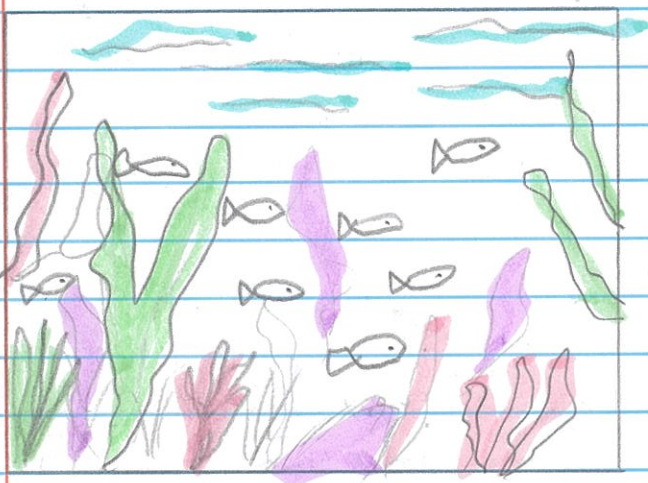
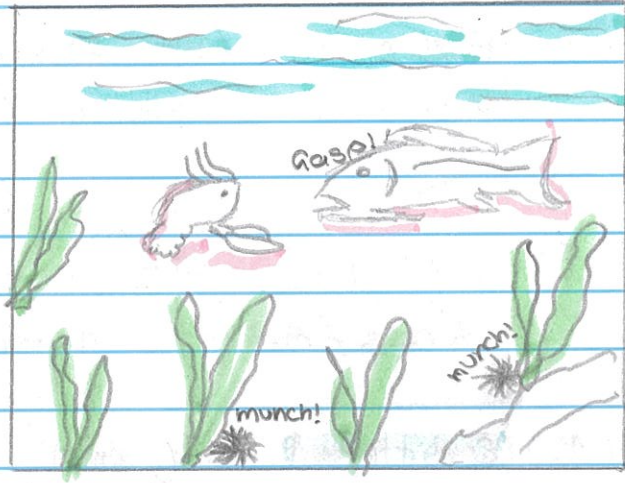


The Very Hungry Kina Comic Strip



In the rocky reefs of Aotearoa, the kelp forest thrives. It's home to many creatures, including our star, the hungry kina:

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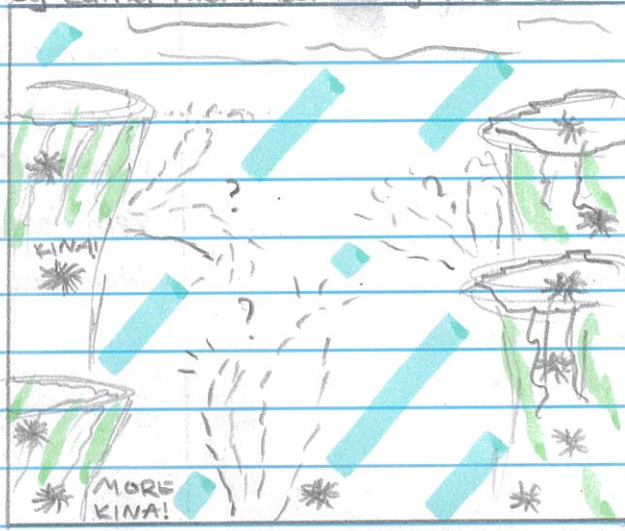


The kina loves to snack on kelp, but it's not alone. Snapper & crayfish keep in check by eating them, balancing the reef.

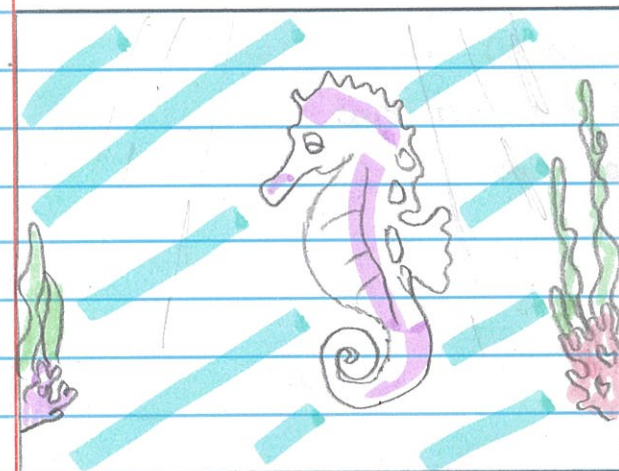


Humans fish for snapper & crayfish, reducing predators. Kina then multiply, threatening the kelp forest.

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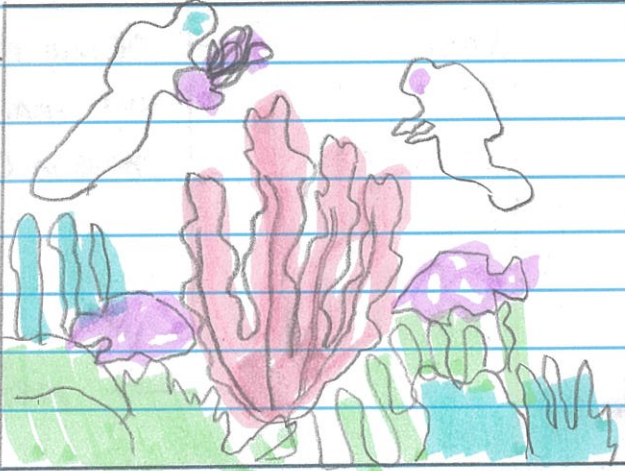


Too many kina deplete the kelp, turning the lush reef into a barren rocky landscape, called a **KINA BARREN**



Without kelp, seahorses & other creatures lose vital food & shelter, leading to wide spread disruption of the entire ecosystem.

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Humans realize their mistake & set it up as a marine reserve. And protect snapper and crayfish, allowing the reef to slowly heal & restore balance.