Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center Worksheet

Directions: Please explore the displays inside and directly in front of the Visitor Center of the Tijuana Estuary and answer the questions on this sheet. Thank you and good luck!

1. How many miles is the 3,545 foot high mountain from the Estuary? (hint: look out front) __________________________________________________________

2. Why is there so much wildlife here at the Estuary?
   a. ________________________________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________________________________
   c. *Estuarine waters offer safe breeding and nursery grounds for fish and shellfish.*

3. What adaptation do crabs have that allow them to survive on dry land? ____________________________________________________________

4. What are 4 reasons for species to become endangered?
   a. ________________________________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________________________________
   c. ________________________________________________________________
   d. ________________________________________________________________

5. What is the name of the one endangered plant found at the Tijuana Estuary? ________________________________________________________

6. Can any bird drink salt water? If so, name one: ____________________________________________________________

7. How fast can the tiger beetle run? ____________________________________________________________

8. When does the American Wigeon visit the Estuary? ____________________________________________________________

9. How many celestial objects (objects in the sky) are involved in creating tides? ____________________________

10. What type of water do you get when you mix fresh and salt water? __________________________________________

11. What organisms break down plant materials and make them small enough for other organisms to eat? ____________________________________________________________

12. If you were a bird and wanted to eat the greatest variety of different foods, which bird would you choose to be? 1. Long-billed Curlew 2. Willet 3. Sandpiper

13. What is a halophyte? ____________________________________________________________