

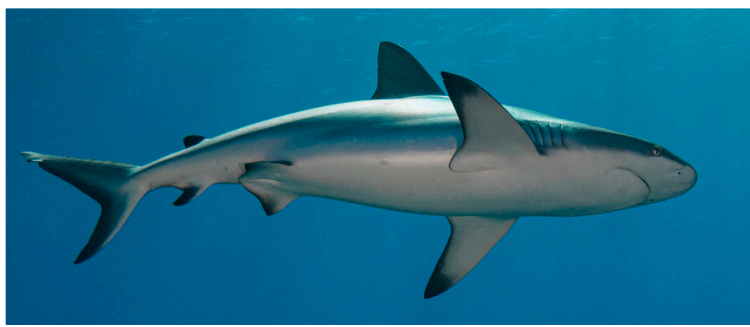


# WORLD AQUATIC ANIMAL DAY

10 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED – WITHOUT LEAVING HOME!

Be an advocate for aquatic animals. Here are 10 ways to get involved from home on **World Aquatic Animal Day**. Be creative, think local, be sensitive to issues raised by the coronavirus pandemic. Please share your efforts on social media! **#worldaquaticanimalday**

- 1. EDUCATE:** Learn about the threats that aquatic animals face. Share our videos and resource documents available at [worldaquaticanimalday.org](http://worldaquaticanimalday.org). Offer to speak remotely about aquatic animals.
- 2. REACH OUT:** Plan to contact your representatives when the current crisis ends and ask them what they are doing to ensure aquatic animals and their habitats are protected.
- 3. RECYCLE, REDUCE & CLEAN UP:** Collect and recycle plastics at your home. Research ways to reduce your use of plastics and products using microbeads. Encourage others!
- 4. ORGANIZE:** Plan a webinar or other digital event to help aquatic animals and invite an expert to present about how to protect them. Host a remote documentary viewing or watch party.
- 5. GET ACTIVE:** Sign a petition (or start your own!) supporting a ban on single use plastics or other practices that threaten aquatic animals. Speak up for aquatic animals. Protecting aquatic animals also helps humans and the environment.
- 6. SUPPORT:** Connect with and support organizations already working to protect aquatic animals, oceans, lakes, and rivers, and our whole environment.
- 7. APPRECIATE:** Take time to research and better understand aquatic animals in their natural habitat. Create aquatic animal art!
- 8. GET THE WORD OUT:** Write a blog post or letter to the editor for your local paper. Students, make aquatic animals the focus of a class paper or publication. Make a Facebook “frame for the day” to support aquatic animals and encourage others to do so.
- 9. USE THE LAW:** Identify issues in your jurisdiction that negatively impact aquatic animals; work to effect positive change through legislative initiatives, lawsuits, and agency guidelines.
- 10. REFRAIN:** Keep aquatic animals off your plate. Try a plant-based alternative instead.



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