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Project Title: 'Science at the Seaside: Pleasure Hunts in Victorian Devon'

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Research Questions

- Why did the scientific and imaginative appeal of the Devon coast play a key role in the popularity of natural history and, more particularly, marine biology in the nineteenth century?
- Why were the Victorians fascinated with the littoral space of the seashore, and the exotic creatures that could be found there?
- How did the research of Philip H. Gosse on 'seaside science' feed into the development of the marine aquarium and the subsequent craze for domestic and public aquaria during the 1850s?
- How does research into 'seaside science' create original insights into the growth of Devon as a tourist destination during the nineteenth century?