

The Alliance With Gaia

Passage Four:



Onwards.. there are oceans to cover. The Alliance With Gaia is to care for the Earth, to care for the natural world which includes the oceans and their inhabitants.



Blue is for the seas, Blue is for the rivers, Blue is for the oceans. Blue is for the Blue Whale. Blue is for the Orca. Blue is for aquatic life.



I once lived near a marine reserve in the mediterranean I occasionally watched children with their families swoop on the shoreline and rock pools with plastic buckets and spades containers and gather up anything that moved.

I believe they meant no harm but they caused it by disrupting habitats and taking away crabs and small fish anything that moved.

Other people and their families would visit the shoreline and calmly enjoy the reserve and not interfere allowing the plants and animals to thrive. Stuart Wilde said “if you love something you leave it alone.”

Lets have a look at the seas - oceans- the marine ecosystem and some elements of human impact.

Did you know that David Bowie's song “Heroes” became an anthem for those trying to draw attention to the plight of dolphins in Japan?

“I wish you could swim
Like the dolphins, like dolphins can swim
Though nothing, nothing will keep us together
We can beat them, for ever and ever
Oh we can be Heroes
Just for one day”

The Oscar winning film ”The Cove”-Preview
<http://www.takepart.com/cove>

The film was to help as an act of solidarity against Japan’s “hidden” slaughter and capture of dolphins and whales in Taiji (dolphin drives).

David Bowie the late highly talented actor, singer and musician

allowed his 1977 Heroes song to be the soundtrack of the Oscar-winning documentary, The Cove, which exposed the events of Taiji.

Bowie personally intervened and made sure the song was licensed for broadcast at a minimal fee to help the cause, he is remembered with much gratitude for this.

David Bowie-Heroes-

Whales, dolphins and porpoises belong to a single group of marine mammals called the Cetaceans (order Cetacea). They are mammals, - animals which give birth to live young and feed them with nutritious milk.

The word cetacean comes from the Latin ‘*cetus*’ - large sea creature, and the ancient Greek ‘*ketos*’ - sea monster.

Cetaceans are marine mammals that evolved from their land mammal ancestors about 55 - 60 million years ago and have adapted perfectly to an aquatic life during this time. There are currently about 83 species of whales dolphins and porpoises.

Cetaceans are highly intelligent, particularly dolphins. Please scroll down after clicking the link below to see the video “How Smart Are Dolphins”?

<http://us.whales.org/whales-and-dolphins/brain-power>

The Ecological Importance And Beauty Of The Whales
How They Can Change Climates

<https://vimeo.com/113045331>

Dolphins And Whales Information,
Wrongful Imprisonment and Keiko 's freedom

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku_u-lHZM38

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5k64Y8YZ_ec

Blue whales are considered the largest known animals ever to have lived on the planet Earth 30m long weighing over 200 tonne twice the size of the largest dinosaur.

Here is a link about blue whales in Sri Lanka.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5MPbZZ4xJA>

Whale “Politics”& Whale Watching

<https://vimeo.com/171280760>

Questions

1. What kind of animals are Orcas?

2. What do you feel about our relationship with cetaceans?
3. How did the 30yr old civil war in Sri Lanka help the blue whales there?
4. What beneficial effects do whales have in their natural environment?
5. How does land based animal agriculture affect marine life?
6. How can whale watching help preserve whales?
7. What can assist whales and dolphins?

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