

The Land and Marine Iguanas of the Galapagos

What are the fascinating adaptations of the Galapagos Iguanas?

When Charles Darwin first arrived on the Galapagos Islands in 1831, he noticed a surprising variation in species. These observations significantly influenced his theory published as *On the Origin of Species* (1859).

At this booth, visitors can learn to distinguish two special species of Galapagos Iguanas: the Land Iguana and the Marine Iguana, which is not found anywhere else in the world. A big display of pictures and research on each species serves to introduce the main features. A video about the Marine Iguanas, showing their behavior in their natural habitat, accentuates what is special about this utterly unique creature. To help visitors test what they have learned, they may try their prowess with a question chart to see if they can tell the difference between the Marine Iguanas and the Land Iguanas. Finally, visitors can play “connect the string game” with questions and answers.