



How Does Human Activity Affect Our Wildlife Below Water?

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How Do Humans Affect the Wellbeing of Our Oceans?

Over 8 million pieces of garbage ends up in the ocean every day. This is only due to how humans live. We're the creators of plastic and other harmful objects like styrofoam, microbeads, oil spills, pesticides and many other things that are causing major damages to our oceans.

Despite many people knowing this, companies and large businesses still continue to overuse plastic and other harmful things because it's cheaper and more common.

We contribute to 88% of our oceans being covered and littered with plastic. If we don't decide to change now, we'll continue down a path that only leads to destruction.



All About The Endangered Whales

Among the most endangered animals so far, whales are at the top of the list. They're amazing huge animals that live in our largest oceans. Unfortunately, they are ones that may go extinct in the near future. Due to humans killing whales for their oil, blubber and meat.

Yes, these resources are useful. Although once you've over done it and rid the potential of new whales being born by littering their habitat with garbage, you're increasing the endangerment of these animals.



Here are ways you can help stop disturbing the wellbeing of life below water:

- Avoid Overfishing
- Stop throwing plastic in public places especially the beach, as it can be carried into the ocean.
- Reduce the amount of plastic you use.
- Use items that are easily biodegradable.
- Pick up litter that you may find on the beach or any area that could go into the landfills.



How Does World Wildlife Fund Canada Helps Wildlife Below Water?

WWF is a large organization that wants to not only help animals on land, but also below water. They have a specific section that focus on aquatic animals and their habitat. We've learned about which areas are being polluted and how this organization has tried to fix this issue.

Since this organization is big, they link other smaller organizations like The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup that wants to help and encourage others to pick up plastic on our shorelines.



Adopt an Orca

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ShoreLine Cleanup

Great Canadian ShoreLine Cleanup is also another organization that helps clean up the plastic left behind on shores, parks and public areas near water. You can join up with small teams or work by yourself and help clean up your community and many others.

In 2021, Shoreline Cleanup has set up 1,532 cleanups and has picked up 25,347 kg. On 2,233.66 km of land in Canada. If you want to set up a clean up with friends, family or classmates you can visit the site and they'll help you start, depending on where you're located.

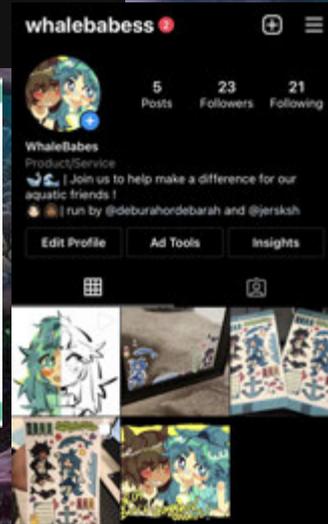
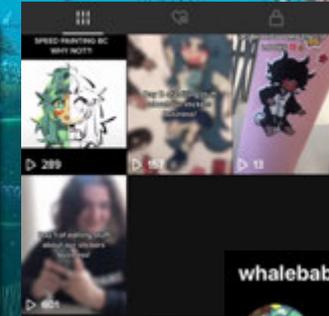
This site aims for school and youth, as we are the next generation that has to learn how to take better care of our oceans. There's also online games, kits and activities that make it COVID-19 friendly for all ages. This makes it fun and educational for everyone.



Our Sticker Fundraiser and Media Production

We decided that we needed something that will sell and give us donations so that we can fund the people that are helping out the wildlife below water. Stickers were the most ideal merchandise since it's easy to draw and create stickers in a short amount of time.

These stickers come in a bundle with two characters drawn by Jeralyn and a QR code that leads to Ocean Wise, which is where we'll donate the money to.



We used two forms of media production. The first was our video that was used to catch the attention of the public. We wanted the video to be fun and also educational, so that people can see the message that we're trying to get across.

The second use of media was social media. We used our own platforms and shared our stickers around on twitter, instagram and tiktok, so that multiple people can make a purchase or easily share our content with others.

Why Did We Choose To Focus On The Wildlife Below Water?

We decided to research and specifically talk about wildlife below water because it's one of the most important aspects of the ocean. They are a main food source to many prey and predators and give out oxygen, stop many diseases and is essential to the ecosystem. We'd lose so many things if we stopped caring and continue polluting the oceans that these aquatic creatures live in.

This is also a very important and well-spoken topic that is one of the most major concerns about our planet. We're not the only ones that are talking about this. There's many others all over the world that want to fight for this cause. Because if we do not change, we will never be able to reverse the negative effects due to our careless actions.



Conclusion

To conclude this slideshow, every animal deserves a life where they don't have to worry about living in garbage and toxic oils. Whales and other aquatic animals shouldn't have to go extinct due to our carelessness. Be a bigger person and help support wildlife below water.

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