Conservancy Educational Art
Upcycled Endangered Art

Materials:
- ANY craft materials, scrap paper, or recycled materials (scraps of foam, cotton, string, paper, ANYTHING)
- Glue
- Paper
- Scissors

While pollution is scary and a terrible problem, there are things we can all do to help. Whenever you go to the beach, safely pick up any trash you find and dispose of it properly. Try to recycle whenever you can, especially now that you have identified many of the plastic items in your home!

Artists are also **UPCYCLING** all kinds of pollutants to make beautiful and meaningful artwork. **Upcycling** is turning something old, that would otherwise be thrown away, into something new that is useful, can be sold, or just makes you happy!

You will be creating your own **upcycled collage** depicting a **threatened, endangered, or extinct** marine species from the list below. You can look up some photos of these animals if you aren’t sure what they look like. Each animal name on the list is linked to a web page that will help you learn a little more about them.

1. Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle
2. Bluefin tuna
3. Leatherback Sea Turtle
4. Smalltooth sawfish
5. Great Auk
6. Blue whale
7. Staghorn coral
8. Steller’s sea cow
9. Great hammerhead shark
10. Common skate

You can also research and create something based on your own choice of species. Just make sure they are Threatened (on the verge of becoming Endangered), Endangered (as risk of going extinct), or Extinct (no longer living on this planet).

Activity Instructions:

For this activity, you can use leftover craft pieces you might have around or any scrap paper to create a collage in the shape of one of the species listed above, or one that you research on your own. This can include pieces of construction paper, string, sponge pieces, felt pieces, foam paper, tissue paper, etc.

https://washedashore.org/
1. Now that you have done some research online, find an image you like. If you want you can draw a quick outline sketch of your species on your cardstock paper. Or you can just keep that image as a reference. For this example we chose a Leatherback Sea Turtle.

Remember this is ART – it does not have to look exactly like the animal appears in real life!

2. Gather your scraps and a piece of cardstock paper to act as your canvas. Begin to cut shapes from your scraps that fit the parts of the animal that you chose.
3. Play around arranging your scraps in the shape of your animal, in color patterns that you like. Do not glue them down right away. Figure out where you want them to go first.

4. Once you have the pieces arranged in a way that you like, glue the pieces in place. Take your time. You can also layer your pieces and create something that is like a little sculpture. Viola! You have an upcycled art piece of your own design!
ONCE YOU FINISH

Take a photo of your craft and share it with your classmates, family, teacher, and with us on Twitter! @ConservancySWFL