

Funtastic Fish!

New fish species are moving into Scottish waters.

The North Sea has got 2 degrees warmer over the last 40 years, which means it is heating up 4 times faster than the global average. In response, it is thought that fish are moving northwards at a rate of 12 kilometres per year and species like squid and John Dory are becoming more common, while others like cod are harder to find.



squid, cod and monkfish by Claire Corrigan

Think about what these new fish might look like? How will they adapt to their new environment? How will they get on with the fish that are already there?

Create your own new fish species – why not use junk or plastic bottles and do some recycling at the same time? There are lots of ideas online – see these websites to get you started:

<https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/animals/fish/tissue-paper-fish-craft.asp>

<https://www.instructables.com/id/plastic-bottle-jellyfish/>

Or play fishy consequences – take it in turns to draw a head, body, fins, tail on a piece of paper, folding it down as you swap it from person to person – then unfold at the end to reveal your amazing sea creature!

Share your funtastic fishy creations on the Scottish Fisheries Museum Facebook page: @scotfishmuseum