

# SEL Stories from Under the Sea

**WELCOME TO THE UNDERWATER WORLD OF THE RAJA AMPAT REEF, HOME TO AN AMAZING ARRAY OF SEA CREATURES AND MARINE LIFE!**

Located in the western Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Indonesia, this reef is a vibrant ecosystem teeming with diversity, color, and wonder, much like the classrooms and learning environments we want all our children to inhabit. The reef and the sea life it nourishes are the inspiration for this collection of short stories and supporting activities.

Five tales, written in rhyme, highlight the life-long benefits children can enjoy when they develop and strengthen their social and emotional skills. With the help of lovable and charismatic characters – Daria Dugong, Duke Bottlenose Dolphin, Ollie Blue-Ringed Octopus, Muriel Manta Ray, and Shea Hawksbill Sea Turtle – the following skills are brought to life: **managing stress, using whole-body listening, resolving conflicts, expressing empathy, and making friends.**



## How to Use the Activity Guide

Each skill is introduced in a story written to capture a child's attention and then supplemented by fun, engaging activities that support further skill development and academic growth. The activities allow children to explore art, movement, science and technology, writing, math, music, coloring, and structured group discussion.



# Fun Facts about Dugongs



## MATERIALS

- “Fun Facts about Dugongs” worksheet
- Computer/Laptop
- Internet access

## TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pass out the “Fun Facts about Dugongs” worksheet.
2. Ask students to research fun and interesting facts about dugongs and answer the following questions:
  1. How can you estimate a dugong’s age?
  2. How long can a dugong hold its breath?
  3. What is the closest land relative to the dugong?
  4. How long can a dugong live?
  5. How much does an average dugong weigh?
  6. What other interesting facts did you discover?
3. Have students create a slideshow or video presentation that highlights the answers to each question and any other information students learned. Ask for volunteers to share their slideshows and videos with the class.

**OPTIONAL** Do this activity in small groups of two, three, or four students.

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