



Educating the children of the community

Oceans Aware successfully hosted around 2 500 school children this year and taught them the value of the marine environment and sharks in particular with the "Meet the Sharks" programme. Also see the letters column.

Tiny baby Cuttlefish born at Shark Lab

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The Shark Lab in Mossel Bay has successfully birthed another tiny critter - this time the offspring belonging to our resident cuttlefish!

The tiny 1cm long baby cuttlefish was spotted swimming near the surface of the display by our sharp sighted interns and swiftly moved to an empty tank.

Cuttlefish are notoriously difficult to keep in captivity, as they are extremely sensitive to environmental changes,



This little guy was spotted at the Shark Lab, Mossel Bay.

but our individual seemed to settle in straight away.

A close relative of the octopus and squid, the cuttlefish is a voracious hunter and regularly feeds on shrimp and small crabs.

Unfortunately, this tiny new arrival had to be released, however, our "mother" cuttlefish has been happily laying eggs for a number of weeks, so hopefully these will bear fruit and we will see

some more of these amazing little creatures!

For more information on the Shark Lab and the activities available over December, please phone 044 690 5799.