

Save The Whales!

Threats to Whales Around the World

Low Frequency Active Sonar (LFAS) is used by the military to detect submarines. LFAS is deadly for the whales as it travels up to 300 miles in ocean waters. It kills whales and other marine life by causing their sensitive ears to hemorrhage. This leads to their death, as they are unable to navigate, communicate or locate food. The U.S. government and many other countries are posed to begin using LFAS on a regular basis. This is one of the most serious global threats to whales.

Whaling continues in Norway, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and Japan. The Norwegians hunt the minke whale (the smallest baleen whale) and sell the meat to the Japanese as a delicacy food item. Go to www.savethewhales.org and click on "Take Action" to participate in letter-writing campaigns and distribute flyers on this and other topics.

Habitat Destruction is due to pollution, oil drilling, noise pollution, and entanglement in discarded fishing nets. Urban runoff is considered the largest source of ocean pollution. Everything that comes off of streets, neighborhoods and parking lots, such as motor oil, antifreeze, animal waste, pesticides, fertilizers and trash, drains directly to rivers, creeks, streams and eventually to the ocean. Even if you live inland, far away from the ocean, pollution ends up in ocean waters.

Plastic, such as six-pack rings, balloons and plastic bags, discarded on sidewalks and streets can end up in the ocean and kill marine animals that mistake them for jellyfish or other food items. They can choke on them and die. In the case of one young sperm whale, an ingested balloon caused his death by clogging his food passage.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Participate in the Sing for "Save The Whales" on **Thursday, May 15, 2008!**
2. Go to www.savethewhales.org and click on "Take Action". Here you will find letter writing campaigns to help whales and seals, balloon alert flyers, and a flyer on "10 Ways You Can Help Marine Life Every Day."
3. Write government officials, your senators and congressional representatives to voice your concern for the whales.
4. Never release balloons outside as they can travel hundreds of miles and land in rivers, creeks, and oceans. Whales, dolphins and turtles can be killed by ingesting balloons mistaken for jellyfish.
5. Become a member of Save The Whales and receive quarterly newsletters with letter writing campaigns.

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