

BENEFIT GIFT SHOP

Dive into a treasure trove of marine themed gifts. We showcase local artists to highlight and promote their talent. All proceeds help support our programs.



CONFERENCE CENTER

Host your next special presentation, meeting, community gathering, or celebration at this unique venue. We will be hosting a wide variety of scientific presentations.

Small Room - 202 sqft
Large Room - 1,032 sqft



EXPLORATORIUM

COMING SOON!

The Exploratorium will allow visitors to immerse themselves in the world of marine wildlife. You will be able to see and touch real specimens, learn about whales and dolphins, and stay up to date with current research. It will feature hands-on activities, exhibits, and informational displays about whales and other marine wildlife.

8142 Moss Landing Rd., Moss Landing, CA 95039



If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring our space, please reach out! We'd be happy to offer a tour of the facility. Thank you for your support!

REPORT MARINE MAMMALS IN DISTRESS

24 hour Toll Free Hotline
877-SOS-WHAlE (767-9425)
or hail the US Coast Guard on VHF CH-16



DONATE

Marine Life Studies is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations and gifts are tax deductible within the scope of current IRS rules. Please consider making a much appreciated donation to directly support our research, education and whale rescue programs. Over 90% of all donations go directly to our projects.

If you can't give, but still want to support our cause, please share our work with your friends, family, and coworkers. Thank you in advance!



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MARINE LIFE STUDIES



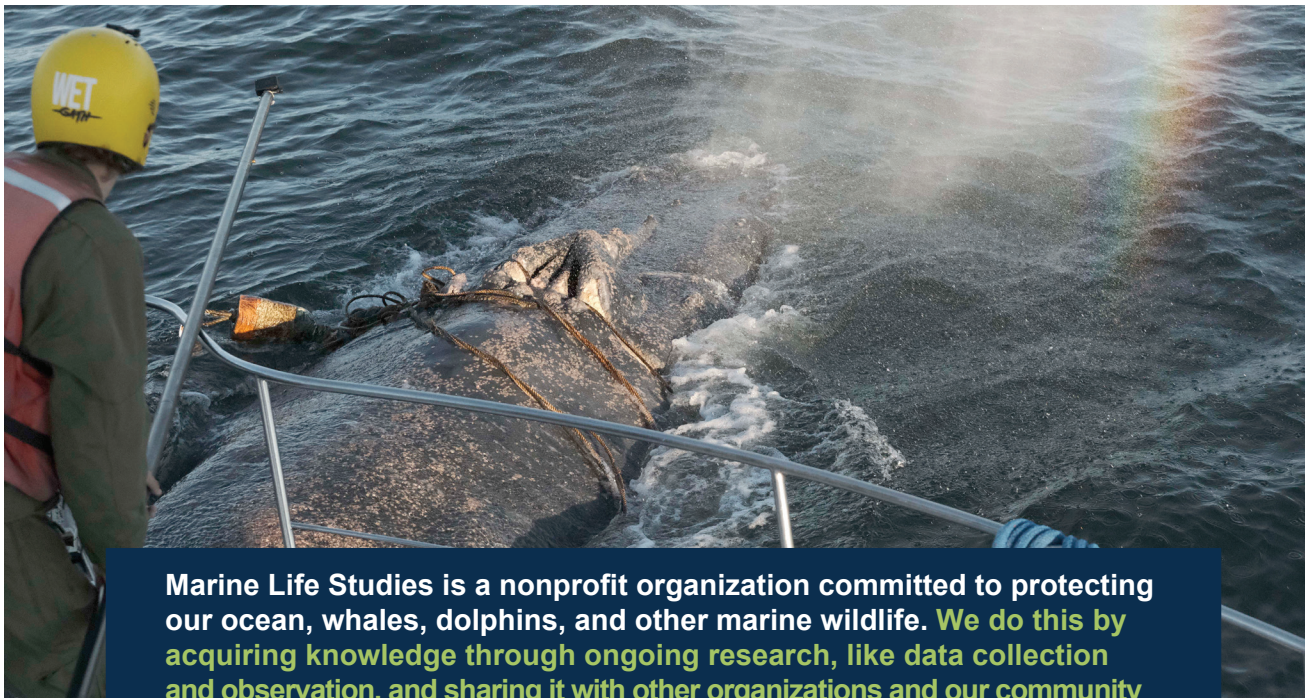
RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND WHALE RESCUE



Inspiring the public to protect the ocean, whales, and dolphins



MarineLifeStudies.org



Marine Life Studies is a nonprofit organization committed to protecting our ocean, whales, dolphins, and other marine wildlife. We do this by acquiring knowledge through ongoing research, like data collection and observation, and sharing it with other organizations and our community so we can inspire the next generation of passionate conservationists.



WHALE ENTANGLEMENTS

The local and global economy has benefited greatly from the fishing industry in the last century. The fallout of this booming business are the creatures of the sea: whales, sea turtles, and dolphins who, during their journeys in the sea, find themselves tangled in fisheries like discarded nets and lines. These animals get entangled and have no real way of freeing themselves, often dragging the gear with them for miles. Sometimes the gear becomes anchored to the sea floor, impeding the whale from swimming and feeding. This is basically a death sentence for marine life, but that's where we come in.

We established the Whale Entanglement Team (WET)[®], a group of trained individuals to rescue whales from a slow, painful death due to life-threatening entanglements. Our Whale Rescue Research Vessel, Current'Sea, is fully equipped with all the necessary tools for a complete disentanglement response. This "whale disentanglement ambulance" has been critical to our success in saving whales every year.



WhaleEntanglementTeam.org

RESEARCH

We record meticulous data which goes into an extensive database to track behavioral and migratory habits of marine life in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. We share this data with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, other researchers, conservation groups, and students to expand our knowledge base and provide the baseline necessary to implement effective conservation strategies and educational programs.

WHALE RESCUE

We established the Whale Entanglement Team (WET)[®] to quickly respond when a whale becomes entangled in fishing gear or marine debris. We collect extensive data during entanglement responses that is critical to facilitate new practices, tools, and gear to mitigate future entanglements. In addition to responding to active entanglements, we developed a proactive prevention program to remove lost or abandoned fishing gear from the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. This project will reduce the likelihood of potential entanglements of whales, dolphins, sea turtles, sharks, and other marine wildlife, many of which are on the Endangered Species List.

EDUCATION

Our Ocean Literacy Education Programs encourage the public, especially children, to learn about, care for and protect our ocean and the marine life that depend on it. Our Research Scientist Program teaches skills needed to be a marine researcher while our community programs provide education on cetaceans, whale entanglements, marine debris and pollution. Our *Take it to the Streets*[™] program encourages community cleanup in inland areas to eliminate pollution before reaching the ocean through storm drains and local watersheds.