



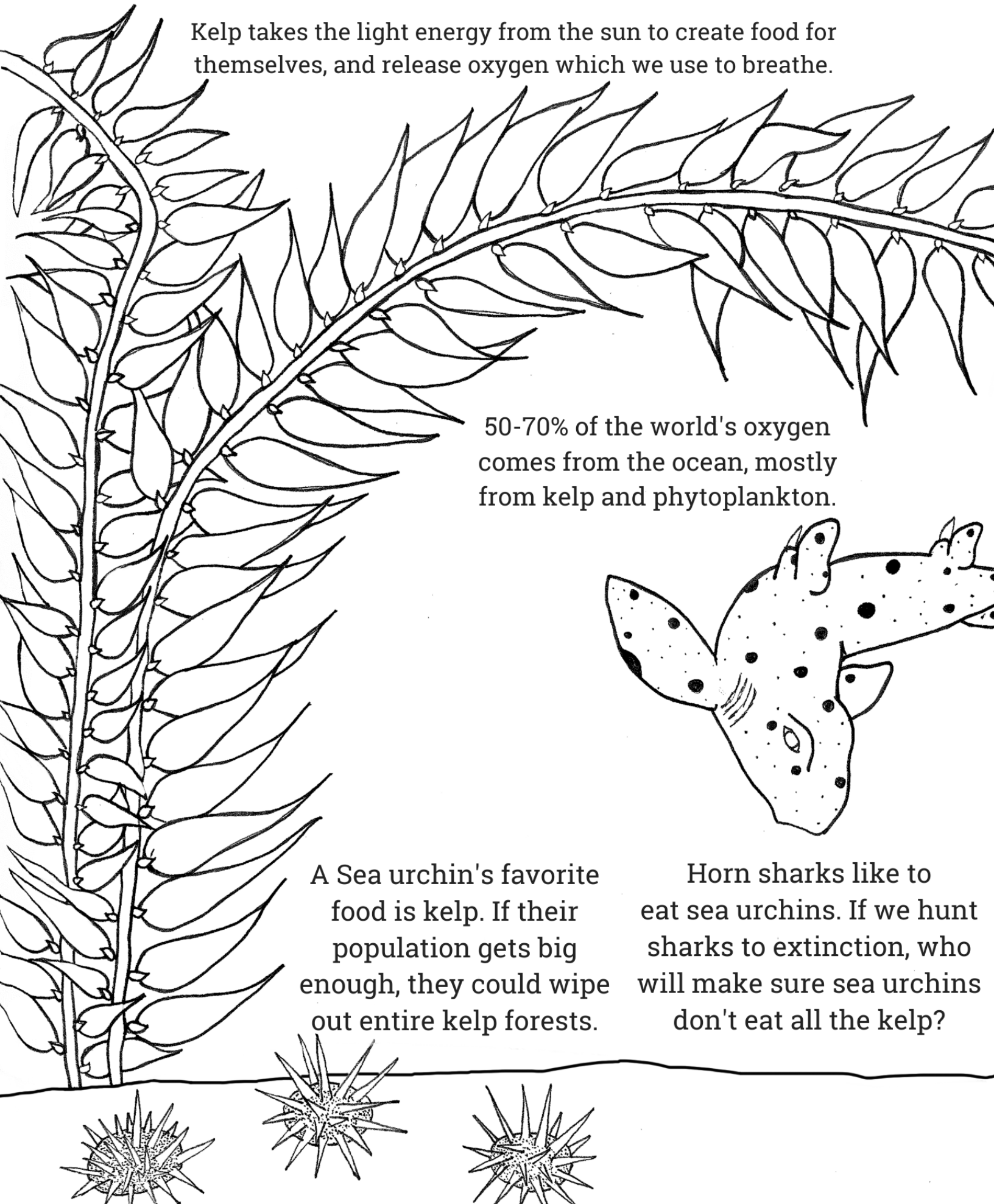
# Why are Sharks so important

Kelp takes the light energy from the sun to create food for themselves, and release oxygen which we use to breathe.

50-70% of the world's oxygen comes from the ocean, mostly from kelp and phytoplankton.

A Sea urchin's favorite food is kelp. If their population gets big enough, they could wipe out entire kelp forests.

Horn sharks like to eat sea urchins. If we hunt sharks to extinction, who will make sure sea urchins don't eat all the kelp?



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What is the difference between these two habitats?

