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Bookmarks: Let's Save the Dugong

An activity of "Meet the shy inspirations behind the NDP's loveable puppets"

Read “Meet the shy inspirations behind the NDP’s loveable puppets” (page 9, *What’s Up* September 2026). Let’s learn more about dugongs and how we can help them.

1. Dugongs are sometimes mistaken for manatees. They are related, but not the same animal. Watch the video to find out how different they are!

Manatee or dugong? - Spot the difference

➤ <https://youtube.com/shorts/CKaD1p-RbK4?si=l8qahlRBIer7XayT>
(WWF UK, May 2024)

2. Fill in this table to list their differences.

	Dugong	Manatee
Tail	The dugong has a _____, like a whale's.	The manatee has a tail shaped like a _____.
Snout	It has a large, bristled _____ that protrudes over its mouth.	It has a whiskered _____ that is almost _____-shaped.
Habitat	Dugongs are found in East Africa to _____.	Manatees live on the coasts of the Americas, the _____ River, and the West Coast of Africa.

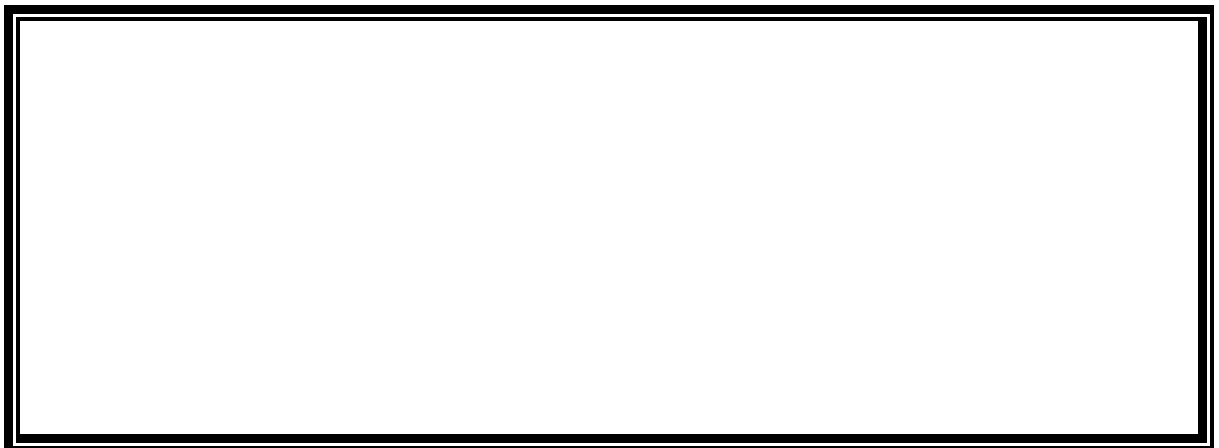
3. Use information from the video and *What's Up* article to jot down, in point form, what you now know about dugongs.

Interesting facts about dugongs

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Problems faced by dugongs
What we can do to help dugongs

4. Draw and colour a dugong in the bookmark template below. Make sure its features in your drawing looks like a dugong (not a manatee). You may also draw seagrass, bubbles or other details around it. Add a short title of your own to spread a message (e.g. Protect Singapore's Sea Cows!).

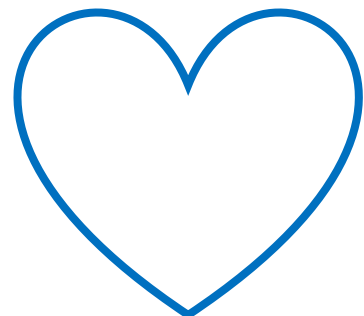
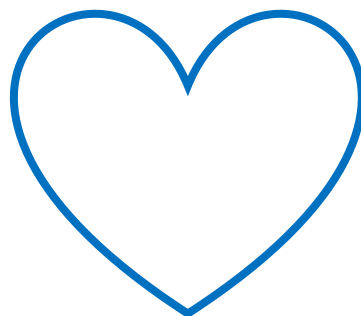
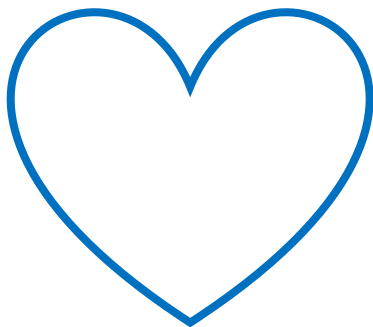


5. If dugongs could say something to humans, what would they say? Fill in the hearts below. Then, cut them out and paste them on the back of your bookmark.

One interesting fact about me...

One problem I face...

How you can help me...



6. Use the bookmark! It will be a reminder that dugongs need our help to thrive.