



Earth is Blue Web Links

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<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/earthisblue.html>

Our planet is an ocean planet: Earth Is Blue. The National Marine Sanctuary System protects some of the most iconic underwater places throughout the United States, but we can't do it without you. No matter where you are, the ocean and Great Lakes are in your hands. We hope these images inspire you to help care for our ocean and to spread the word that Earth isn't green – it's blue.

Earth is Blue Introduction Video

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/earthisblue/wk52-dr-sullivan-earth-is-blue.html>

As the former NOAA Administrator Dr. Kathryn Sullivan says, "No matter what you see out your living room window or off of your back porch, you are first and foremost a citizen of the planet – and a citizen of an ocean planet." With that in mind, a year ago today we launched #EarthIsBlue to bring you incredible images and videos of America's underwater treasures. Watch our video to learn why we've been sharing these images and how you can help us keep this blue planet vibrant!

Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle Video

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/earthisblue/wk269-green-sea-turtle.html>

If you've visited Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, you might have been lucky enough to see a honu, or green sea turtle. Get to know these gentle creatures in our video!

Basking Sharks Video

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/earthisblue/wk243-basking-sharks.html>

Have you been enjoying Shark Week? Today, meet the basking shark, a gentle filter feeder found in NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

Stories from the Blue

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/stories/>

National marine sanctuaries and marine national monuments are home to thousands of species of marine life, from

tiny plankton to enormous whale sharks and humpback whales. They are also the heart of many human communities, from native communities that have depended on the ocean for centuries and continue to do so, to vacationers who dive into sanctuary waters and surf their waves, to scientists and researchers who explore the ocean's depths. Join us as each month as we tell Stories from the Blue celebrating the people at the center of national marine sanctuaries and marine national monuments.

Virtual Dive into Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr/channel-islands/virtual-dive-with-sea-lions.html>

Dreaming of the salt air and the ocean? Take a virtual dive with sea lions in Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary! If you're on a desktop, click and drag to experience the kelp forest in 360 degrees, or pair your phone with your virtual reality headset.

Immersive 360° Photos - Virtual Reality

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr>

Immerse yourself in the ocean and your national marine sanctuaries without getting wet! These virtual reality voyages use 360-degree images to highlight the amazing habitats, animals, and cultural resources you can find in each national marine sanctuary.



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