

During this lab we will think about how the features of a scallop shell that are easy to measure can be used to determine things about the live scallop that are difficult to measure.



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### What's the point?

You are a marine biologist, and your job is to use a scallop's shell to figure out as much as possible about the scallops living on the sea floor in one of 3 important areas (NLCA, CAII and HC are shaded).



# Step 1:

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**Find your shell ID number**. There is a number on the inside of the shell. Write it on your data sheet in the Shell number box.

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Shell Number	Example: D21-25

#### Step 2:

Use the boxed area to sketch your shell.

Label the features you think are important.

## Step 3:

A: Determine where your scallop shell came from using the table below (put and X next to the information for your shell). Check the map on page 2 and find the location where your shell was captured.

х	Dissection #	Fishing Vessel	Area	Number of scallops
	44	Lindo		500 000 000
		Linda	NLCA	560,000,000
	21	Harvester	CAII	250,000,000
	25	Pursuit	HC	115,000,000
	27	Resolute	NLCA	560,000,000

## Step 4:

**Measure you shell.** Use the line on the left hand side of the next page to mark the shell measurements. If the shell is too large use the back of the page (make your own line to measure from).



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Make your shell measurements using the line below

## Step 5: Record your data.

Scientist Name	
Shell Number (for example D11-21)	
Shell Height - Straight	
Shell Height - Curve	
Shell Width - Straight	
Shell Width - Curve	
Shell Hinge Width	
Number of Rings	

### **Exercises:**

1) Collect the shell height data for each area and find the average.

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Dissection #	Alta	Average off	Scallops	scanops
11	NLCA		560,000,000	
21	CAII		250,000,000	
25	HC		115,000,000	
27	NLCA		560,000,000	

2) Assume the shell is a perfect circle and find the area using the shell height as the diameter of the circle (hint: Area =  $\pi(r)^2$ ).

3) Use the "number of scallops" for each area from the table to calculate the total area (in square kilometers) of the sea floor covered by scallops in each study area (hint: 1 km = 1,000,000,000,000 mm)