"Fun with Sophie the Sea Otter & Ricky the River Otter" OERS Otter Activity Booklet

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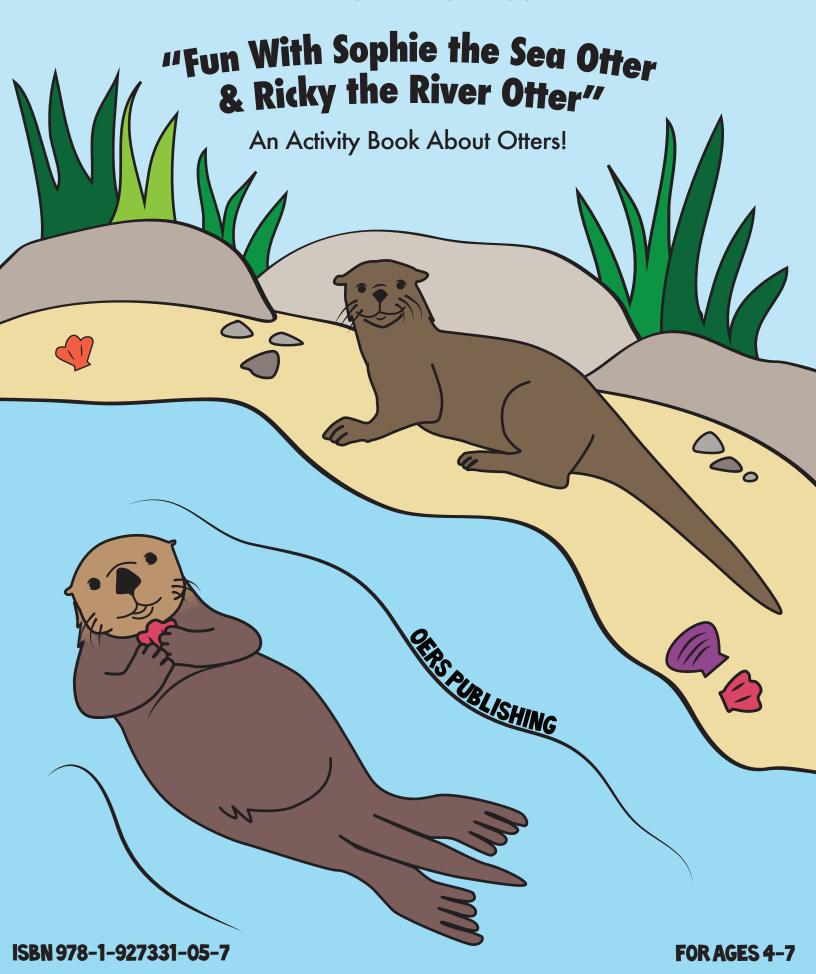
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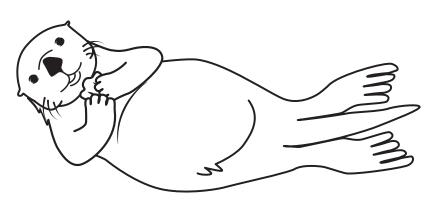
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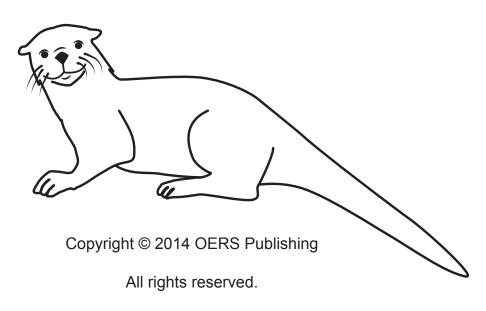
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An Activity Book About Otters!



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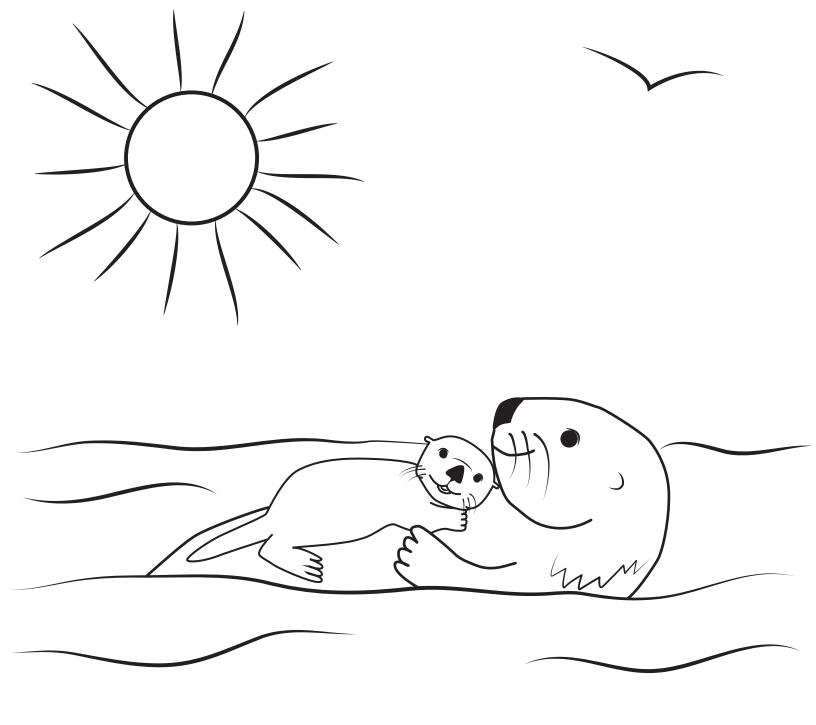
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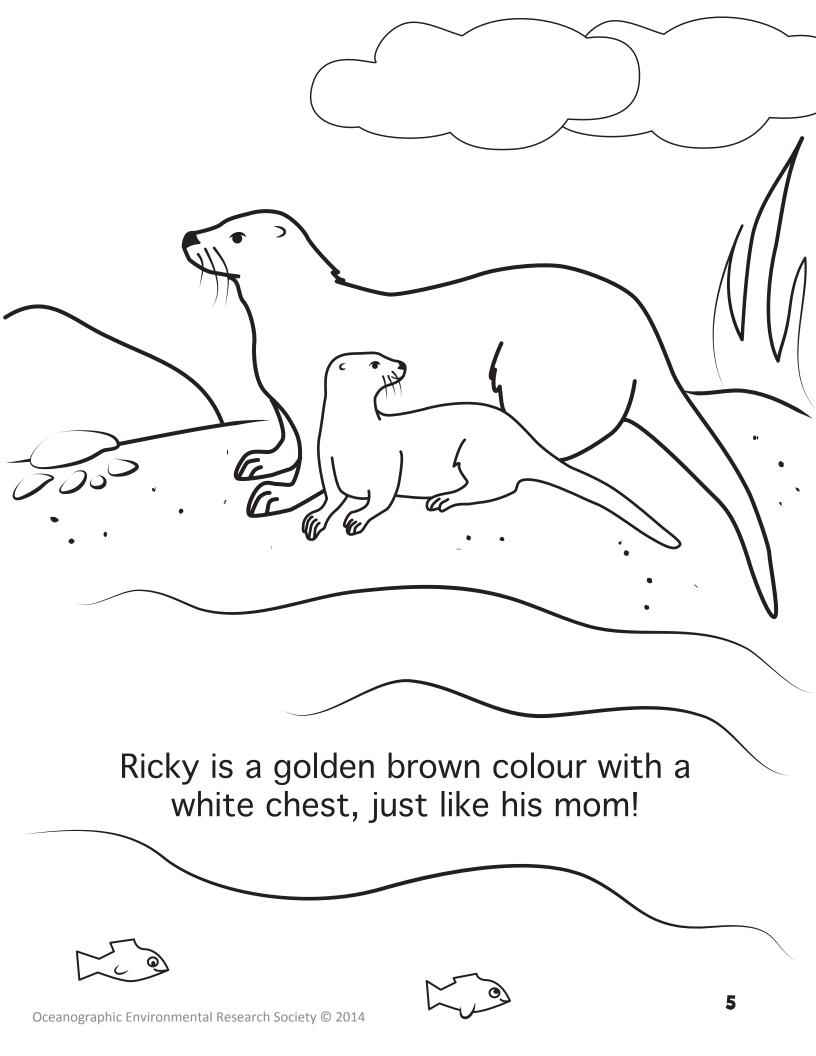
Ricky is a River Otter!
Ricky lives both on land and in rivers, ponds, and lakes. He is also covered with fur.

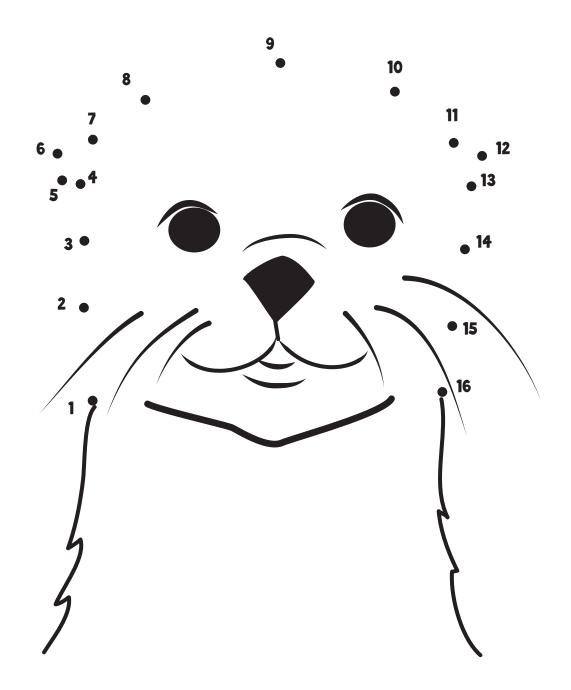


Sophie likes to rest on her mother's belly. Right now all her fur is brown, but when she gets older, her head will turn white like her mom's!



CONNECT THE DOTS TO SEE SOPHIE!





CONNECT THE DOTS TO SEE RICKY!

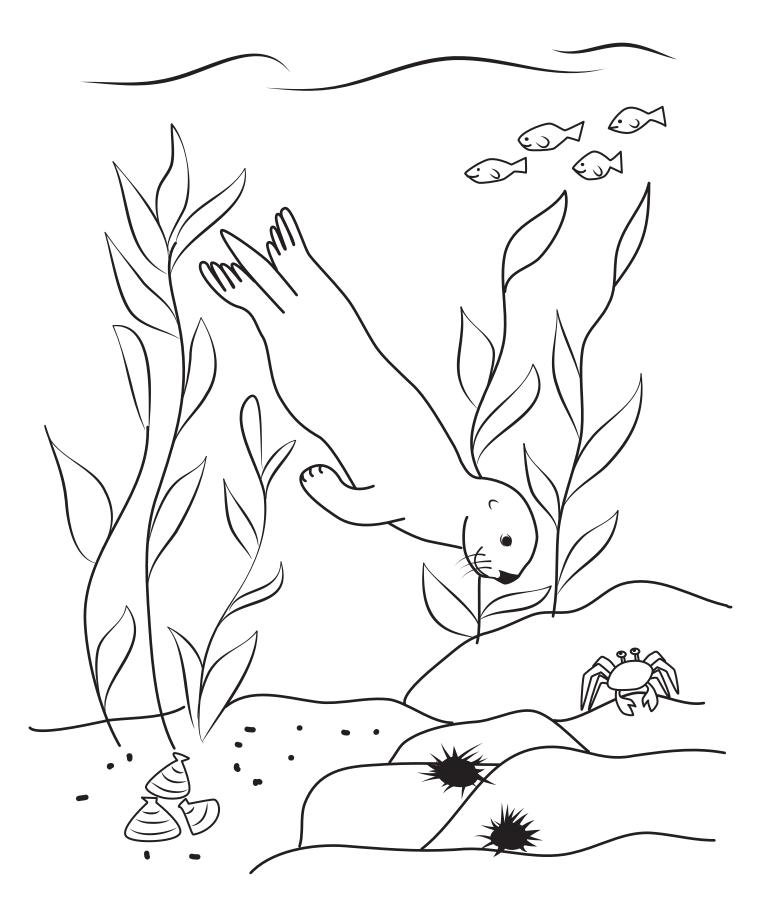


Sea Otters, like Sophie, live along coastlines of North America, Russia, and Japan. This is called their "range" of habitat. It is already coloured in grey.

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River Otters, like Ricky, live across North America. Their "range" is coloured in grey.

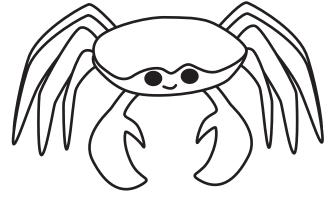


Sea Otters dive in kelp forests to look for food.

Sea Otters eat many different kinds of food, such as:

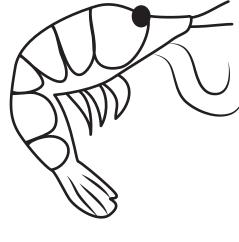


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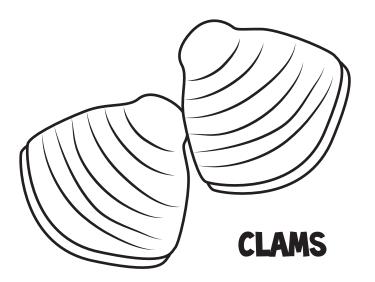


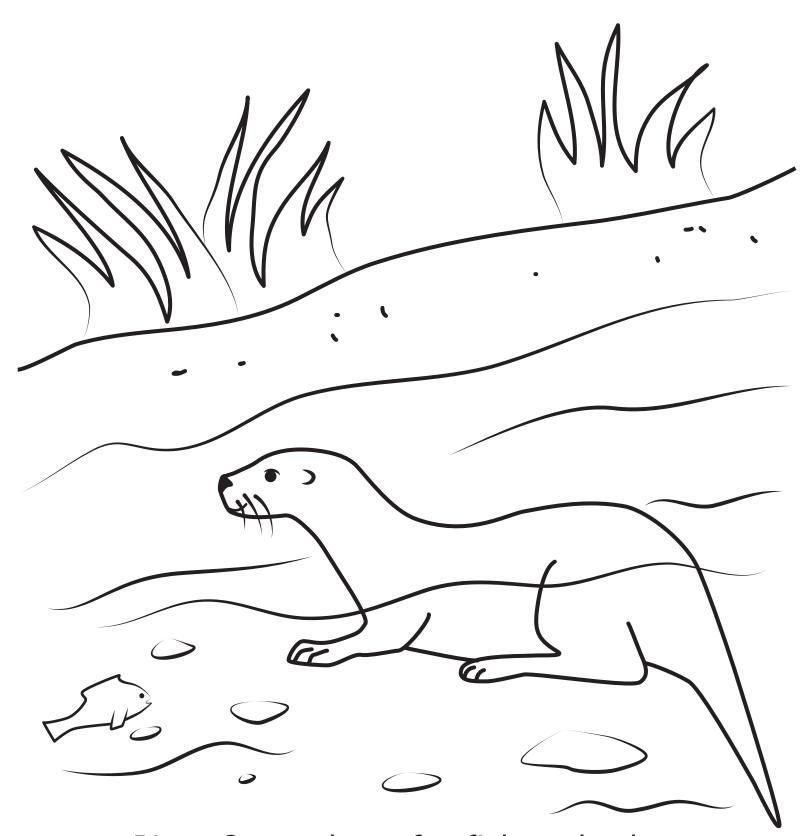
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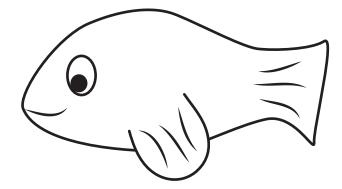
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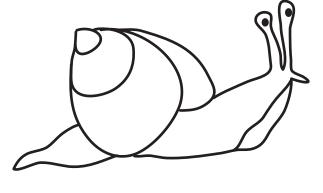


River Otters hunt for fish and other food in rivers and ponds.

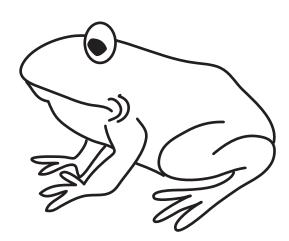
River Otters eat food like:



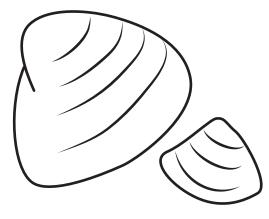
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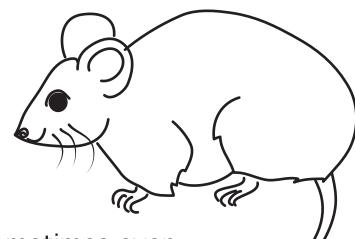
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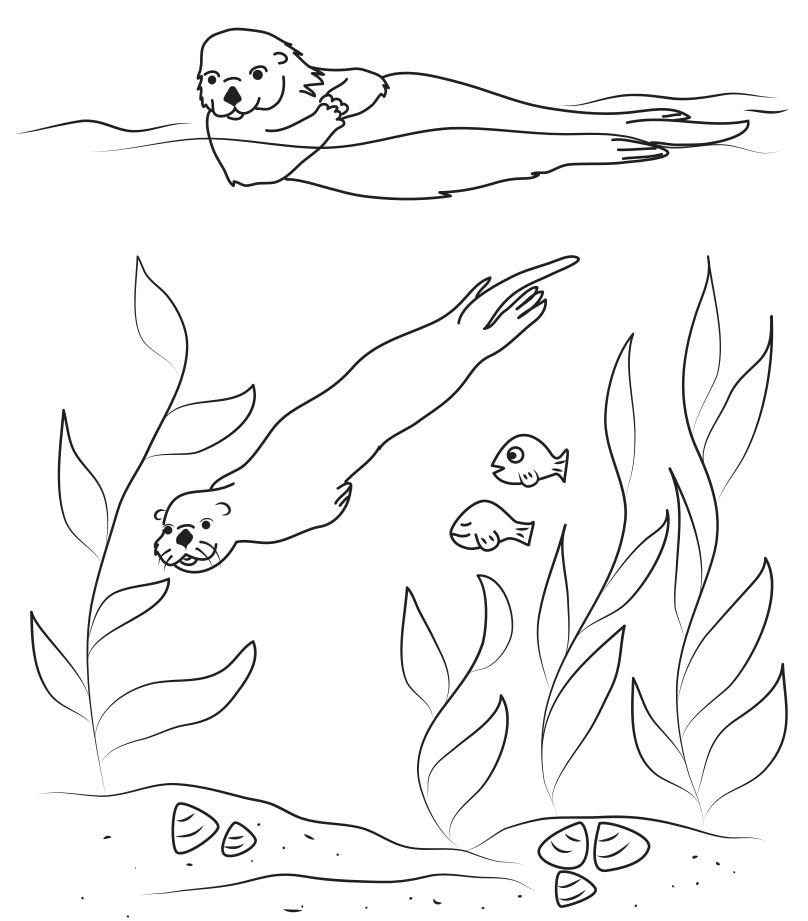
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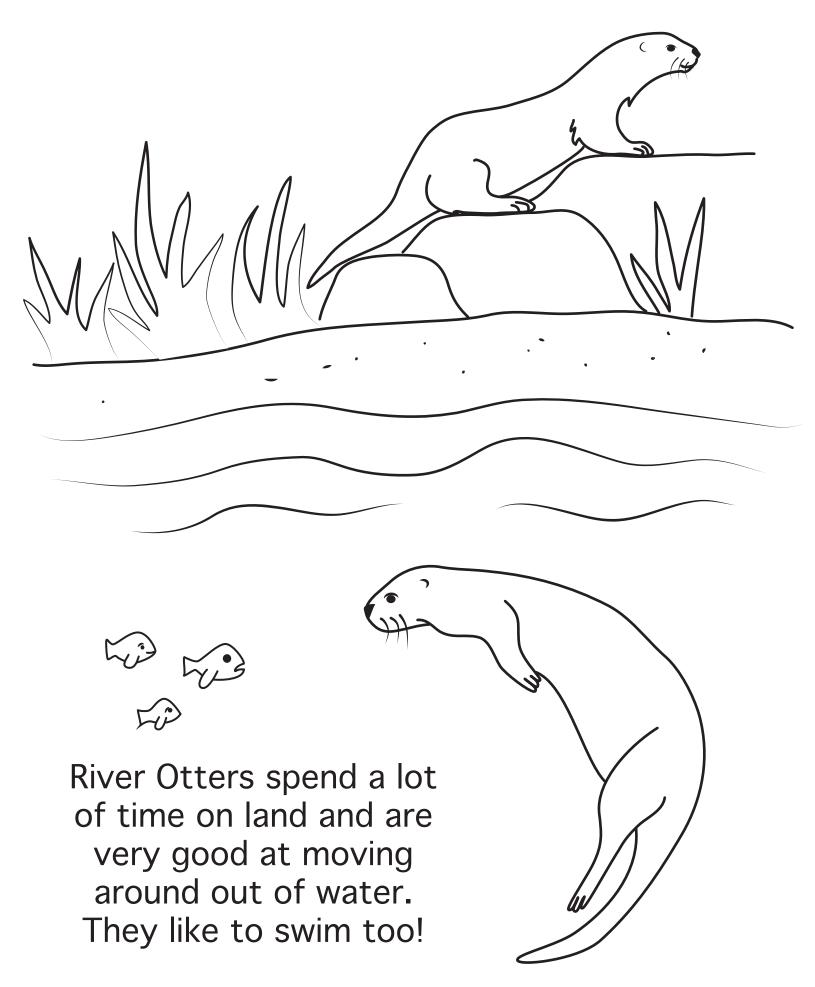
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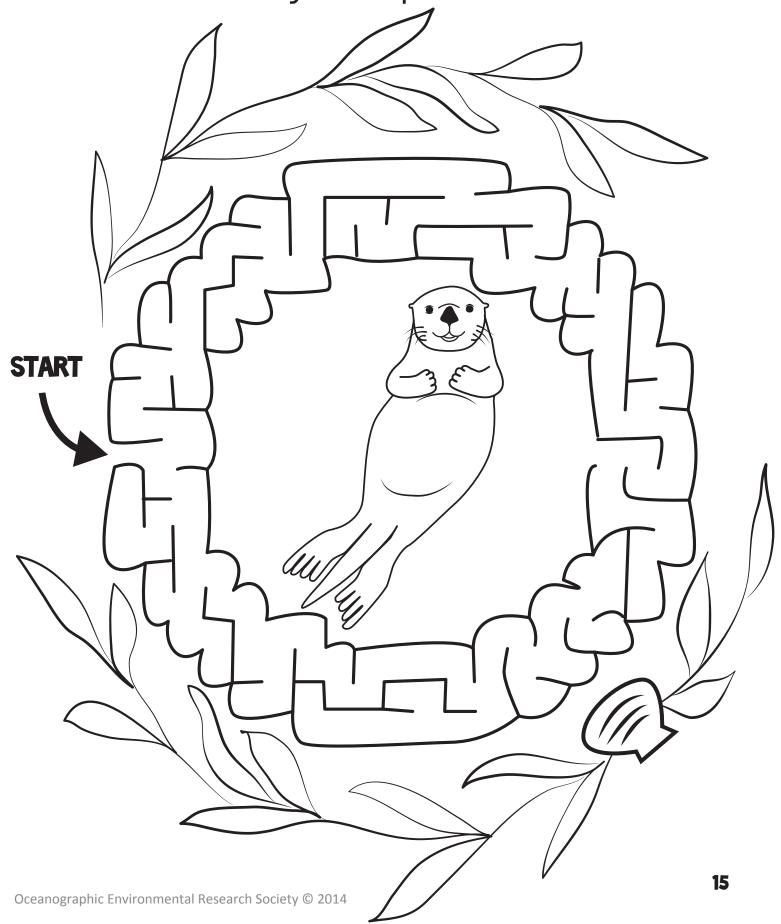
and sometimes even small animals like **MICE!**



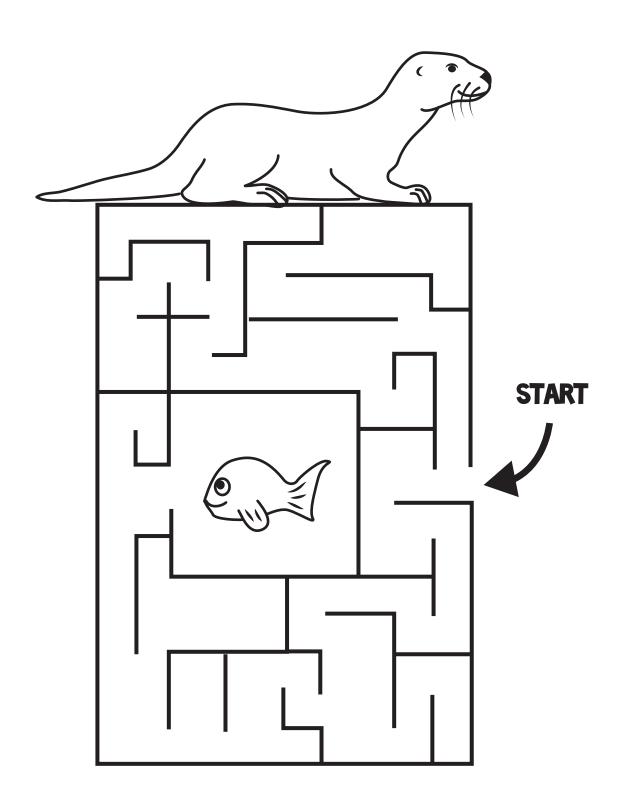
Sea Otters like to float and dive. They are not very good at moving on land!



Sophie is lost in some kelp! Can you help find her?



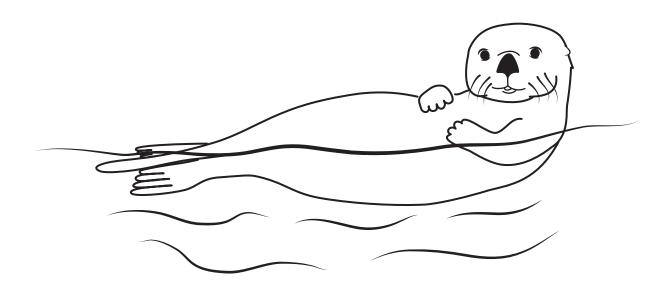
Ricky is hungry! Help him find a fish for dinner.





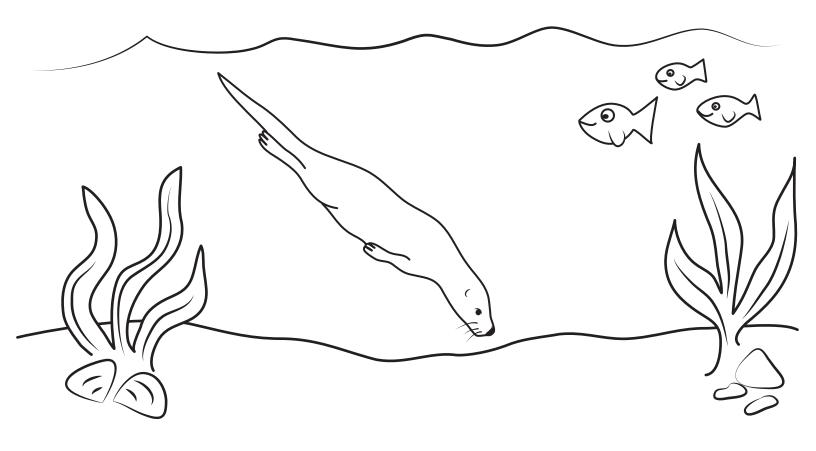
Sea Otters are endangered animals. They are threatened by nets, traps, hunting, and oil spills. Oil can make them sick, and coats their fur making it less effective at keeping them warm.



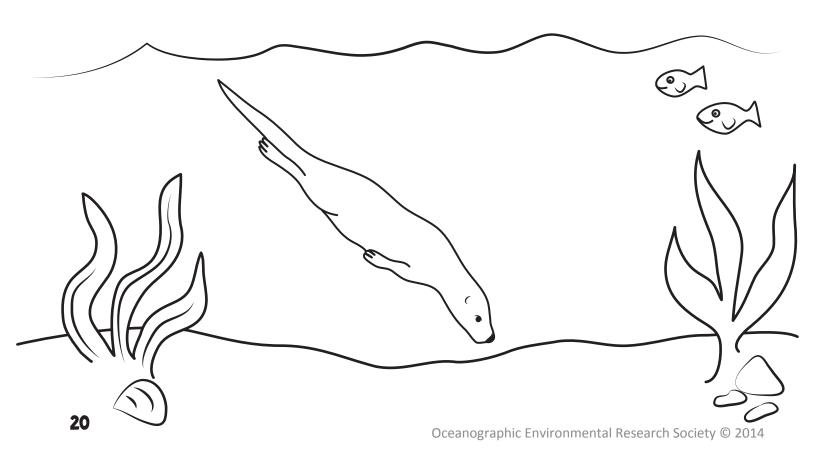


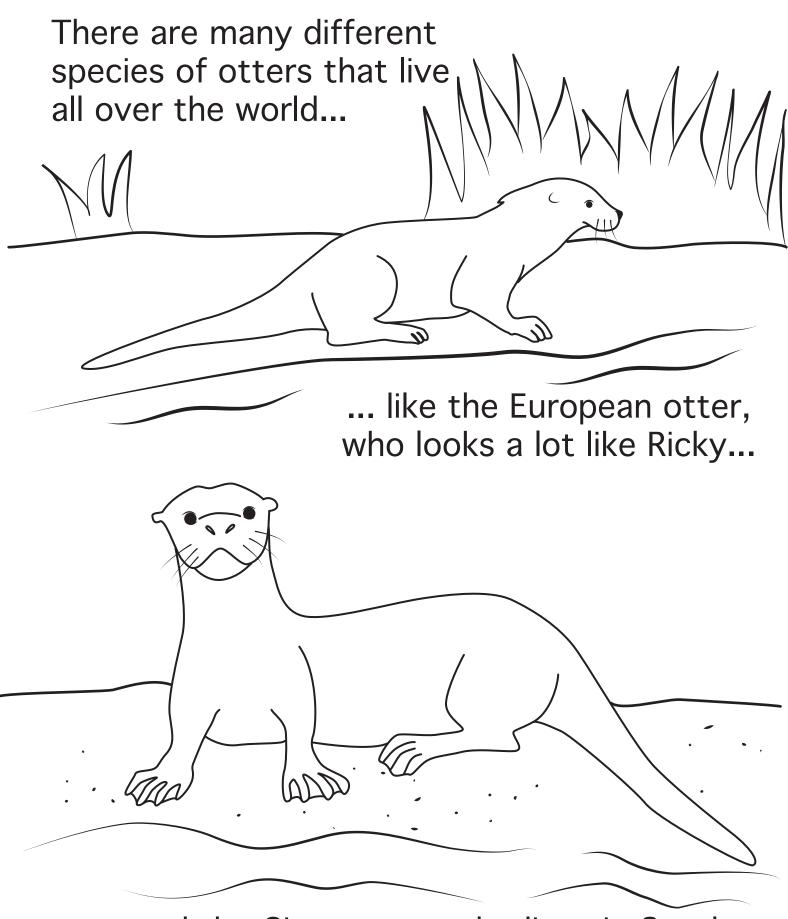
Different types or "species" of otters have different sizes of litters or families. Sophie is an only child, while Ricky has two siblings!



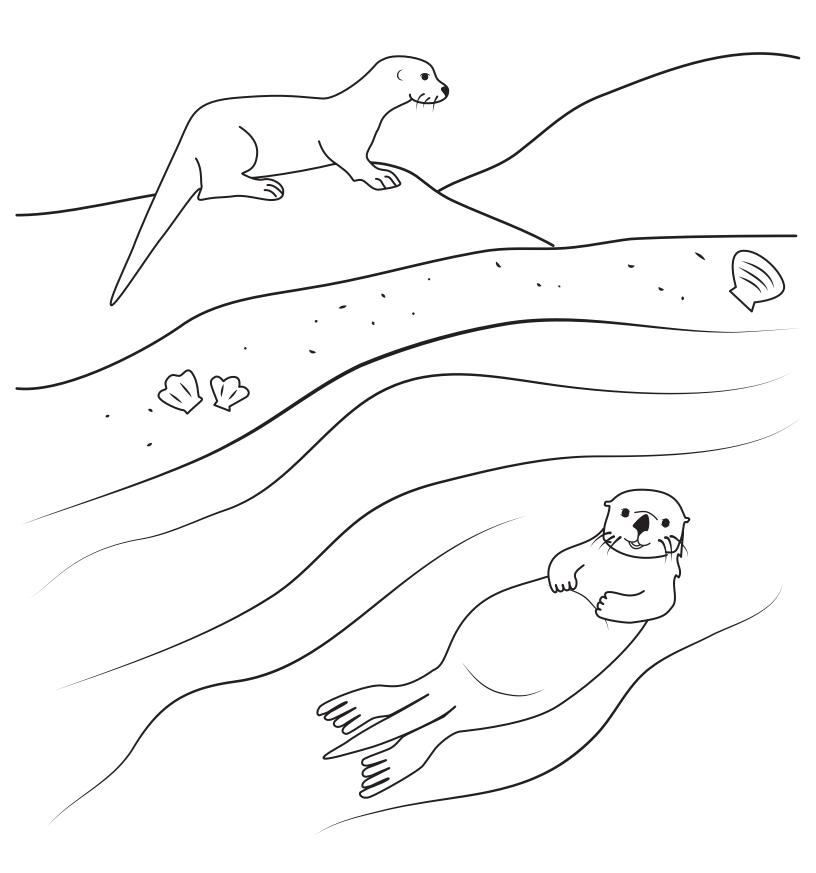


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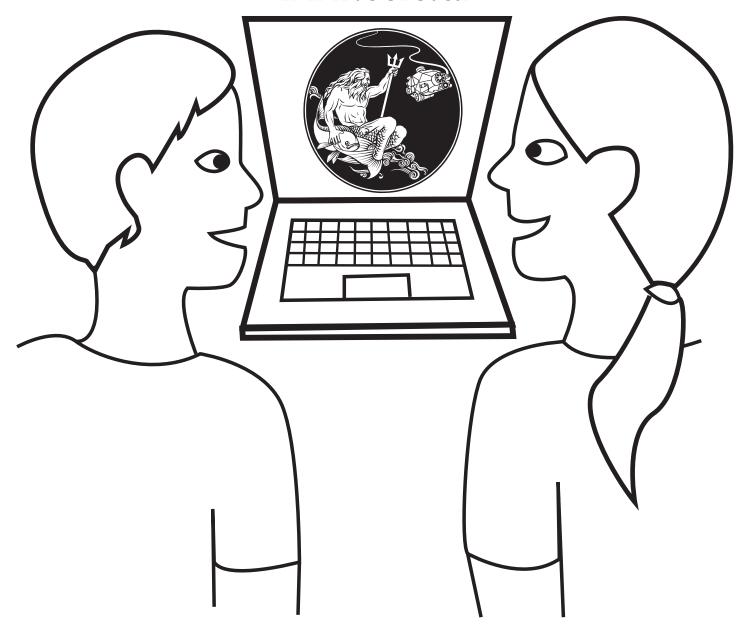
... and the Giant otter, who lives in South America, and is the largest of all otters.



You can be a friend to otters by keeping the environment clean and by learning more about them!

We hope you had fun learning about Sophie the Sea Otter and Ricky the River Otter. To learn more about otters, visit:

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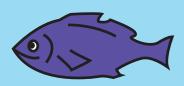
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