

## Sea Perch Costs

Build one Sea Perch or many, and equip them with a variety of payloads and sensors.

### For each Sea Perch you will need:

- One Sea Perch Kit (approximately \$70)
- One battery and charger (\$30 )
- Set of tools — one needed for every two Sea Perch kits (approximately \$250 )

### Additional Payload Sensors:

- Underwater Camera System (\$200)
- Various sensors and software for measuring temperature, light, depth (\$100 & up)
- Hydrophone (\$50)
- Water Sampler (\$40)

*Subsidies for the purchase of Sea Perch kits may be available.*



### About MIT Sea Grant

MIT Sea Grant is one of a network of 30 Sea Grant programs, funded by NOAA, and located in the coastal and Great Lakes states. Through a combination of research, education, and outreach, MIT Sea Grant works to promote a sustainable marine environment and economy in Massachusetts, the nation, and the world.

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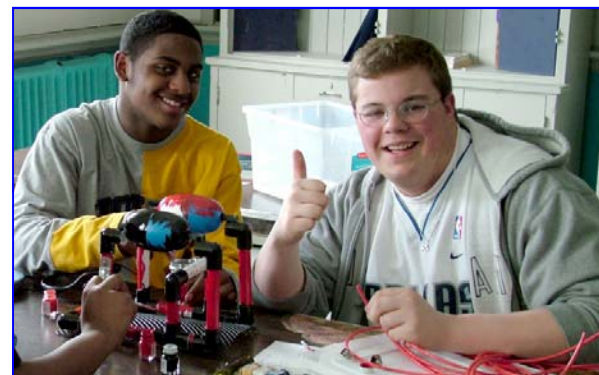
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## SEA PERCH Integrating ocean exploration into the classroom



A program designed to  
introduce students to  
the world of  
underwater robotics

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## Introducing Sea Perch

Inspired by the book, *Build Your Own Underwater Robot and Other Wet Projects*, by Harry Bohm and Vickie Jensen, the Sea Perch program was created by the MIT Sea Grant College Program in 2003.

In this program, Sea Perch staff hold training workshops for teachers who learn to build a simple, remotely-operated, underwater vehicle, or ROV, from PVC pipe and other easily-available materials.



The teachers then return to their classrooms and guide their students in building their own Sea Perches and deploying them on research “missions” in nearby bodies of water.

Sea Perch is a great tool to get young people interested in science, technology and engineering!

But Sea Perch is not just for budding oceanographers, engineers and marine scientists. Sea Perch can also be an effective springboard into subjects as varied as seafaring literature, topics in math and physics, and the history of underwater exploration and archaeology.

## Training Teachers & Supporting Classrooms

Sea Perch training workshops for teachers, mentors and potential trainers provide not only the hands-on skills to build an ROV, but ideas on how to integrate the activity into the classroom and enrich the curriculum.

Ongoing support for Sea Perch classrooms is provided by our web site which includes:

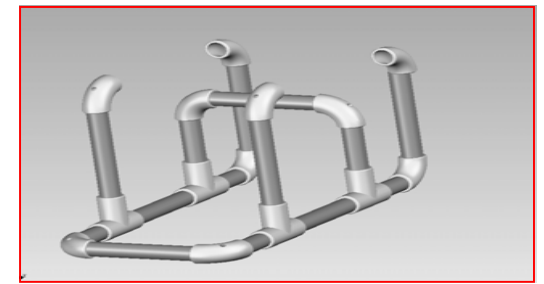
- Current Sea Perch construction manual, parts list, and safety manual for students
- Both a 3-D interactive program and a video clip detailing construction of a Sea Perch
- Lesson plans, and other curriculum support
- “Perch Chat,” an online discussion forum for teacher and students to exchange information on technical issues, as well as ideas for classroom and curriculum integration
- Information on building an Advanced ROV and the Sea Star Surface Craft

<http://seaperch.mit.edu/~schools>

## Sea Perch: An International Initiative

A national initiative, Sea Perch has trained over 300 educators in 17 states and abroad in settings including:

- Elementary, middle, and high schools
- After school programs and summer camps
- Museum education programs
- Colleges and universities
- Semester-at-sea programs



## Teaching Engineering with Sea Perch

The Sea Perch program provides students hands-on experience designing and building a vehicle for underwater use. In the process of building the Sea Perch students learn:

- Principles of design
- Designing for buoyancy
- Methods of water proofing
- Electrical wiring and circuit assembly
- Use of hand tools and soldering irons

## Sea Perch in Action

Once built the Sea Perch can be used to:

- Collect environmental data such as light, depth, and temperature via sensors
- Explore underwater habitats
- Listen below the water line
- Collect water, sediment, and plankton samples

