

Monday 8th June

Our world's oceans are full of amazing creatures and we will begin to explore some of these them week.

TASK:

For today's English visit the pobble365 website below and have a go at the questions and continue the description of the Wrasse:

<https://www.pobble365.com/colours-of-the-ocean/>

The fish in the picture on the website above is a Maori Wrasse.



For more facts about the Maori Wrasse:

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/fishes/humphead-maori-wrasse-cheilinus-undulatus/>

One of the strange facts about these amazing creatures is that the females can change into males if they need to!

Here's David Attenborough telling us a little more in the incredible documentary Blue Planet II:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK7w7VuScto>

There is also a very famous Maori Wrasse called Wally who lives on the Australian Great Barrier Reef.

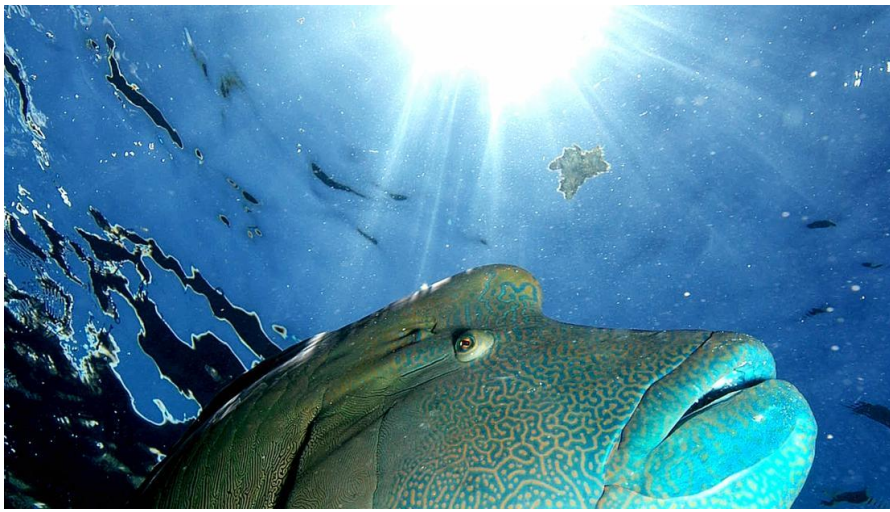
Where does the name Maori Wrasse come from?

Maori Wrasse are so named for their striking facial markings which resemble those seen on traditional Maori warriors in New Zealand. They are easily identified by their large size, the sort of thickset blue lips that a B list celebrity would be proud of, along with two black lines that trail elegantly behind their eyes.

If you're still confused, the prominent hump that appears on the forehead of larger adults is a dead giveaway. The colour of the hump head wrasse varies between a dull blue-green to more vibrant shades of green and purplish-blue.

The bump on Wally's head contains an air and oil combination which acts in part as a flotation device, rather like an inbuilt 'floatie' that parents strap to children's backs when they're learning to swim.

This counteracts the weight of his pronounced jaw, allowing Wally to maintain optimum buoyancy without faceplanting the seabed. That would not be cool. Particularly with all the paparazzi-like attention he attracts.



Some of the scuba divers created some optical illusions of Wally eating other divers:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3807985/Now-s-fish-supper-Scuba-divers-create-amazing-optical-illusion-eaten-alive-giant-Napoleon-Wrasse.html>