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Why I am disgusted by the human species.

Speciesism Part 2: Marine Life

It is estimated that up to 3 trillion fish are caught from the wild & killed globally every year: This doesn't include the billions of fish that are farmed. Fish account for 40% of animal products consumed



Fish farming is forecast to overtake wild-caught fish production in 2021: For context, farmed fish accounts for 70% of all farmed animals worldwide. This presents a host of problems. For example, shrimp farming has led to the destruction of three million acres of coastal wetlands



Like all captivity of sentient life fish farming is creating disease. This ends up in the wider ecosystem damaging and polluting wildlife.



Worldwide demand for seafood is expected to double in the next two decades A recent global survey in has estimated that we could see sea life vanish altogether by 2048. Due to the relentless fishing and relentless pollution. The corals are dying.



Whales:

Despite a moratorium on commercial whaling and a ban on international trade of whale products, three countries-Iceland, Japan, and Norway—continue their commercial whale hunts.
16,000 whales have been murdered every year for 83 consecutive years.



Since 1986, over 25,000 whales have been murdered legally for “scientific research.”
Despite citing “scientific research” as a Reason for Capture, no data is ever published by reputable scientific journals.

Image: Mother and baby



Bycatch:

With over 300,000 small whales, dolphins, and porpoises dying each year from entanglement in fishing nets, bycatch is causing one death every two minutes. It is the single-largest cause of mortality for small cetaceans.



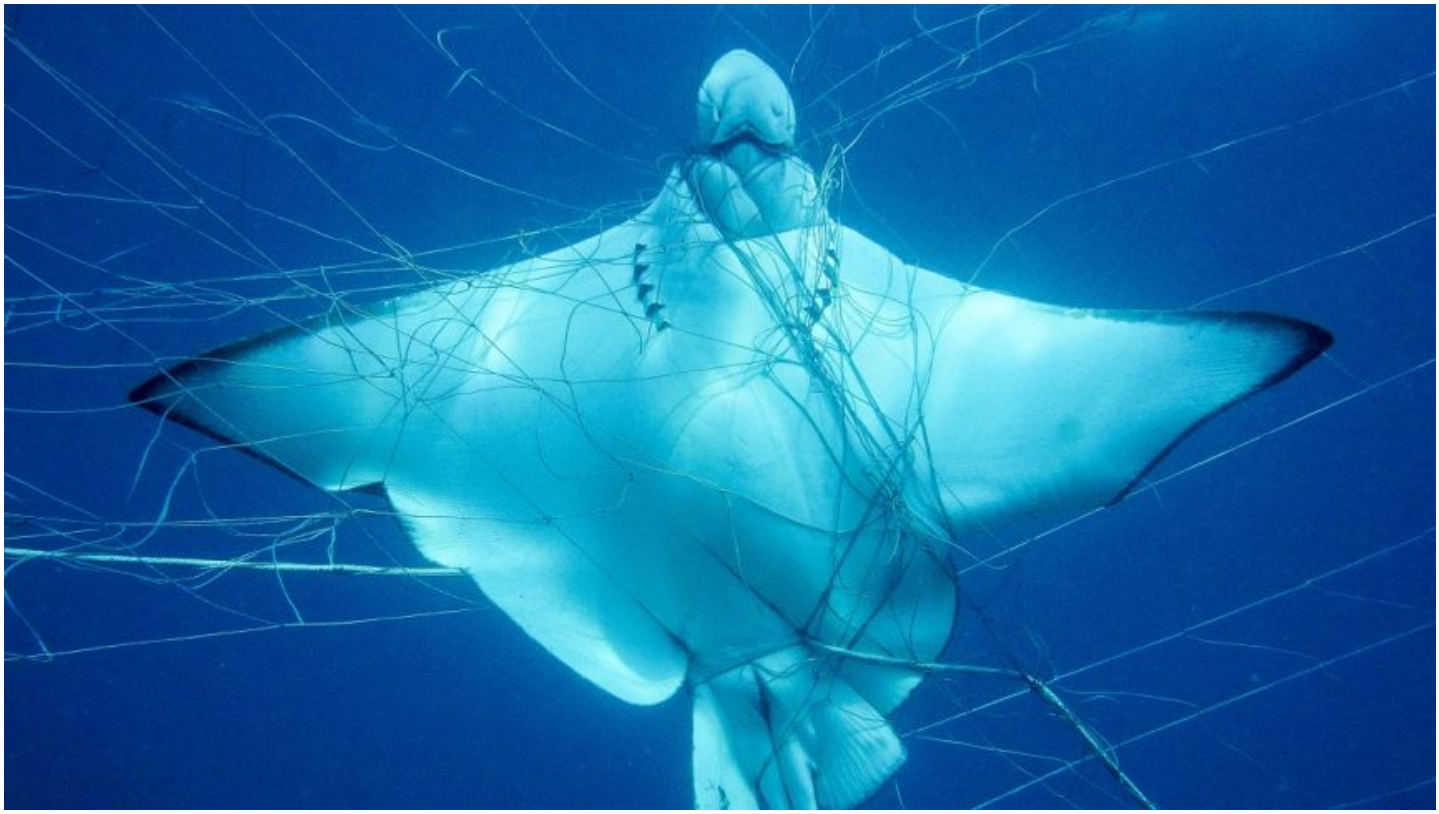
Turtles:

100s of 1000s of these ancient reptiles are caught each year as bycatch. The sea turtle population has now 6 of the 7 marine turtle species currently categorized as "Vulnerable," "Endangered" or "Critically Endangered" globally by the IUCN Red List.



Rays:

Despite enhanced protection against the gill plate trade, all rays are still being killed in their thousands, and devil rays in their tens of thousands, as victims of bycatch in high seas fisheries.



Sharks:

Approximately 100 million sharks are killed globally each year & one of the major incentives for this is the shark fin trade.



Because of one stupid film sharks are one of most feared animals on the planet, but by the time you scroll down this thread, 73 more sharks would have been killed.



What can we do?

Go vegan and learn to cherish all of these wonderful creatures.

Awareness is everything #oceans #BiodiversityCrisis #GoVegan



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> 10 Ocean Plastic Pollution Facts
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> 1. At least 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone. pic.twitter.com/7mkCXCmzD0
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> — Gina Bates (@hilltopgina) January 10, 2021