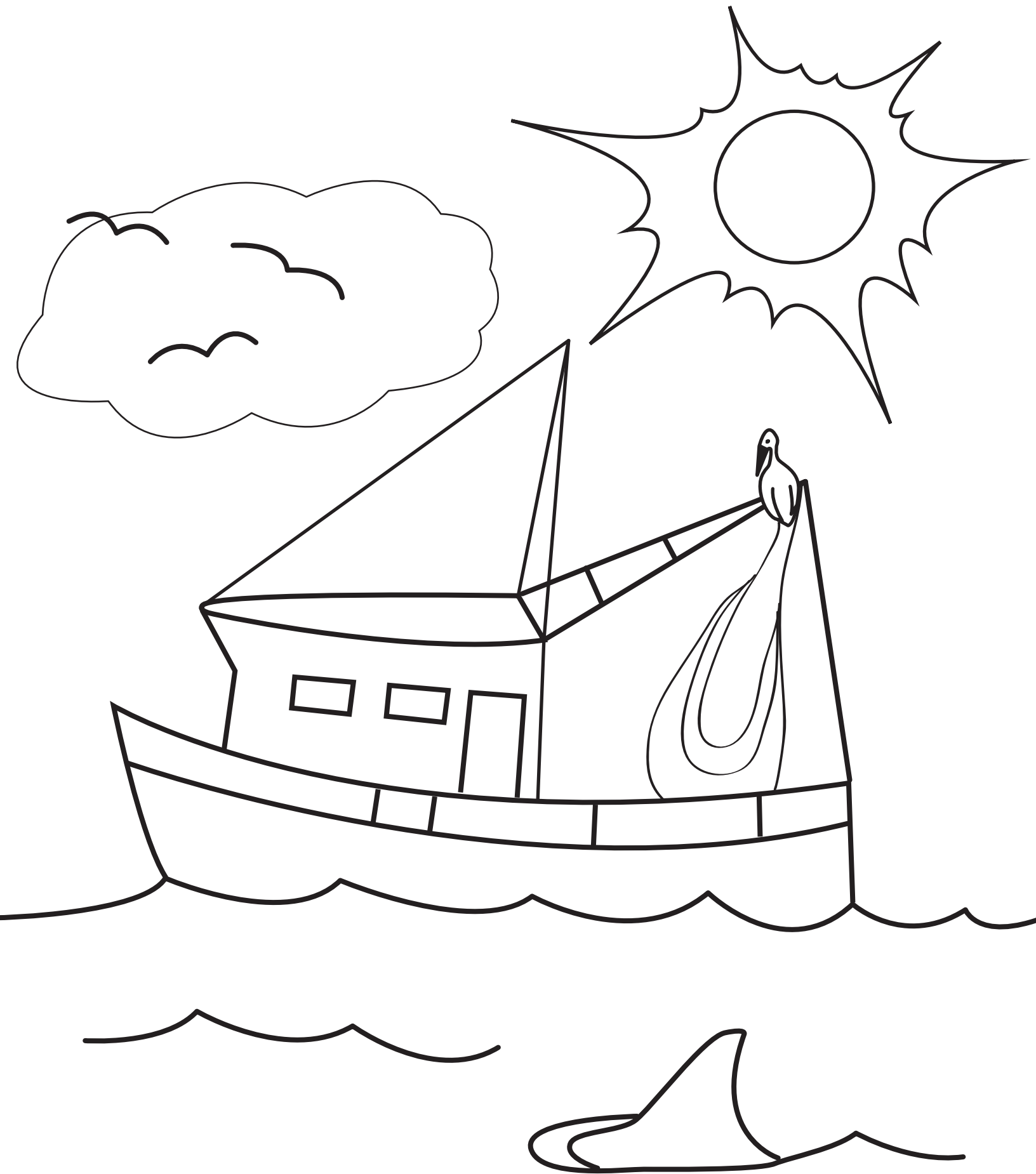
Can you help Anita the Vaquita find
3 seashells and 3 starfish?



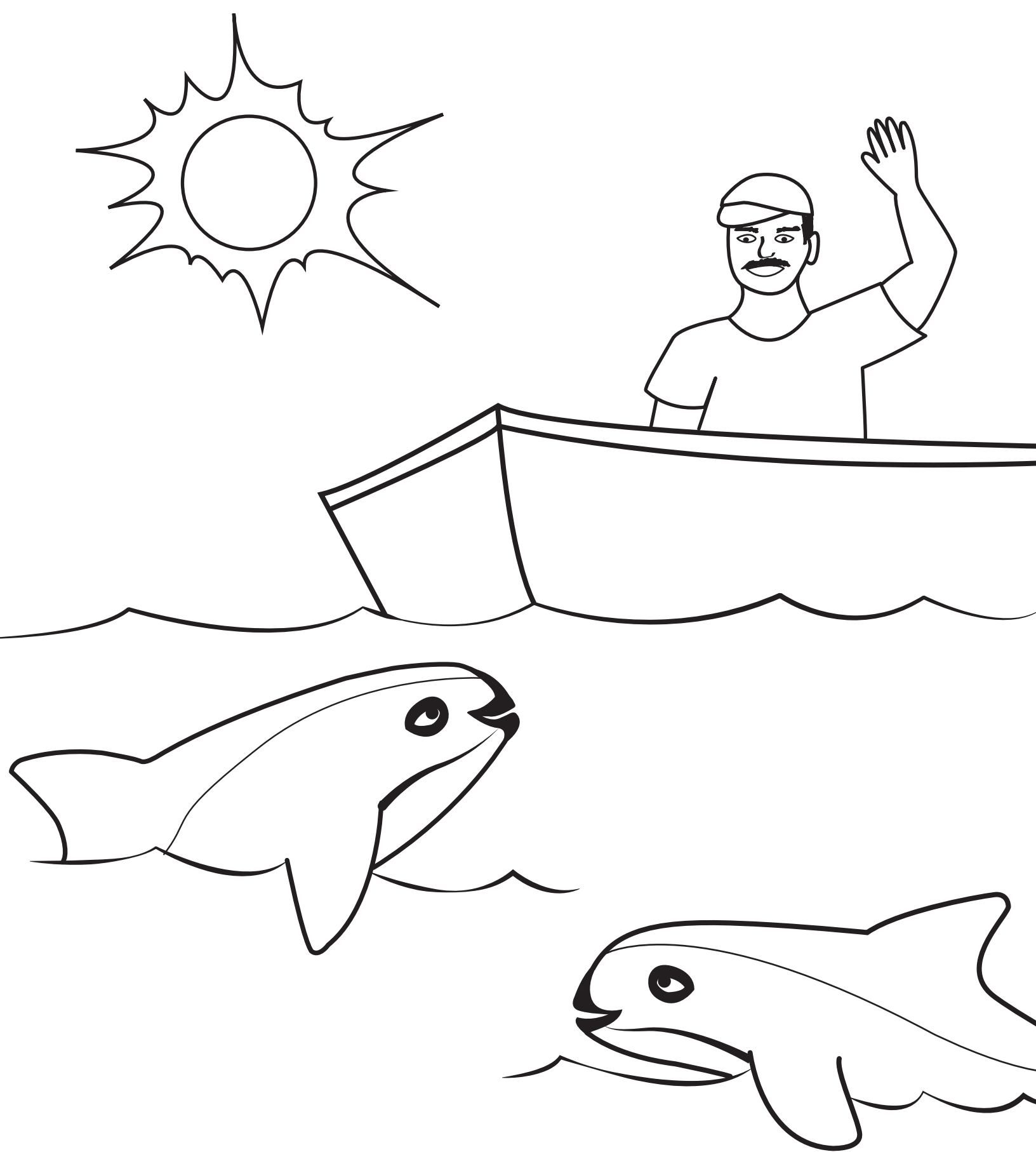
Help Anita the Vaquita follow each pathway to the fish!
How many fish does she find at the end of each pathway?



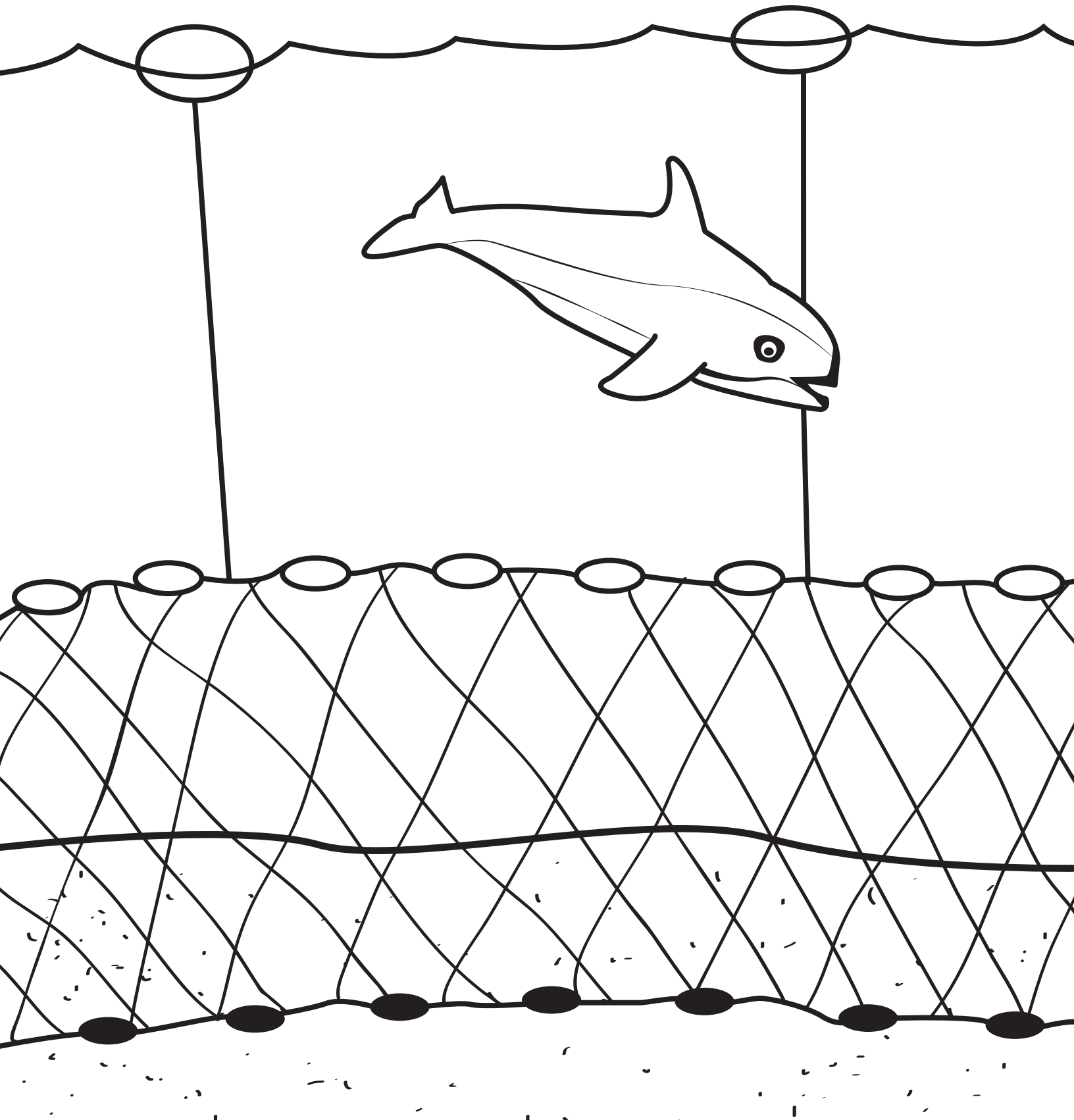
How many fish can you help Anita the Vaquita find?



Sometimes Vaquitas swim near boats that are catching fish and shrimp.



Vaquitas sometimes swim near fishermen
and their nets.



Fishermen use gill nets to catch fish and shrimp. Sometimes Vaquitas swim into them by accident and get trapped. Gill nets are a big problem for Vaquitas, and are causing them to go extinct (die out).



You can help save Anita the Vaquita and her family!
Viva Vaquita!

For more information on Vaquitas, and to find out how you can help, check out:

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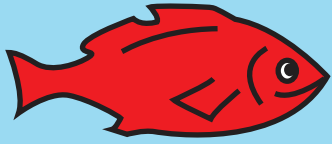
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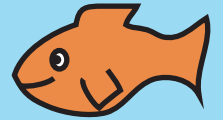
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Have fun coloring while learning about an endangered porpoise called the Vaquita!



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