

Famous Friendly Floatees

Amazing Fact

A container of 28,000 rubber ducks fell off a cargo ship in 1992 and for over 20 years the ducks have been washing up on beaches all around the world.

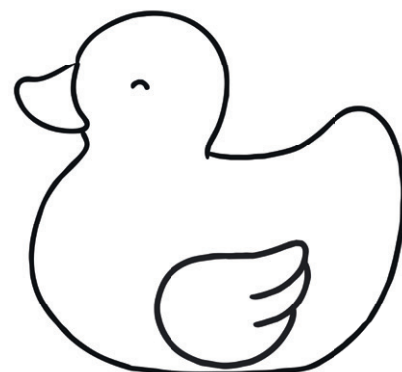
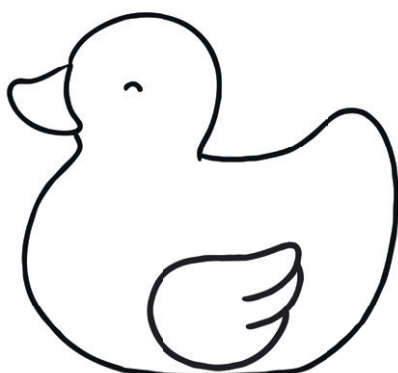
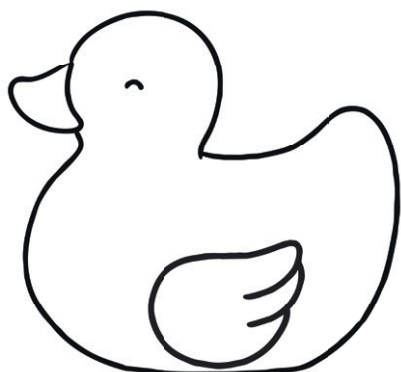
The flotilla of rubber ducks that fell overboard a cargo ship on its way from Hong Kong to the United States have provided very important information about the world's ocean currents and also about plastic pollution. The ducks are called 'Friendly Floatees' by devoted followers who have tracked their progress over the years.

Challenge

Look carefully at the world map on the next page and at the locations, shown with an arrow, where rubber ducks have been found washed ashore.

Use the Internet or an atlas to label the map with the country and nearest town or city to where the ducks were found.

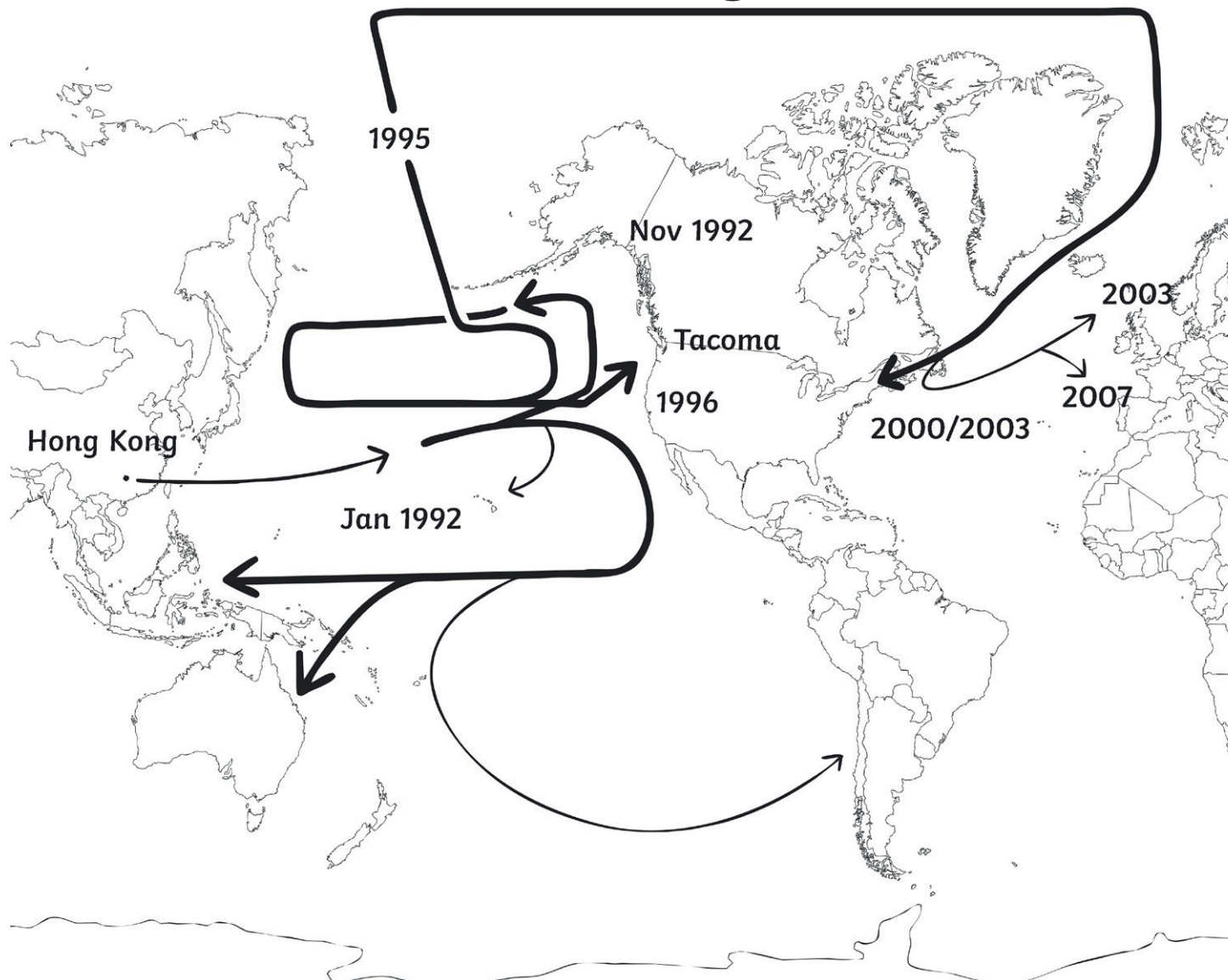
Can you also label the oceans through which the ducks have travelled?



You could also try to find out:

- what the ducks have taught ecologists about ocean currents;
- what other objects have fallen from ships;
- about the worst oil spills and their effect on the environment.

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Destinations around the world where the ducks have washed up ashore