

Helping Whales

Not long ago, more than 50,000 whales were killed each year for their meat, oil, and baleen. The big whale hunts have ended, which is good news for the whales, but most still face many dangers.



Big ships, big trouble

Every day, tens of thousands of ships sail on the world's oceans, carrying people and goods from place to place. The ships' powerful engines make a lot of noise under water, which makes it difficult for whales to communicate and listen out for their prey. Whales are also sometimes hit by ships.



Gone fishing

Many whales eat fish and shrimp, and so do many people. As fishing boats take more seafood from the sea, whales are finding it harder to get enough to eat. Whales can also get tangled up in fishing nets and trawls.



Sea sickness

Pollution is a big problem for the sea. Litter and harmful materials in rivers, on land, and even in the air all end up in the sea. Some kinds of pollution hurt the fish and krill that whales need for food. Other kinds of pollution can make the whales sick.

How to help

Around the world, many people are working hard to help whales. Some are creating protected areas in the sea, where whales and other sea creatures can live undisturbed. Others are finding new ways to catch fish without harming whales, or creating new kinds of engines to make ships quieter. Even people living far from the sea can help. Anything that keeps the air, land, and water cleaner will help to make the ocean healthy.

What will you do?

