

Dear Educator,

The Teacher's Guide for the STC Program™ unit *Animal Studies* refers to Pacific Plankton (item number 972438 Pacific Plankton, 2 oz. Bottle) to feed the fiddler crabs used in the unit. Carolina has discontinued Plankton based on its increasing expense due to limited availability.

Carolina's Living Materials Department has recommended "Frog Bites" as a suitable substitute for Plankton. Because this food is suitable for both fiddler crabs and dwarf frogs, also used in *Animal Studies*, Frog Bites have been substituted in this kit for Plankton (fiddler crab food) as well as for Brine Shrimp Flakes (item number 972414 Brine Shrimp Flake Food, 1.09 oz.), the dwarf frog food. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we feel this decision will enable us to continue providing timely and quality service to educators.

As we modify the *Animal Studies* Teacher's Guide, Student Investigations Book, and the Living Care Guide for these organisms to include Frog Bites, we are providing this instruction sheet in the interim. In early to mid July 2013, updated instructions will be available on the *Animal Studies* kit page on [www.carolinacurriculum.com/STC](http://www.carolinacurriculum.com/STC) as an errata set on the "downloads" tab.

**If you are using this kit prior to the completed update in July 2013, refer to the punctuated instructions below for using Frog Bites to feed fiddler crabs and dwarf frogs.**

#### Fiddler Crabs

Give 1–2 pellets per crab, placing pellets both in the water and on the sand/humus mixture. If crabs eat all the pellets within the first 30 minutes, add 1–2 more pellets. Remove any uneaten food at the end of the day or the next day before placing more food in the habitat.

#### Dwarf Frogs

Give 1–2 pellets per frog. Follow the feeding instructions on page 31 of the *Animal Studies* Teacher's Guide, substituting the same number of Frog Bites in place of the prescribed amount of Brine Shrimp Flakes. Remove any uneaten food at the end of the day or the next day before placing more food in the habitat.

If you have any questions about this substitution, please do not hesitate to contact Kristen Mayfield, Marketing Manager for STC–Elementary, at [kristen.mayfield@carolina.com](mailto:kristen.mayfield@carolina.com).