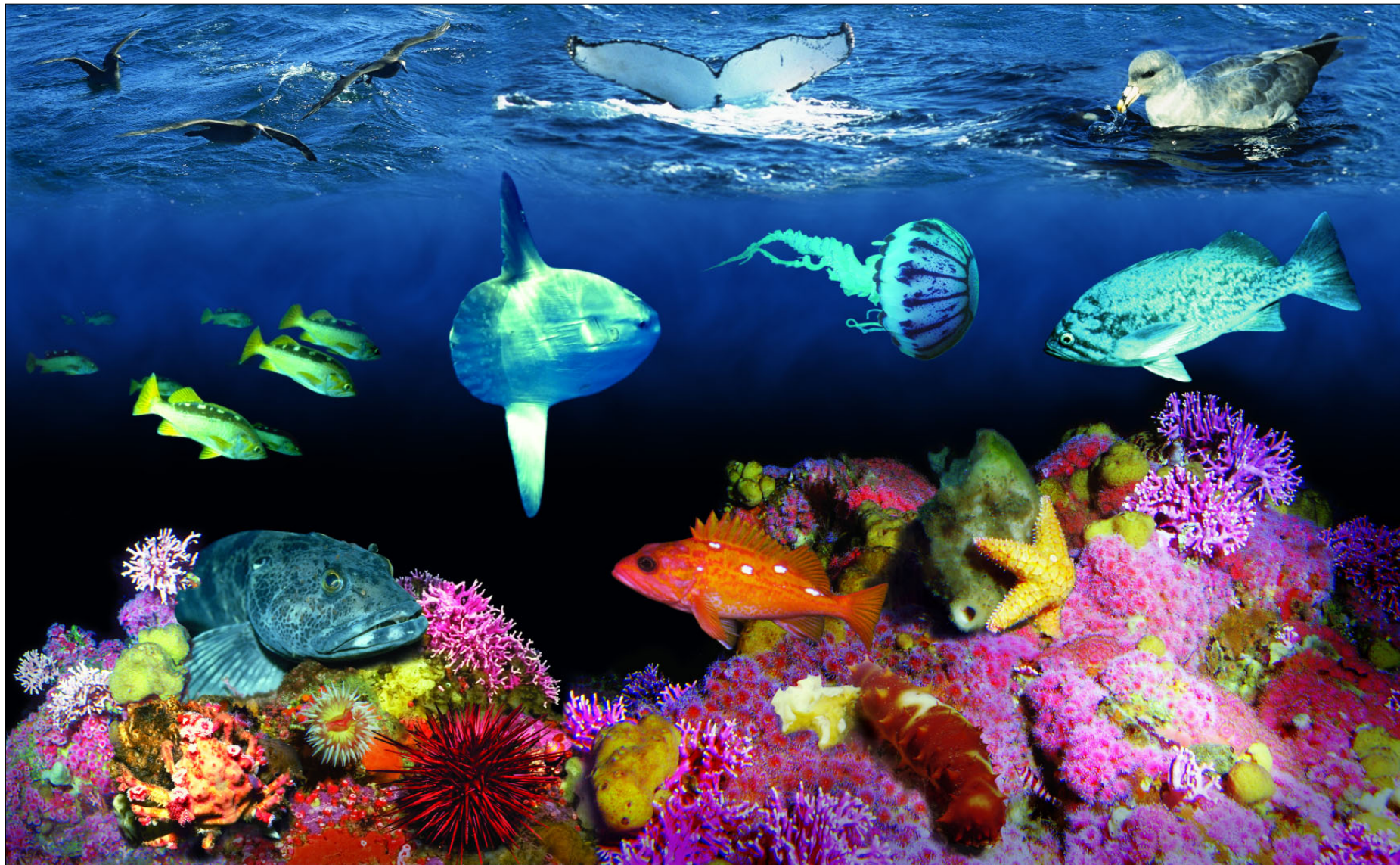


CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary protects a very productive rocky bank off California's coast. The combination of ocean conditions and undersea topography creates a diverse marine community above and below the surface. Two worlds come together at Cordell Bank. A rocky reef community, where there is limited space on the bottom, intermingles with an open ocean realm, where life exists in three dimensions. The abundant food supply in the sanctuary supports a healthy local community and attracts highly migratory species such as whales, pelagic seabirds, and fish.

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