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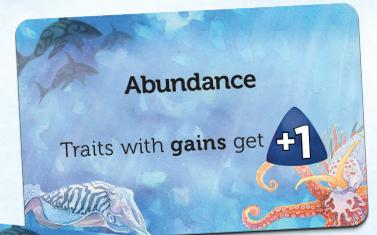
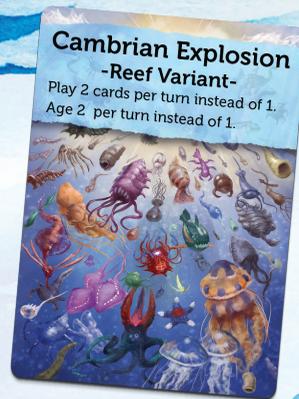
If this is your first dive into *Oceans*, start by playing the Reef Variant to become familiar with the 12 core traits that create our stable marine ecosystem. The Reef Variant uses the same rules as *Oceans*, except it does not include the Deep, a deck where every card is unique. To avoid slowing down gameplay, do not add the Deep unless everyone at the table is familiar with the core game.

REEF VARIANT

Use the normal *Oceans* setup from the rulebook with these changes:

- In step 2, place the Cambrian Explosion card with the "Reef Variant" side face-up.
- In step 3, use *Abundance* and *Fertile* instead of 2 random Scenario cards.
- Skip step 5. You will not use the Deep cards.

Gameplay is the same, except ignore any reference to Deep cards.



INTO THE DEEP

You may want to play *Oceans* a few times with other Scenario cards before diving headfirst into the abyss. Use 2 random Scenario cards, or use the Scenario card icons to tailor the experience to your group.

- The teeth icon  creates a more aggressive game.
- The diamond icon  creates more complex gameplay.

Don't play with Scenario cards that reference the Deep:

- *Asteroid Impact*, *Solar Radiation*, or *Thermal Currents*.

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