

Sanctuary in the Sea

"Act towards all living creatures with justice and equity." —'Abdu'l-Bahá

In the deep blue of the Pacific Ocean lie some of Earth's precious treasures—the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and their creatures. They're part of one of the world's largest protected marine areas, covering nearly 140,000 square miles (362,000 sq km).*

These islands are extraordinarily rich in biodiversity. As a unique refuge for wildlife, they are home to over 7,000 species, many of which are found only in Hawaii. The critically endangered Hawaiian monk seals live

here—the last 1,200 remaining on Earth. It's the nesting grounds for almost all of Hawaii's threatened green sea turtles. Fourteen million sea birds also nest here, and many types of coral thrive.

The islands' hearty ecosystem also gives scientists rare opportunities for research. We have much to learn in order to protect our oceans from threats like over-fishing and pollution. By protecting the diverse habitats of animals, we can help keep the earth in balance.

In this Hawaiian setting, find eight hidden animals. Most are endangered species.



Hawaiian Monk Seal



Green Sea Turtle



Tiger Shark



Oahu Tree Snail



Black-footed Albatross



Laysan Duck



Nihoa Finch



Leatherback Sea Turtle

LEATHERBACKS ARE THE **LARGEST** TURTLES IN THE WORLD. THEY CAN GROW OVER SEVEN FEET (2 M) AND WEIGH OVER 2000 POUNDS (907 KG)!