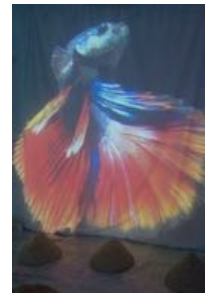


## Siamese Fighting Fish (Coolie hats)

**Environment** Stretchwrap sheets cover floor, acrylic mirrors like pools of water, brightly coloured fish (lures), bags/bowls of fish eggs (water gels). Coloured facepaints and brushes. Tubophones, glocks and bells. Underwater ripple light. Chinese wind fans (like fish tails). Dragonfly wings (as fins) Projection of coloured fish, white silks /moonhoops. Choc fish egg treats.



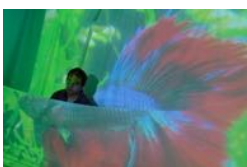
**Finding fish** Walk through the paddy fields, feel 'water' underfoot, find fish in mirror pools, see their bright colours, feel their rubbery texture, feel them tickle hands feet, faces. Watch reflections as they swim across pools, catch them and play. Find the fish eggs, feel them, roll them across pools, see them shimmer. Using brightly coloured facepaint with brushes or fingers, draw rippling water and beautiful fish over mirrors, hands, legs, faces. Enjoy the feeling of touching each other, seeing the patterns emerge and flow.



**Swimming with fish** Play rippling water music with tubophones and bells as lighting changes. Dance and swim through blue water using chinese windfans and dragonfly wings. Enjoy the feel of movement as you dance together and see flashes of colour as tails and fins swish and swirl around the space.



**Deeper down** Beautiful Siamese fighting fish are projected across a wall - use long white silks to bring their rippling colours across the space towards participants, flowing over heads, under feet, in and out as people swim around the space. Catch fish on moonhoops, watch the colours dance and change as they come close, then swim away. Taste chocolate fish eggs, before swimming away.



**Observations** Strips of stretchwrap used as flooring completely changed the space, giving a new texture to feel underfoot and visually creating a 'watery' environment. Mirrors as pools are an effective tool which can be used in a variety of ways, as reflections, sound-makers, and as brilliant surfaces for face-painting. Face paints allow focused 1-1 engagement, many people allowing touch through the use of this medium. Always have brushes available for those who don't like getting 'messy'. Wind fans create movement and colour throughout the space - some people just like to watch or touch the material as it flows around them. Dragonfly wings great for those who like role-play. White silks allowed projections to be brought

