

Why Oysters are Important to the Chesapeake Bay:



- ✚ Oysters help the economy.
- ✚ Oysters make habitats for the animals in the bay.
- ✚ Oysters are filter feeders so they make the bay water clean.



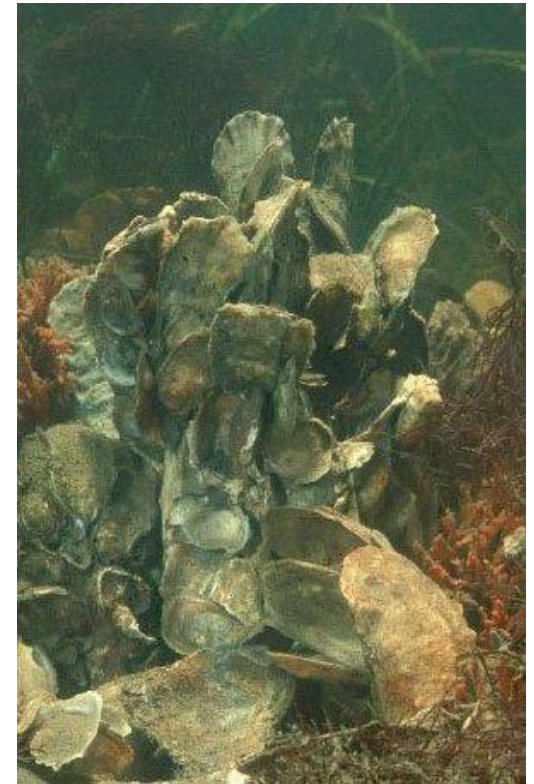
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Amazing Oysters

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Animals that Live in an Oyster Reef

Sea Squirt



Blue Crab



Oyster Toad Fish



Rockfish



Blue Blenny



Shrimp



- ❖ Hogchoker Fish
- ❖ Mud Crab
- ❖ Naked goby
- ❖ Northern pipefish
- ❖ Skilletfish
- ❖ Oyster pea crab
- ❖ Mussels
- ❖ Sponge
- ❖ Anemones
- ❖ Barnacles

<http://serceducationvolunteers.files.wordpress.com/2012/12/oyster-reefs-species-id.pdf>

Oyster Gardens & What You Can do to Help Oysters

An oyster garden is a pipe tied onto a net. Then you tie it to your dock. In the net you put bags of oysters with spat(baby oyster) attached to them. Every week you check on them and spray the muck off of the spats. After about a year they are ready to be moved.

How you can help oysters:

- Have an oyster garden
- Tell other people about how they can get an oyster garden
- Volunteer to help move oysters to a protected reef
- Have a beach cleanup with your friends
- Learn more about how you can help oysters



<http://www.petcarevb.com/wordpress/category/uncategorized/page/7/>

Requirements for an Oyster Garden

All you need to have your own oyster garden:

- Have a pier in water
- Minimum salinity of 5ppt
- Minimum depth of one meter at low tide
- Need to contact CHESPAX to get a starter kit(float and spats)



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