

YES, WE CAN! SAVE

THE CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALE

The most ancient Baleen Whale
alive today needs **YOUR** help



The **California Gray Whale** needs the protection of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Up until 1994, the Gray Whale was listed under this Act and, in spite of recommendations by the Marine Mammal Commission, the species was removed from the endangered list, and left with minimal protection.

In the warm waters of the lagoons in Baja, Mexico, Gray Whales come to the small boats and allow themselves and their calves to be touched and stroked by people.

No other whale on Planet Earth is this friendly to humans.

THREATS

These are some of the threats facing the California Gray Whale:

- ▶ Climate change
- ▶ Ocean acidity
- ▶ Oil and gas exploration
- ▶ Military and Seismic Sonar
- ▶ Unprecedented Coastal development
- ▶ Liquified Gas Terminals
- ▶ Industrialisation
- ▶ Toxic Pollution

CLIMATE

By far the most serious threat to the Gray Whales is climate change. As specialist feeders, their primary food source is tiny crustaceans known as amphipods. These amphipods are part of the benthic ecosystem which feeds a huge variety of marine animals.

The particular species of amphipods on which the Gray Whales depend are themselves reliant on cold water and ice. Crud which gathers under the ice floes in the sub Arctic and Arctic oceans drops down and feeds the benthic system.

Without ice, there is no food. Without food, Gray Whales starve. Currently oil and gas exploration leases spread right across their feeding grounds. Without the protection of the ESA, the whales are vulnerable to extinction.



CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALE COALITION

PROTECTING THE MOST ANCIENT BALEEN WHALE ALIVE TODAY

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STARVATION

This is a picture of an abandoned calf which survived for ten days before dying of starvation. Marine Animal Rescue sent these images to the Coalition. MAR reported several orphaned gray whales this season. This calf hung around an oil rig for two weeks.



WHAT YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CAN DO

- ▶ Join **THE CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALE FAN CLUB** by writing up your details in the form below and sending to: info@californiagraywhalecoalition.org
- ▶ Membership of the **THE CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALE FAN CLUB** involves responsibilities. The Coalition successfully lobbied the California Assembly and Senate to pass a Joint Resolution calling on Congress to insist on a comprehensive review of all threats facing the Whales and to relist the species. The Coalition is now lobbying the new congress to follow through with the **CALIFORNIA JOINT RESOLUTION**. Read it here: www.californiagraywhalecoalition.org/resolution.htm
- ▶ We will need masses of letters and emails to the relevant Congress people and Senators.
- ▶ We need you to educate your friends, schools, clubs and business people. Get them to join the **CGW FAN CLUB**.
- ▶ California Gray Whale tourism is worth tens of millions of dollars to the economy of the state.
- ▶ Membership of the **CGW FAN CLUB** will entitle you to a certificate, a subscription to our newsletters and most of all membership will give you a good feeling because you're doing something for Whales.

JOIN THE FAN CLUB

You can join the **California Gray Whale Fan Club** by filling out this form and sending it to: **California Gray Whale Coalition** P. O. Box 50939 Palo Alto, CA 94303
Or email your information as below to: info@californiagraywhalecoalition.org

YES, I CAN HELP THE CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALE

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- Alaska Wildlife Alliance: www.akwildlife.org
- Animal Welfare Institute: www.awionline.org
- Australians for Animals Int. www.australiansforanimals.com.au
- Australians for Animals USA – San Francisco
- Azteca America – USA: <http://aztecaamerica.terra.com/>
- Azteca Mexico
- Aztec Recreation Center, San Diego, CA. 92182-4010
- Baja Discovery, San Ignacio, Mexico: www.bajadiscovery.com
- Baja Expeditions, Inc: www.bajaex.com
- Blue Ocean Productions: www.blueoceanproductions.com
- Big Wildlife - Williams: <http://bigwildlife.weebly.com/index.html>
- Blue Voice: <http://www.bluevoice.org>
- Canadian Marine Environment Protection Society Vancouver, BC V6G 3B7 CANADA: www.cmeps.org
- Captive Dolphin Awareness Foundation
- Cetacean Society International: www.csiwhalesalive.org
- Conservacion de Mamiferos Marinos de Mexico - Comerino: www.comarino.org
- Earth Island Institute – CA – US: www.earthisland.org
- Environment California: www.environmentcalifornia.org/
- Friends of the Gray Whale - Washington USA
- Fundacion Azteca America: www.fundacionaztecaamerica.org
- Grupo de los Cien Internacional (Mexico)
- Heal our Planet Earth HOPE - Vancouver, Canada. www.HOPE-CARE.org
- Humane Society of Canada: www.humanesociety.com
- International Community Foundation San Diego: <http://www.icfdn.org/>
- Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center Williams, Oregon: www.kswild.org
- Lomatski Restoration Project - Ashland, Oregon: www.lomakatsi.org
- Marine Animal Rescue/Friends of Animals: www.marspecialists.org
- Marine Connection – UK: www.marineconnection.org
- Newport Beach Surfrider Chapter
- NY Whale and Dolphin Action League – US: www.ny4whales.org
- Ocean Alliance -Lincoln MA USA: www.oceanalliance.org
- Ocean Futures Society: www.oceanfutures.org
- Orca Network – WA – US: www.orcanetwork.org
- Ocean Conservation Society Marina del Rey, CA 90285 - USA: <http://www.oceanconservation.org>
- Pro Peninsula San Diego: www.propeninsula.org
- In Defense of Animals – CA – US: www.idausa.org
- Last Chance for Animals – CA – US: www.lcanimal.org
- San Francisco Baykeeper: www.baykeeper.org
- Ocean Conservation Research California: www.OCR.org
- Sea Shepherd Conservation Society: www.seashepherd.org
- Sea Kayak Adventures, Idaho, USA: www.seakayadventures.com
- Sea Sanctuary, San Francisco
- Surfrider – Huntington/Seal Beach, CA chapter – US: www.sbhbsurfrider.org
- Surfrider Isla Vista
- Surfrider Foundation - Crescent City, CA Chapter
- Voyage of the Odyssey: www.pbs.org/odyssey
- Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDGS): <http://www.whales.org/>
- WILDcoast - COASTASALVAJE - CA - US: www.wildcoast.net

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