

# LONDON: PORT CITY

## Explorer trail

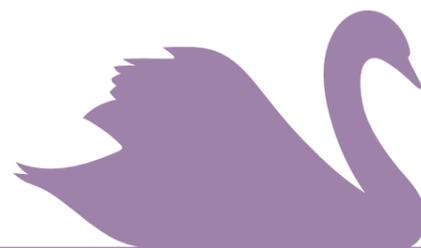


Many animals live  
in and around the  
River Thames.

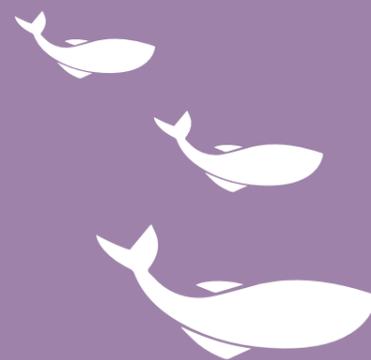
The Port of London Authority  
works hard to keep  
them safe.



What animals can you spot  
in the exhibition? Have you  
ever spotted them in London?  
Which live here and which  
might just be visiting?

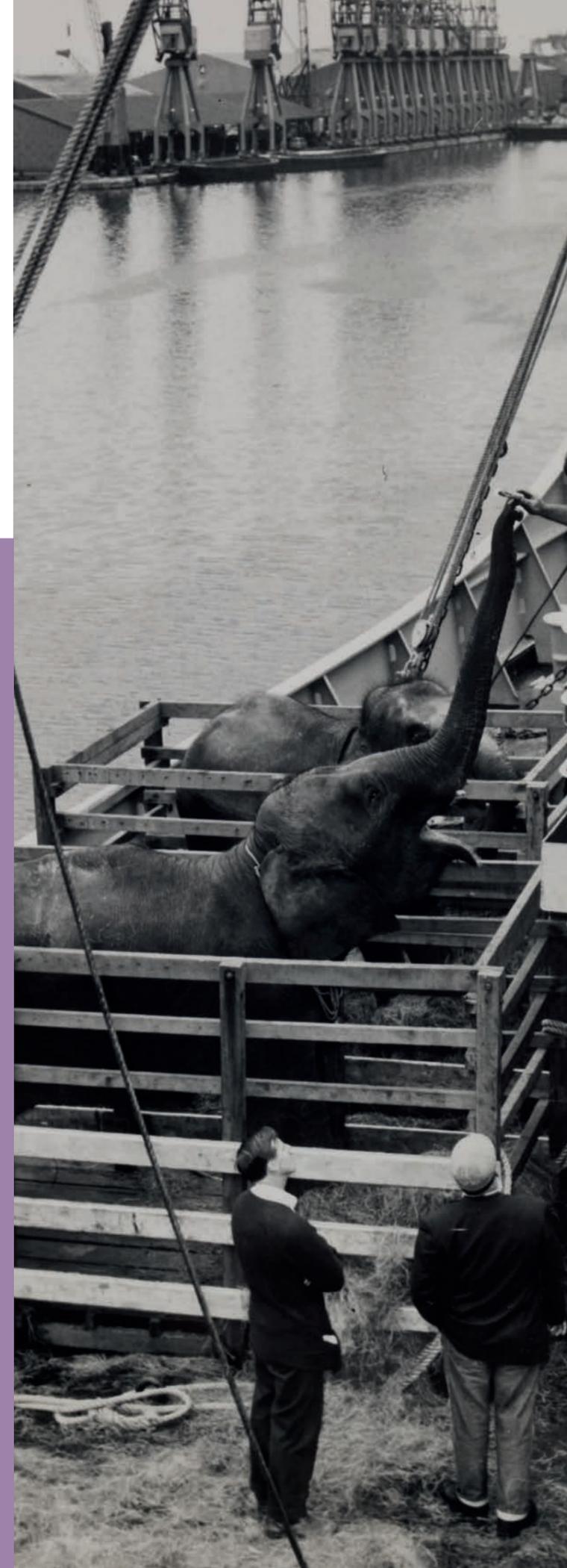


Can you fly, flap, splash,  
or squawk like a riverside  
animal?

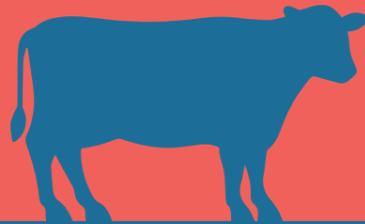


Many goods still come to London  
through the port, although the  
location of the docks has changed.  
Tilbury Docks is much further down  
the river. It was developed in the  
1960s to welcome much larger ships  
transporting vast quantities of products  
in huge containers. These are unloaded  
using massive cranes, saving a lot of  
heavy lifting!

Imagine London in the future.  
How do you think the docks  
might need to change in 50,  
100 or 500 years?



**This building was once a warehouse, one of many in this area. Products like spices, meat, tea and coffee were stored here when they were offloaded from ships that came to London from all around the world.**



London Docklands has changed a lot over the years. Take a sniff of the 'scents of place' boxes, which represent possible smells from the past.



**What, where or who do these fragrances remind you of?**

Imagine this area in the past, when it was a bustling workplace filled with ships, products, machines and hard-working dockers.



**What sights, sounds and smells do you think you would be surrounded by? What can you see, hear and smell around the museum and the quayside today?**



For hundreds of years ships have been coming in and out of London. Even today, many people are needed to keep the port running 24 hours a day.



**What jobs can you spot people doing in the gallery?**

Act out some of the jobs you can see people doing in the images and films.

Which roles do you think are the hardest and which do you think would be the most fun?

Operating a crane?

Sampling food from around the world?

Piloting a ship?

Diving to the bottom of the Thames?



**What products can you find on display?**

Can you draw them being offloaded from ships or piled up in warehouses?

At home, add herbs and spices to your drawing to bring the smells of this warehouse to life.

The port has greatly influenced this area of London, now known as 'Docklands'. This can still be seen today in the buildings and street names around the museum.

Did you notice any clues on the way here that this area was once a working dock? Think of any street and station names, buildings or structures you may have seen.



Think of some important jobs or people who are valuable to London today.

**Who or what would you choose to name a new street after, to celebrate and remember their part in history?**

