

Station 6 Wave Action

Materials:

Small cake pan Water Sand Ruler

What to do:

- 1. Fill the cake pan with about 3 cm of water and let it stand until it is still.
- 2. Add sand to **one end** of the cake pan until it rises above the water.
- 3. Measure the height of the sand.
- 4. Sketch your "beach" profile. (Draw what it looks like from the side).
- 5. Use the side of a ruler to generate SMALL, steady, even waves in the tray. Do this 15 seconds.
- 6. Observe the action of the waves on the sand.
- 7. Measure the height again.
- 8. Make a new sketch of your "beach."