

## Lagoon Observation Activity

After watching the observation tour video, read the passage below. Use the passage, the zone map and the data table to record facts about what is seen during the survey described here.

Today, you will help conduct the 1:00 p.m. survey at Manatee Lagoon. Start at the zone north of the education center building (labeled on map). It is a warm, sunny day with a little wind. You look at the water and see something floating at the surface. Is it a manatee? No, it is a plastic bag. Maybe it blew into the water. Remember to put trash where it belongs and help prevent littering.

As you walk south, you look at the water in the next zone. It is 1:05 p.m. Can you see all the way to the bottom? Yes, you can! The water is very clear here and in the other zones. You see a sea star resting on the bottom. Then, you see something large and gray swimming below the surface. Is it a manatee? No, it is a three-foot-long fish – a barracuda!

Record Your Observations			Today's Date:			
Time	Zone Letter	How Many Manatees?	Other Sea Life Seen? What Type(s)?	Any Trash? What Type?	Is Water Clear?	Weather Description

Discuss some questions about this activity, such as why manatees were not seen. Explore the questions that interest you most.

## Lagoon Observation Activity Manatee Lagoon Zones Map

