

NEREIS PARK NEWSLETTER

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Almost 100 !!

We grew to almost 100 members (98 precisely) in the Nereis Park in November !!

Conferences announcement

For more or less salty people !

Third International Symposium on Research and Management of Eutrophication in Coastal Ecosystems (EUTRO 2010)

Date: 15-128 June, 2010

Location: Nyborg Strand, Denmark

Website: <http://www.eutro2010.dhi.dk>

31st Congress of the International Society of Limnology (SIL2010).

Date: 15 to 20 August 2010

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Website: <http://sil2010.ufs.ac.za/>



What artist drew this beautiful sand horse?

Laura Pischedda

Giant Beach Worms: they are big, but are they efficient bioturbators?

Giant Beach Worms (*Australonuphis teres*) are long and thin. They can grow up 2.5 m long. They have hundreds of body segments. They have short tentacles near their head.

They live around eastern and southern Australia, and are found in sandy beaches at the low water mark. The worms live under the sand.

Giant Beach Worms eat dead fish, seaweed, dead octopuses and Pipis.

They come out of the sand only to feed. They poke their heads out of the sand and grab the food in their jaws and eat it.

Fish and birds eat Giant Beach Worms. People fishing collect Giant Beach Worms for bait.

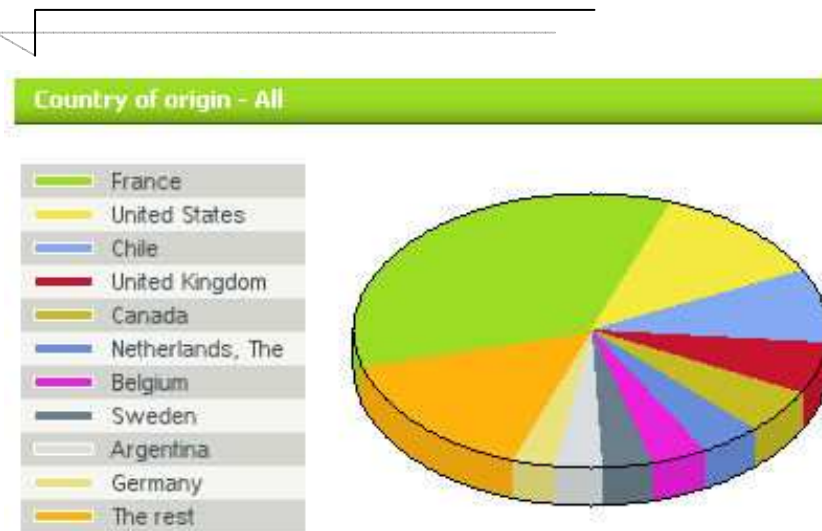
Giant Beach Worms are rarely seen as they only come out of the sand to feed. They live hidden in the sand in burrows or in tubes that they make.

You want to see them? Go here:

http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/series/wild/3364/Videos#tab-Videos/03268_09

Jean-Marc Bonzom

Connections to the Nereis Park website



So far, the Nereis Park website had 933 pages visited since January 2009. Connections were issued from 48 countries (by increasing connection number): France, United States, Chile, United Kingdom, Canada, Netherlands, The, Belgium, Sweden, Argentina, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Australia, Greenland, Italy, Finland, India, Japan, Brazil, China, Cyprus, Ireland, South Africa, Mexico, New Zealand, Egypt, Indonesia, Russia, Czech Republic, Colombia, Tunisia, Spain, Portugal, Malaysia, Iceland, Vietnam, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Pakistan, Greece, Iran, Bangladesh, Latvia, Turkey, Jamaica, Poland, Cambodia, Singapore.

<http://www.environmentalgraffiti.com/featured/close-encounters-crab-ball-kind/12937>
A trio of sand bubbler crabs