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Dear Educator,

Welcome to the SEA!

Enclosed in this packet and available on-line at <http://www.sheddaquarium.org/SEA>, you will find an engaging collection of aquatic science lesson plans, computer-based activities and fact sheets developed for use in K-12 classrooms. These materials, developed with input and insightful guidance from educators around the state of Illinois, complement our newest exhibit, Wild Reef – Sharks at Shedd, opening in Spring 2003. You and your students will be transported to the waters that surround the Indo-Pacific Ocean as you explore...

- ***The Philippines Connections: A Web of Life Activity Guide and Poster.***
Travel in a *banca*, a traditional Filipino fishing vessel, around an island with a tiger tail seahorse to learn what makes a seahorse a fish, explore the ecosystems of the coral reef and the mangrove forest and meet the island's residents.
- ***The SEA Explorer's Guide CD-ROM.***
Discover 55 fact sheets in both English and Spanish – with vivid photographs – on the plants, animals, people, places and culture of the Indo-Pacific region. Explore the reef with four computer-based activities for your students: introduce your kindergarten through 2nd grade students to the concept of camouflage and the fun of reading in *Squish the Fish*; *Build-a-Fish* with your 3rd through 6th grade students to learn more about the usefulness of adaptations; unravel the mysteries surrounding sharks with your 6th through 9th grade students in *Mysteries of Apo Island*; and encourage your 9th through 12th grade students to become reporters with *Conservation Research: Seahorses*.

We've also included a ***technical tips handout*** in this packet to ensure you can use our electronic resources with or without technical support in your building.

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We encourage you to share these handouts and resources with other teachers. Please visit <http://www.sheddaquarium.org/SEA/poster> for a printable poster to post in the teachers' lounge or place in your colleagues' mailboxes. We appreciate your help in spreading the word about SEA and all of Shedd's learning resources. If you have any questions about the materials in this packet – technical or content-related – please feel free to email us at sea@sheddaquarium.org. Let the adventures begin!

Best wishes,

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