



Horseshoe Crab Video Vocabulary Exercise

Objective: Students will learn about horseshoe crab management issues using vocabulary contained within an MPT video segment on Horseshoe Crabs.

Procedure: Students review the vocabulary listed below with instructor. The students will then view the MPT horseshoe crab video and answer questions about the video using the vocabulary.

Avian: a characteristic of birds

Name an avian characteristic of migratory shore birds.

Spawned, Spawning: to deposit eggs for reproduction

Where do horseshoe crab spawn?

Migration: the movement of certain animals, chiefly birds or fish, to distant breeding or feeding grounds.

Where are shorebirds migrating from and to when they stop to feed on horseshoe crab eggs?

Harvest: the act of landing a fish and keeping it. The fish is never returned to the water.

Who is harvesting horseshoe crabs?

Restriction: the act of keeping within limits

Harvest restrictions are placed on what fishery in the video?

Tundra: regions of high latitude almost devoid of trees.

Where are the tundra breeding grounds of migratory shorebirds?

Bio-medical: The study of medicine related to biology

What does the biomedical industry harvest from horseshoe crabs?

Vaccine: a medicine that gives people immunity from a disease.

Horseshoe crabs help us keep vaccines safe. What are some vaccines used as examples?

Shorebird: A bird that uses the shores of coastal and inland waters as habitat.

Name some of the shorebirds shown in the video.



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