

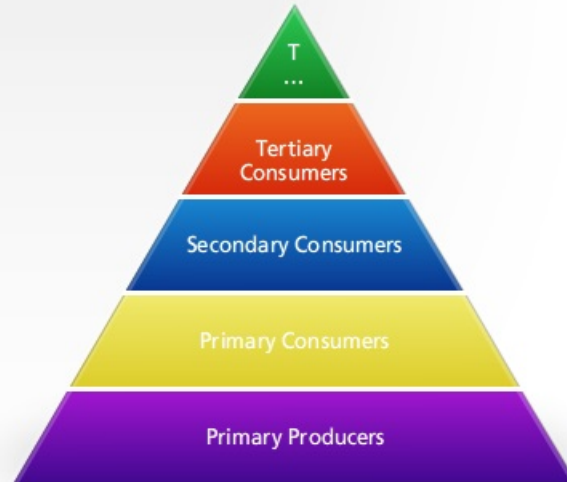
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The Ocean's Energy Pyramid

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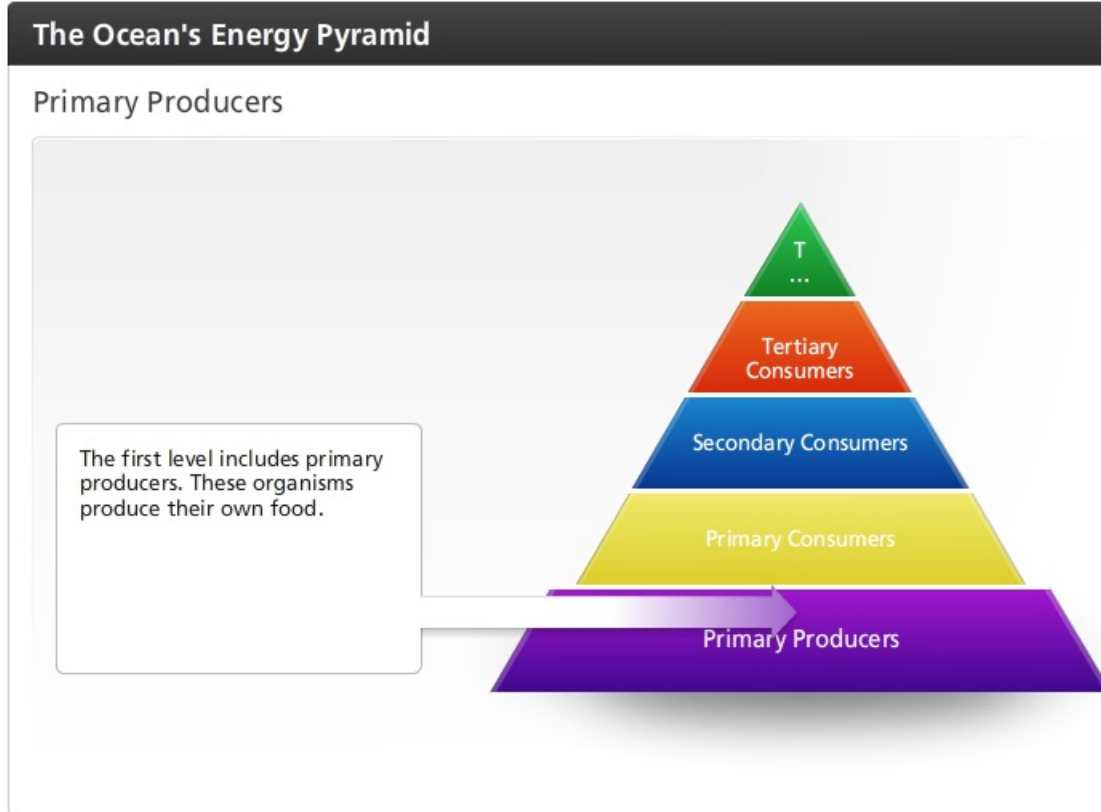
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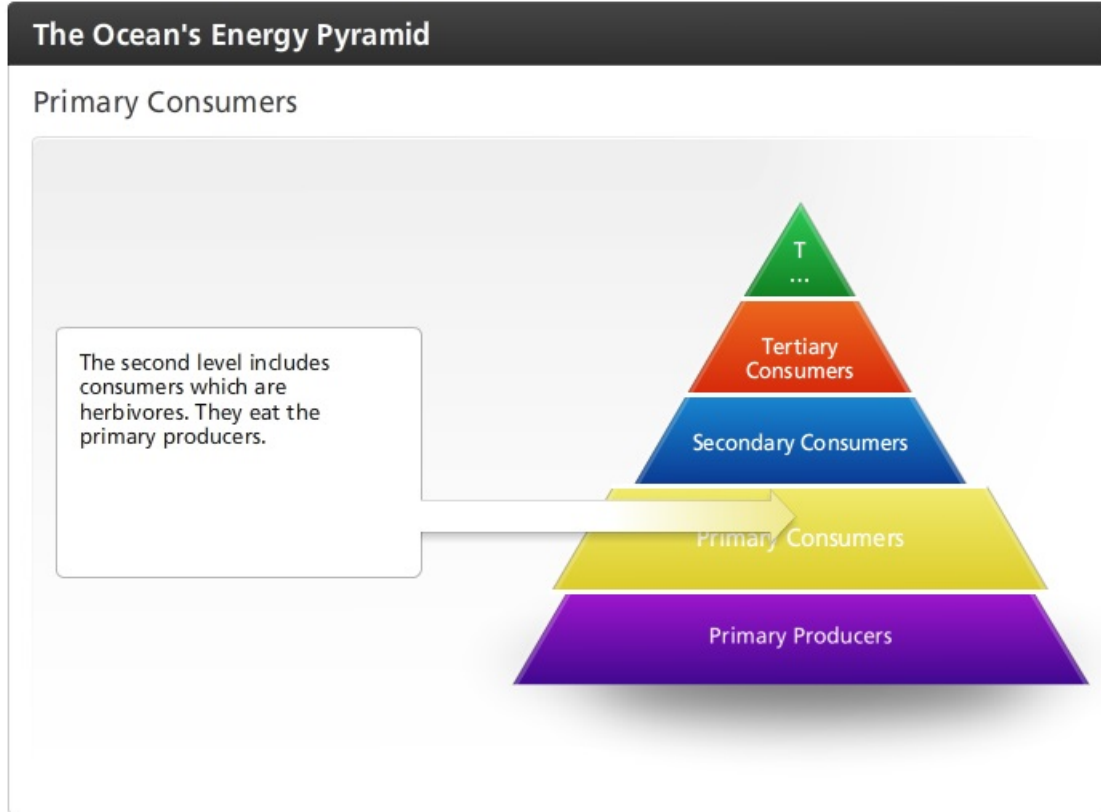
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The first level includes primary producers. These organisms produce their own food.

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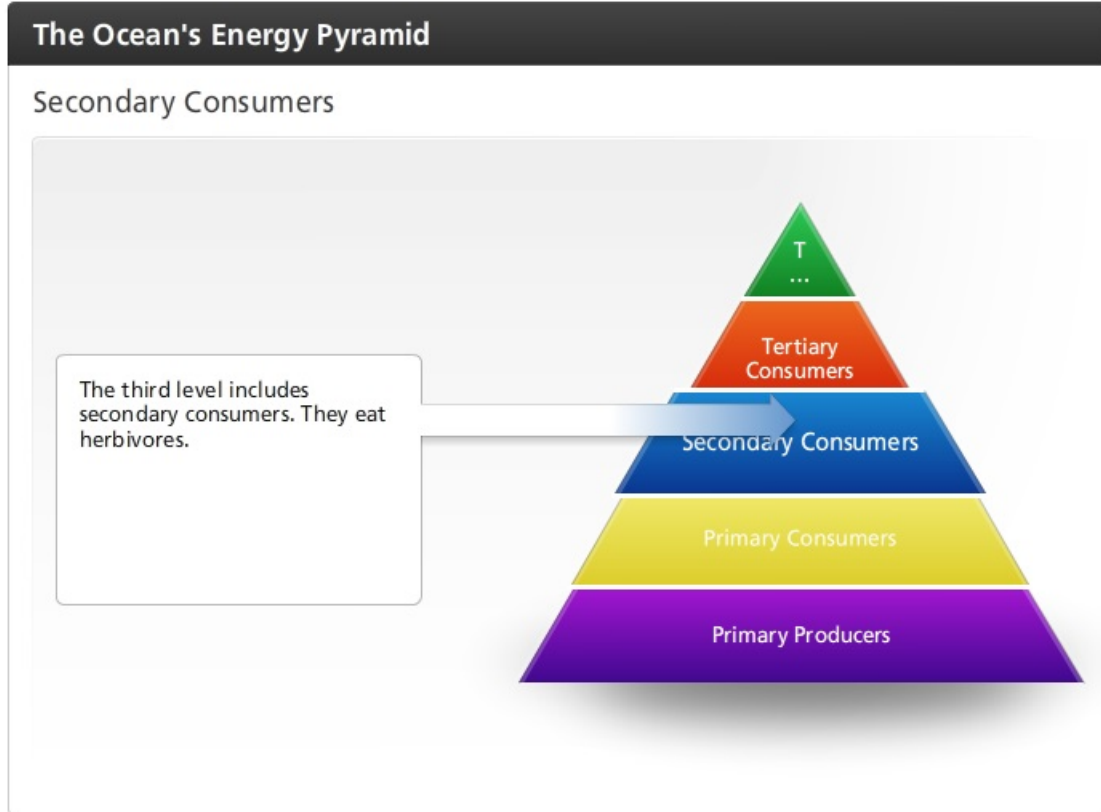
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The second level includes consumers which are herbivores. They eat the primary producers.

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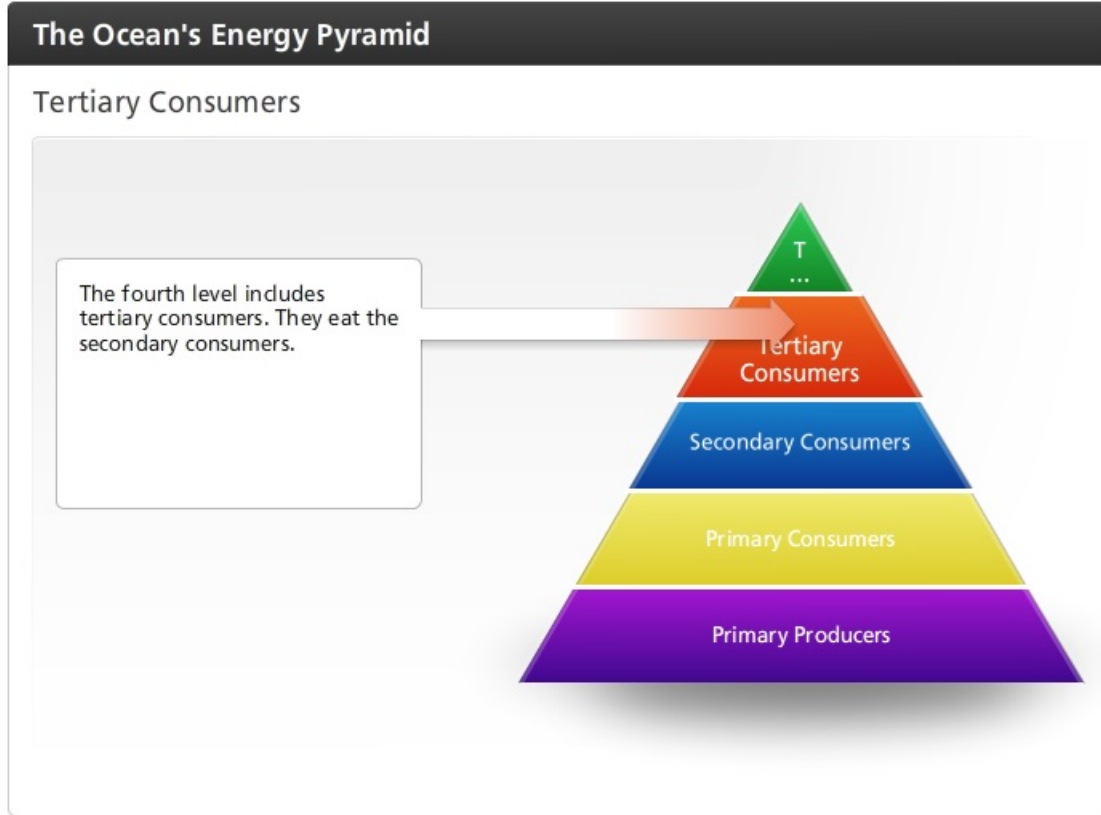
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The third level includes secondary consumers. They eat herbivores.

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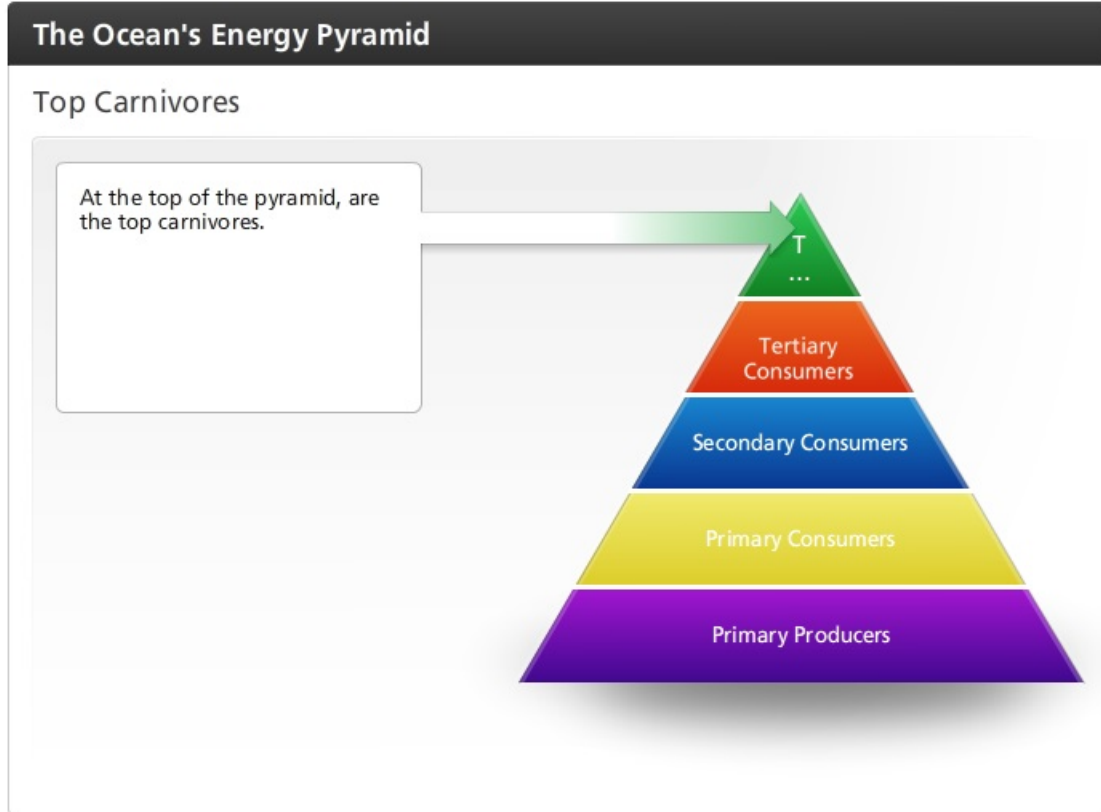
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The fourth level includes tertiary consumers. They eat the secondary consumers.

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At the top of the pyramid, are the top carnivores.