

Learn about African Penguins!

African Penguins do not live in the snow and ice, they prefer the warm beaches and islands of the southern coast of Africa! Like all birds, penguins are covered in feathers that keep them warm in the cold ocean. Their favorite food is fish, which they catch and then swallow whole.

Tuxedos for Camouflage?

African Penguins black and white feathers give them a special kind of camouflage called countershading. Countershading helps penguins hide from ocean predators like sharks, sea lions, and even killer whales.



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The Little Rock Zoo supports the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB), which helps to protect this endangered species in the wild!

The Little Rock Zoo also works with the African Penguin SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) to help give penguins safe places to nest and raise their chicks.



Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

SANCCOB and Saving Penguins:

<https://sanccob.co.za/about-us/#do>
<https://www.savingpenguins.org/the-penguins-story>

Other:

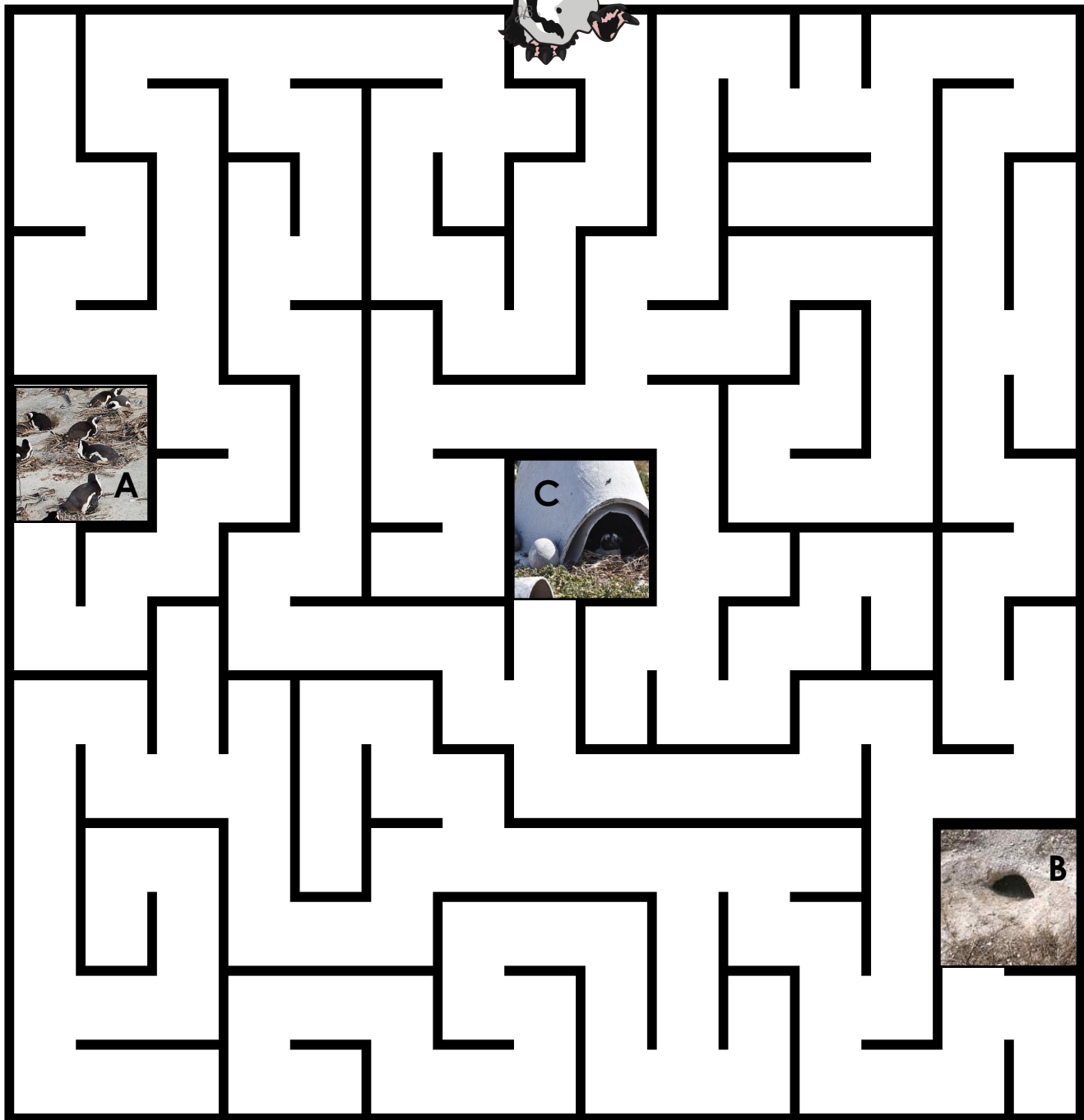
Saving Penguins | The African Penguin Nest Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=384QtclraFo>

San Diego Zoo Kids: <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/african-penguin>
<https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/african-penguin>

African Penguin House Hunting

African Penguins naturally prefer to nest below the ground, in burrows dug out of their own guano (aka Penguin Poop!). Unfortunately there is not enough guano left for most penguins to have a nest that is good for them and good for their chicks.

Help this penguin find the best nest!



B, the natural guano burrow is the best nest! C is an artificial burrow put out by conservationists to help African Penguins. A is an overcrowded beach with no burrows to protect penguins or chicks.