

# Grading Rubric for the Marine Species Art Contest

Each artwork will be evaluated based on four categories, with a total possible score of 100 points:

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## 1. Marine Species Accuracy and Detail (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** The marine species is depicted with exceptional anatomical accuracy and realistic features, showing careful research and attention to scientific details.
  - **16–20 points:** The depiction is mostly accurate with minor anatomical or behavioral inaccuracies that do not significantly detract from the representation.
  - **0–15 points:** Significant inaccuracies, unrealistic features, or lack of detail, showing limited effort in portraying the marine species correctly.
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## 2. Art Skills (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** Mastery of the chosen medium, demonstrating excellent technique and clean, polished execution.
  - **16–20 points:** Good technique with visible effort, though some areas could use refinement or consistency.
  - **0–15 points:** Basic or limited skill level, with inconsistencies or a lack of technical execution.
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## 3. Depiction of Marine Habitat (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** The artwork shows a well-researched and realistic marine environment, with accurate depiction of water, plants, corals, and other habitat features appropriate for the species.
- **16–20 points:** The habitat is mostly accurate with minor inconsistencies, but still supports the overall representation of the species.

- **0–15 points:** The habitat is poorly depicted, unrealistic, or inconsistent with the species' natural environment.
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#### 4. Creativity (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** Highly creative, with unique and imaginative elements that make the artwork stand out.
- **16–20 points:** Good creativity, with thoughtful and engaging ideas that enhance the piece.
- **0–15 points:** Limited creativity, relying on standard concepts or lacking originality and personal expression.

### Awards Criteria for the Marine Species Art Contest

Based on the final score, participants will receive the following awards:

- **Gold Award: 85 and above**  
Exceptional artwork that demonstrates outstanding accuracy, skill, creativity, and attention to detail.
- **Silver Award: 75–84**  
High-quality artwork showing strong effort, good technical skill, and thoughtful execution across all categories.
- **Honorable Mention: 60–74**  
Artwork that displays commendable effort and creativity, with room for further development in some areas.