



**' Smarter...Greener...Safer...'**

### **Silver Scales Saving Seas**

Somewhere, far out in the open sea of the Adriatic, a little wave was playing, sailing, rolling, enjoying... It didn't even sense that a life is being born not far from it. Little fish were just born and went joyfully for their first swim. They admired their beauty but also the beauty of the crystal clear blue sea. The happiest among them was the prettiest little fish. Her gold scales were shimmering on sunrays. She was swimming, exploring every hole, plant and shell. Her curiosity led it further and further away into the blue vastness of the Adriatic Sea.

All of a sudden, she realized that she was all alone. She started nervously looking for her brothers, but they were nowhere to be found. She was filled with great sadness. Her sadness was felt by the little wave and it promised to take her through all the seas of the world until they find her dear brothers. They were swimming for a long time, enjoying themselves, but all of a sudden the fish's fins became very heavy. A big oil spill made moving very difficult and covered her beauty. Not even the mighty wave could help her. She was struggling and struggling and in her fight almost got trapped in a can. What is this? What is going on? The fish didn't have to wait long for help. She asked the little wave to swim and with its might push away the oil spill and garbage to the shore in hope that good people will then remove it. Of course the little wave did as asked. They agreed to swim together through all the seas in the world and help in preserving these endless beauties. It wasn't easy, they were sailing, pushing away the oil spills, taking plastic and garbage out of the sea... The fish's gold scales were no longer shimmering in sunsets but she wasn't sorry for that. Sometimes they would enjoy the beauty around them, at other times they were working hard to try and preserve the beauty of the Mediterranean Sea. Their efforts soon spread even through great depths of the seas. Many happy whales, dolphins, big sharks, nice octopuses, shiny shells and many hard-working fish came to help them. They were swimming together, taking garbage out of the sea, leaving crystal clear beauty of blue seas behind them.

Joy was swapped with sadness when they would come across their deceased friends on their way, but this made them work even harder. Our fish tried and worked really hard amidst her uneasiness. She still didn't find her brothers. A sea octopus gave her further directions. On the back of the little wave she swam and swam. The Atlantic Ocean, that's what the octopus said. There they are, they're here, here are my brothers! She found them but they didn't recognize her. The oil spills did their part, but that doesn't even matter. She has made all of her desires come true.

If the little wave didn't take her further, she is still joyfully swimming around the Atlantic Ocean or along the shores of Portugal.

- Which countries join the Adriatic Sea?
- How many species of whales live in the Mediterranean Sea?
- Which oceans are connected to the Mediterranean Sea? What are the names of the straits that connect them?
- Algae, corals and mollusks live on the bottom of the Middle Sea. They are food to other animals. What animals eat them? Continue the food chain.
- What makes the largest pollution of the ocean?