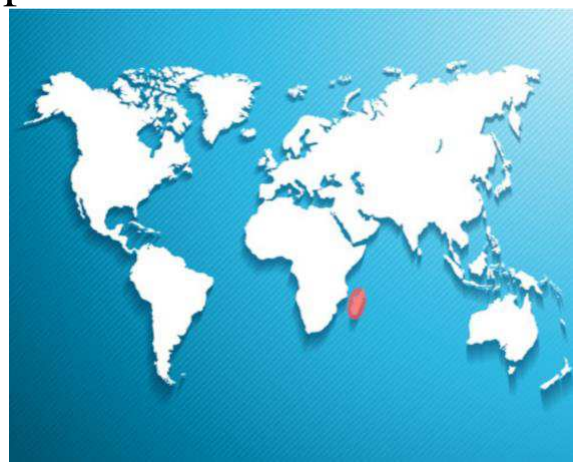
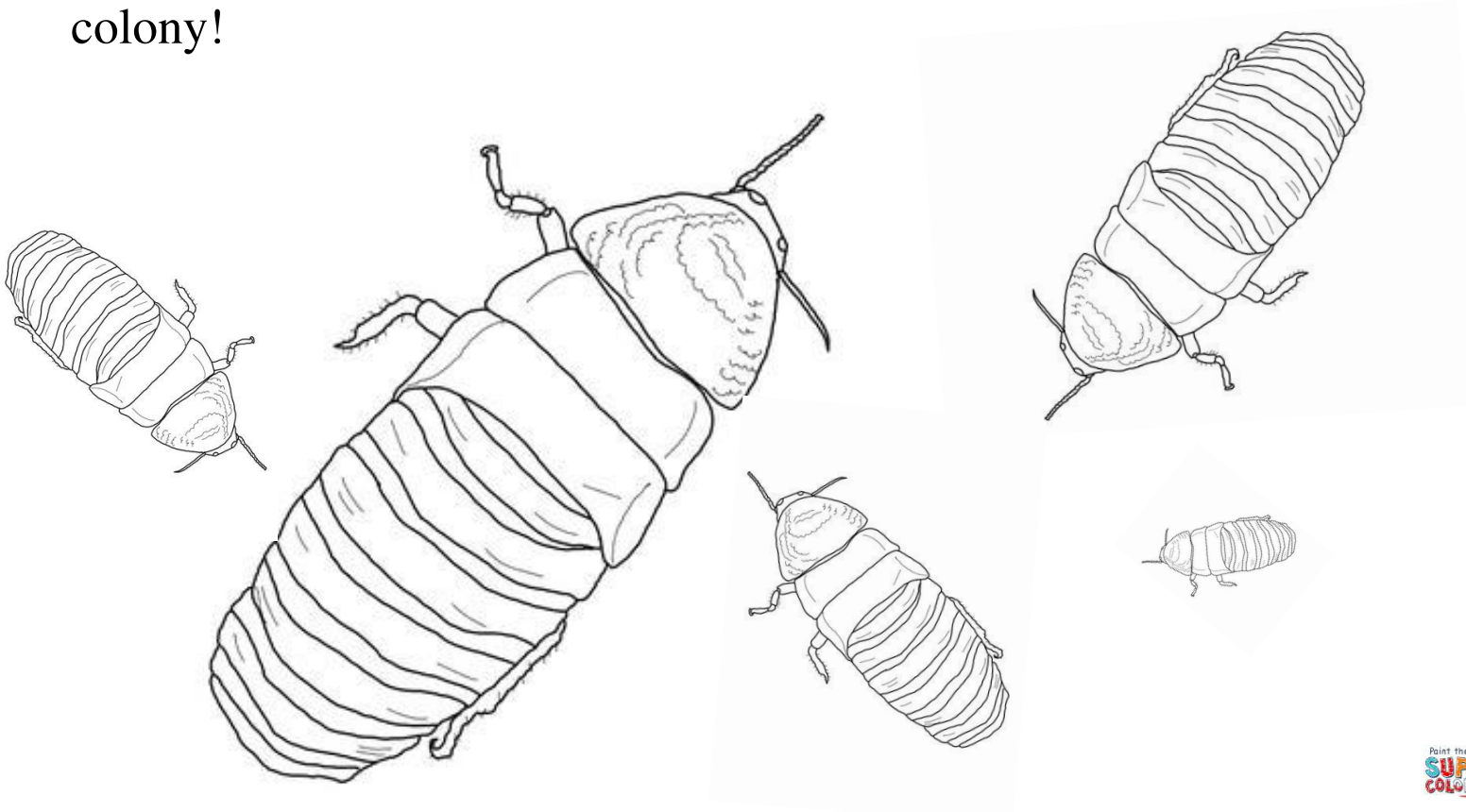
While many of the animals that live at ZooMontana have names, the sheer number of the Madagascar hissing cockroach colony that lives here makes it difficult to give every single one a name. In the rainforests of Madagascar, cockroach colonies can number 300+, but here at ZooMontana there are approx. 100 individuals.



Madagascar hissing cockroaches eat dead and decaying plant material; they are detritovores. They are important for proper nutrient cycling in the ecosystems in which they live. Without cockroaches, ecosystems would be overrun with dead plants. Nutrients locked up inside them wouldn't have a quick way to return to the soil to keep the ecosystem healthy. Here at ZooMontana, we feed the cockroaches their favorite food; lettuce.

- Madagascar hissing cockroaches "hiss" by pushing air through holes on their abdomen called spiracles.
- Male Madagascar hissing cockroaches have horns, much like bison!

Color in the members of this Madagascar hissing cockroach colony!



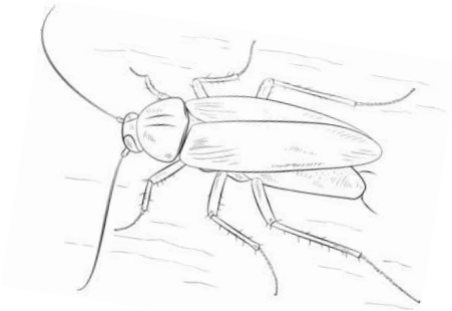
Find the words in this word search about Madagascar hissing cockroaches. All of the words can be found on this activity sheet.

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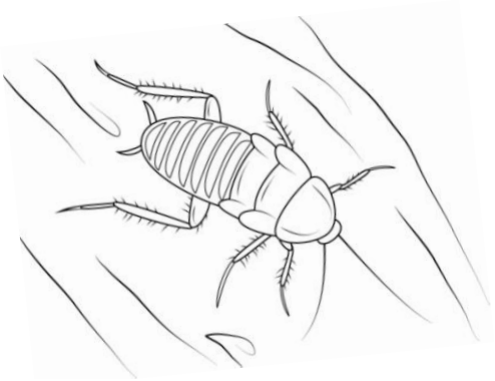
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Did you know that there are 4,500 species of cockroach? That's a lot of relatives! Color in some of these other members of the cockroach family!



German cockroach



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