

# Creative Storytelling

...and stone mosaics inspired by  
our stories!



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# About the booklet

This booklet is a small celebration of imagination, creativity and our shared connection with the sea. Throughout the project, participants explored the importance of protecting marine life, learned about sea pollution, reflected on their own role in environmental preservation, and spent meaningful time by the shore – listening to the waves, observing the coastline, and connecting with the natural world around them.

Inspired by these experiences, each team stepped into a storytelling journey where the sea became the main setting and sea creatures became the heroes of their stories. After writing their stories, participants transformed simple pebbles collected from the beach into colourful mosaics. Through painting and arranging the stones, they created visual interpretations of the narratives they had imagined. These mosaics became extensions of their stories – artworks shaped by nature and completed by their creativity.

This collection brings together all the stories and mosaics created during the workshop. It reflects not only the creativity of the participants but also their growing awareness of why the sea matters and how every small action can help protect it.

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At first we have a little crab who lived in a shell with his family. They lived in a beautiful shell with a great view. One day a group of humans came to their beach, and they laid out towels, ate snacks and smoked cigarettes. Some hours later these tourists left the beach and what they left was a horrible view! Plastic packagings and cans from food and drinks, burned cigarettes and old paper spread over the sand. Some of the trash got in the water and with time and more and more tourists the crabs home got ugly and unlivable.

Because of this, the little crabs parents got really sick and then one day they disappeared. So the little crab had to leave his home and flee. He got to a nicer place with less trash and clearer water. He found a nice trash can to live in, since all shells disappeared due to tourist kids taking them. He lived a decent life, met other nice crabs and build himself a home.





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One day he saw some people taking all the trash from the beach and the ocean ground and he was happy because the place looked way nicer without all the artificial materials! He still got to keep his trash can because the people did not manage to collect all the trash. The moral of the story is that people can be dumb and leave their trash behind, but that there also is hope, and people cleaning the beach! Even though the pollution problems is really bad, also small actions can help to make the ocean cleaner and more livable for everyone!!





# The orange jellyfish



There once was an orange jellyfish that was swimming around in the sea. While it was swimming it saw the most beautiful white jellyfish in the ocean. The orange jellyfish really liked the white one and started playing with it. They became best friends and did everything together. They were eating together, hiding in the seaweed together and even explored the ocean together. But one day the orange jellyfish was feeling really down because it was sick and while it was trying to eat it felt something in its throat. Turns out the white jellyfish was not a jellyfish but a plastic bag and the orange jellyfish died



# Dobby the Jellyfish

Dobby the jellyfish loves swimming the sea with his friends and playing around with them. But they are not allowed near “the big arch” been as all the ghost jellyfishes are there and they might get lost, hurt or worse killed. His family has always lived at the reef, his grandpa loves to tell stories about the sea from a long time ago. Dobby enjoys listening to him, trying to imagine how beautiful his home must've been decades ago. Last night he told Dobby about the vibrant coral reefs they used to have along with the many more fish there used to be. Furthermore, Dobby cannot imagine having so many neighbours.

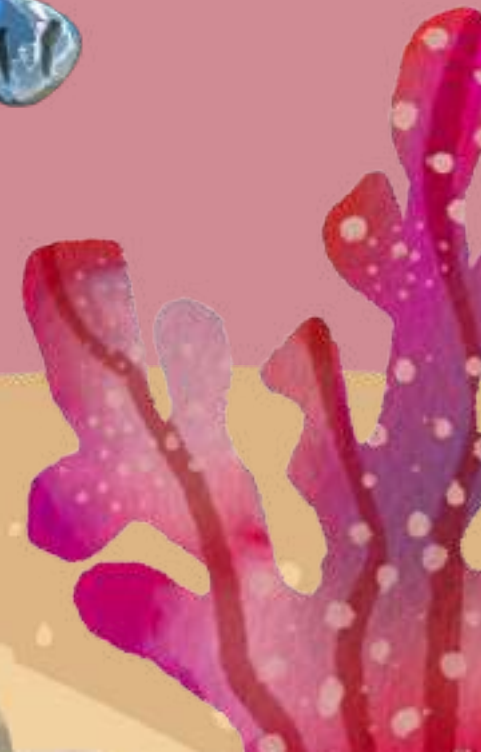
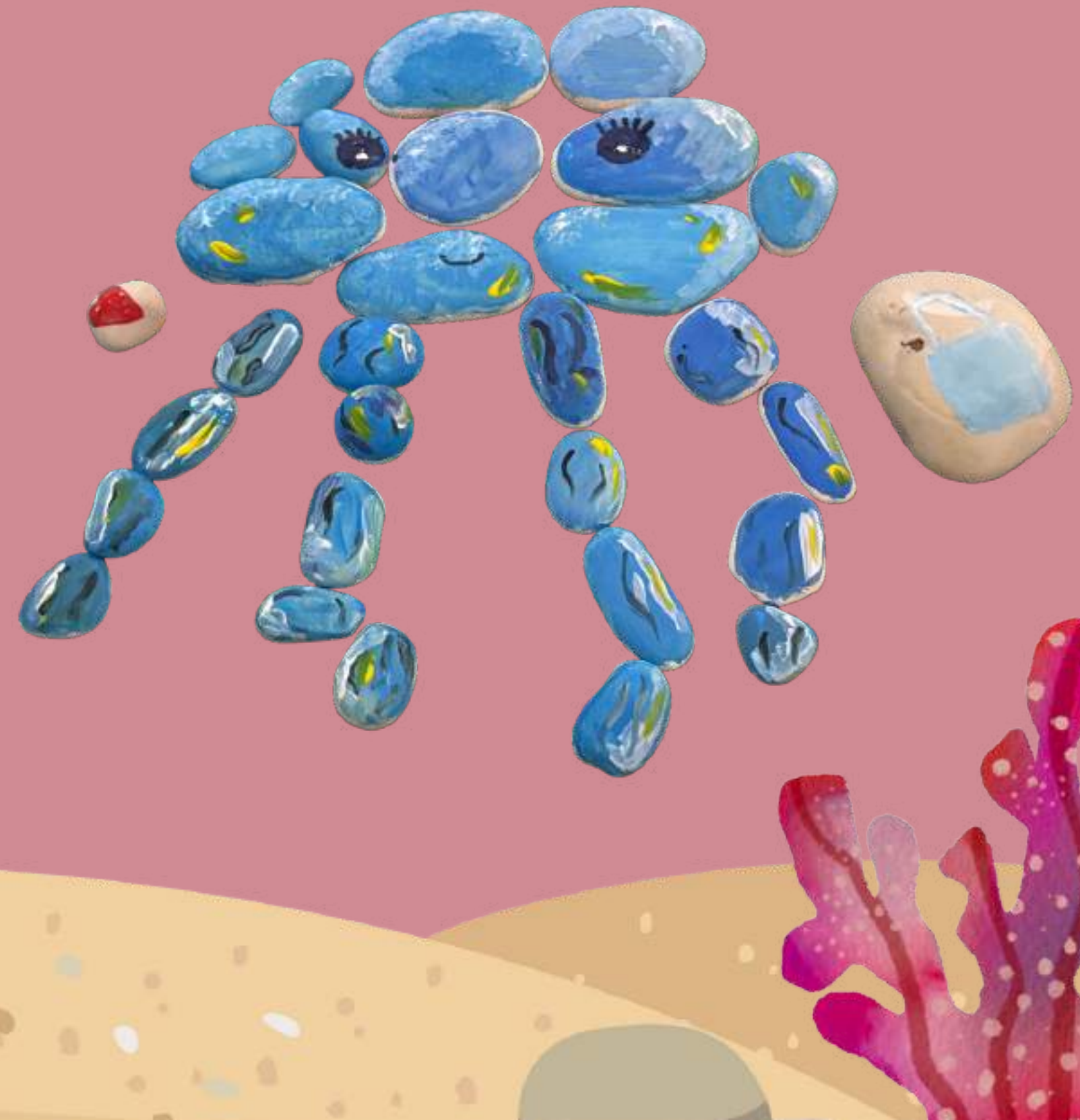
But some day strange animals with two arms and two legs started to appear and ripped out parts of their home. Weirdly the neighbours started to disappear one by one and some appeared dead in the sea. Slowly but surely the grandpa put two and two together; it was them two-legged and two-armed things, called humans.





# Dobby the Jellyfish

The next day Dobby notices the sun doesn't appear as it usually does, it's very gloomy and dark. He swims up to the surface and he realizes that there's a thick carpet of algae around him. He knows not to panic because he's always been told by his grandma to always stay hopeful and see light in the darkness. He believes he will live the life his grandpa always talked to him about and it's not too late for change.



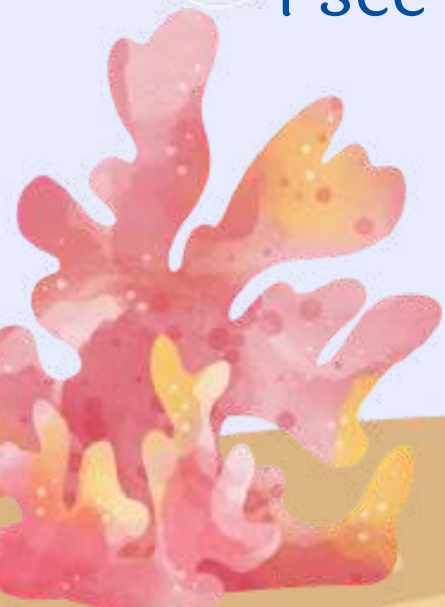


# The baby seal



As I opened my eyes I see the sun reflecting in the crystal clear ocean water. I am relaxing and feel the warm sunshine, laying in the golden sand watching the sky glowing in shades of pastel pink and orange. I'm stunned by the excited group of sea gulls flying by with their chatters. As I move closer to where the water meets the sand I see many fishes swimming in a swarm of rainbow colours.

Suddenly I wake up in a dark and stinky cave full of trash and without any colours. The only sound I can hear is the almost inaudible sound of breaking waves. Pointlessly I am looking around to find my mother, but she is nowhere to be seen. When I realise that I am completely on my own I decide to find a way out. I try to move but my flippers are always getting stuck in nets and plastic boxes. After a long way of struggling I finally reach the cave's end. Exhaustedly, I see the ocean for the first time but unfortunately also the last.



# The Most Excellent and unfortunate Tragedy of Cyp and Rus

Once upon a time on the beach of Pissouri, there was a lonely seagull called Cyp. Cyp was slowly walking along the beach far away from all the annoying tourists and thinking about life. The world made Cyp worry a lot regularly. Humans seemed to not care about nature at all. The planet was getting hotter, the sea level was rising slowly but surely and during his sad walk along the beach Cyp had to jump to not step on sharp glass or plastic leftovers. On that day Cyp felt especially sad. He had heard that some friends of his siblings had died already because they had accidentally eaten trash. Just the thought of that made Cyp terrified. And all of this didn't seem to get better. Yes, sometimes he had seen some motivated young people collecting trash on the beach. But this was not enough. During his walk, he just hoped that these young people would one day change the world and make it a better, a sustainable place. But at that moment, Cyp just felt horrible and laid down in the sand hoping that this day would just end and he could forget about all the sad things as soon as possible.



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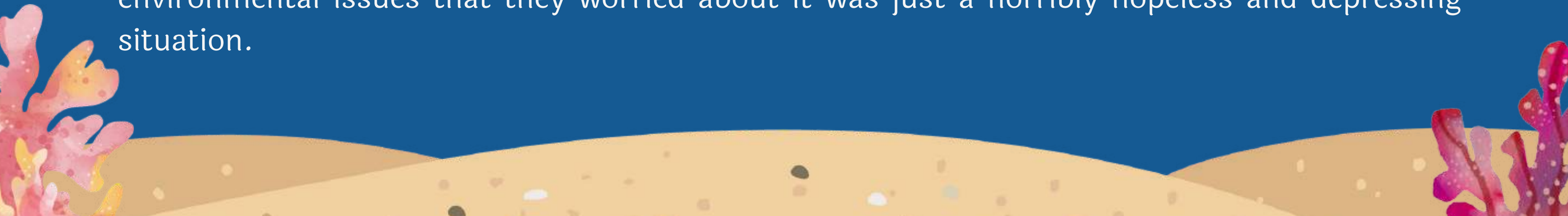
“Hey!”, someone suddenly shouted to him. Where did it come from? There was no one at the beach. Cyp was completely alone. But then he realized that a seal was slowly approaching Cyp from among the waves. Cyp had never seen that seal before even though he had grown up and never been anywhere else than Cyprus.

“Why are you looking so sad?”, the Seal asked.

“My name is Rus. Tell me about your thoughts. Maybe it will make you feel better!” A little surprised and careful at first, Cyp the seagull shared his worries with Rus. They talked while the day was coming to an end on Cyprus and they experienced one of the most beautiful sunsets they had ever seen. And even though they had never met before, it felt like Cyp and Rus had known each other forever and they talked and talked and the beautiful night underneath the stars even ended with a short and tiny kiss on Cyp’s cheek. From that day on they spent many many nights talking together, got to know each other a lot better and were very happy.

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However, they knew that their parents from both sides wouldn't be happy about their child's relationship with an animal from another species. So they never told anyone who they would actually meet with in the evening and were not very honest to where they would go. But one evening, on a cold night in autumn, Cyp's Dad found them next to the water and got really really angry. He told the whole family and all other seagulls he knew that they should watch and check that Cyp and Rus can never meet again. Rus's family of seals also soon found out since no one in the world of the Mediterranean Sea had missed how angry that one seagull which was Cyp's Father had got. And the seal family was similarly unhappy about the news. Cyp and Rus were not able to find any way to meet each other again. Everyone knew about it and there just wasn't any place on the beach or in the sea where no seagull or seal would see them. And they also couldn't communicate any more. So they both got really sad and in connection with the environmental issues that they worried about it was just a horribly hopeless and depressing situation.





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Unexpectedly, the parents of Cyp and Rus were so equally disappointed of their child and disagreed on the idea of interspecies-marriages so much that they liked sharing their thoughts about it together and ended up having some really good conversations on the beach close to Pissouri during the sunset. Eventually, the two families got really close and the parents and siblings of Cyp and Rus became really good friends so the both who were in love were finally able to at least see each other again and to the surprise of the whole sea world the parents even didn't oppose the idea of their relationship that much anymore, since they knew now how nice of a family the others were. So the parents allowed Cyp and Rus to meet again and got happily in love making lots of plans for the future and looking forward to an amazing life together in Cyprus.

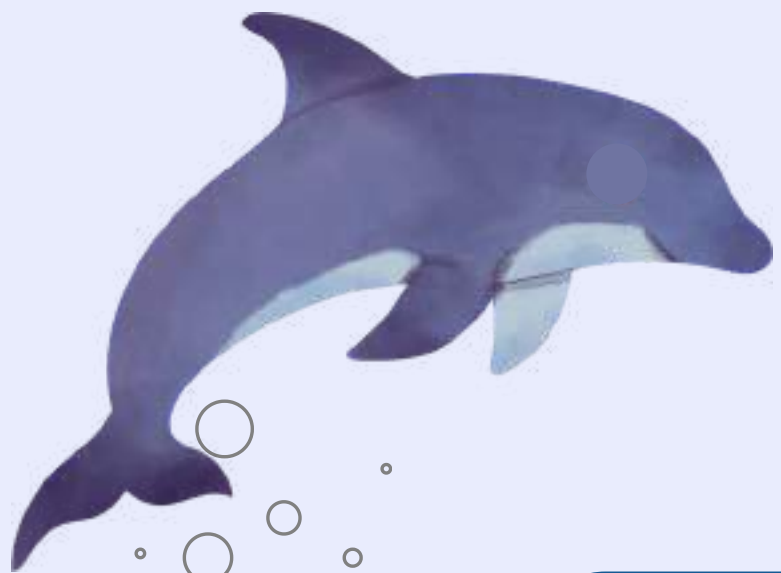
But there were two family members who had other plans. The brother of Cyp and the brother of Rus also got along with each other really well but they had not changed their mind on how bad of an idea they thought an interspecies marriage would be. So on a peaceful morning when Cyp and Rus had decided to look for some nice fish for breakfast, their two brothers secretly followed them on their way in the sea.

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They took a fishing net with them, which was not hard to find since humans left so many of them in the sea. And when Cyp and Rus were cutely enjoying their breakfast together the brothers surprised them and threw the fishing net on them. Cyp and Rus were horribly shocked, Cyp the Seagull got pulled under water and couldn't breathe anymore. Rus the Seal's head got stuck inside the net and the hole in which his head was got smaller and smaller since the brothers kept pulling the net down and deeper into the sea. Looking each other deeply in the eyes of their loved partner while craving air in their lungs, Cyp and Rus started to feel dizzy. Rus still managed to swim close to Cyp and grab his wing but there was nothing more that they could do while their brothers kept swimming and pulling them deeper and deeper. So Cyp and Rus dramatically suffered and finally died. But what remained forever was their deep love and their hope for young people to heal the planet which they had loved so much.







# Gallery

