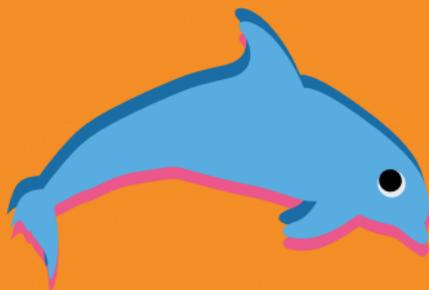


DOLPHIN WARRIOR



A LITTLE BOOK ABOUT DOLPHINS



DOLPHINS ARE INCREDIBLE. PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD LOVE DOLPHINS!
DOLPHINS ARE BEAUTIFUL. THEY HAVE A VERY FRIENDLY LOOK AND THEY
MOVE AROUND IN A BEAUTIFUL WAY. BUT WHAT DO WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT
DOLPHINS? WHAT DO DOLPHINS LIKE, WHERE DO THEY LIVE, WHAT DO THEY
EAT? HOW DO DOLPHINS COMMUNICATE?

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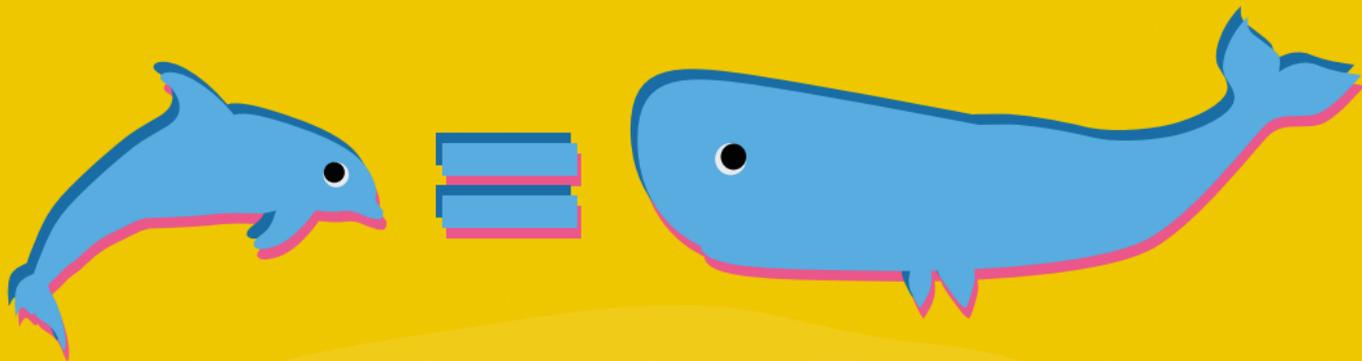
HERE WE INTRODUCE TO YOU RIO, WHO HAS GROWN UP AROUND DOLPHINS AND HAS WANTED TO PROTECT THEM SINCE HE WAS VERY YOUNG. RIO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU INFORMATION ABOUT DOLPHINS!



MY NAME IS RIO. I AM FOUR YEARS OLD. I REALLY LOVE DOLPHINS. THEY ARE VERY CLEVER AND THEY LIKE TO PLAY. I HAVE SEEN DOLPHINS JUMPING IN THE OCEAN, PLAYING WITH EACH OTHER AND PLAYING IN THE WAVES OF OUR BOAT.



I HAVE ALSO SEEN DOLPHINS KEPT INSIDE A SMALL POOL, WHERE PEOPLE USE THEM FOR SHOWS. THIS IS VERY CRUEL. THE DOLPHINS WERE REALLY SAD. THEY BELONG IN THE OCEAN.

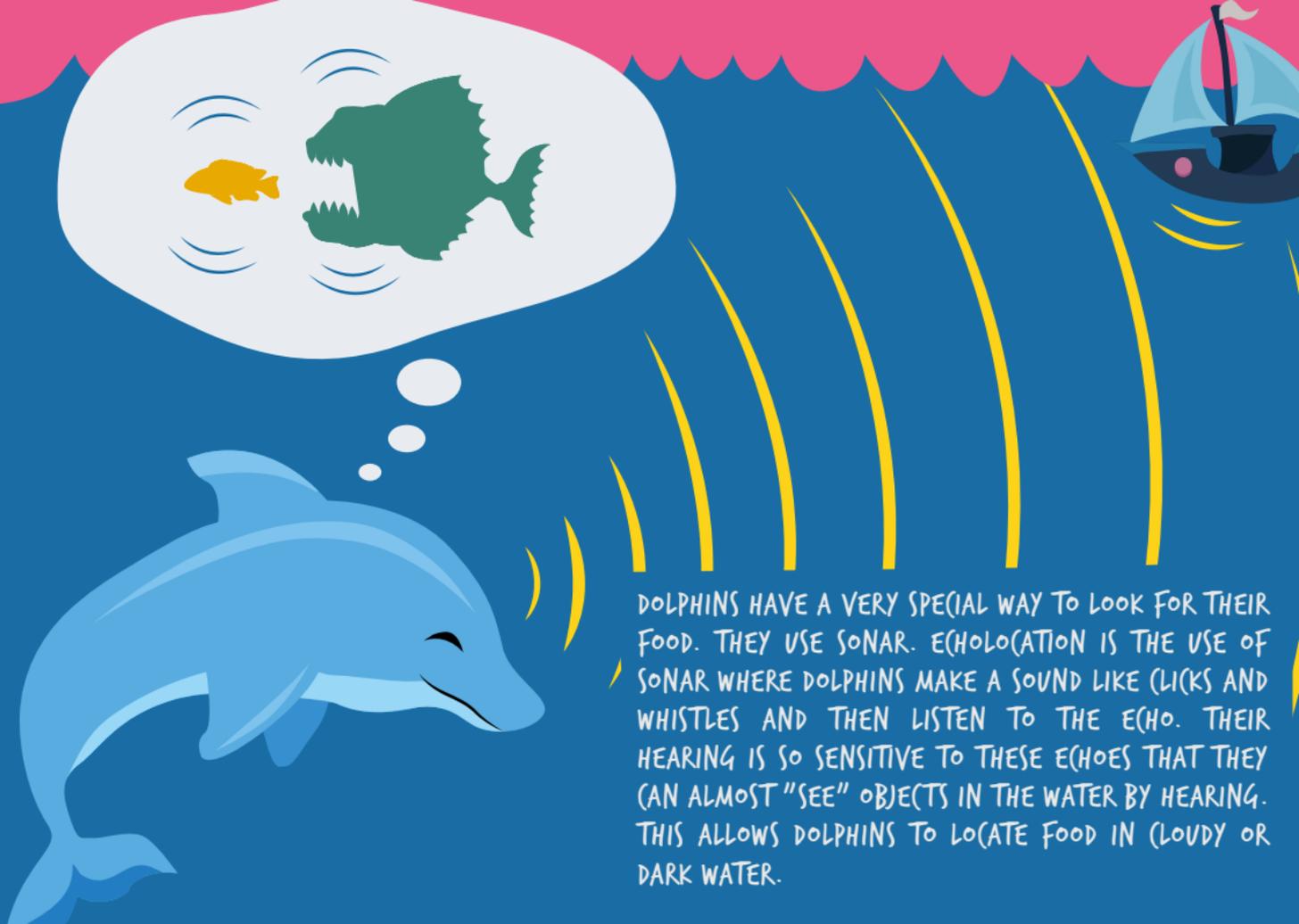


DOLPHINS AREN'T FISH! THEY ARE MAMMALS LIKE US AND IN THE SAME FAMILY AS WHALES. THERE ARE 36 SPECIES OF DOLPHINS AND MOST CAN BE FOUND IN INDONESIA WATERS! THE BIGGEST MAMMAL IN THE WORLD ALSO LIVES IN INDONESIA WATERS, THE BLUE WHALE! DOLPHINS LIKE TO EAT FISH, SHRIMP AND SQUID. DOLPHINS LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILY AND HAVE VERY TIGHT BONDS WITH EACH OTHER. THEY REALLY CARE FOR EACH OTHER JUST LIKE WE DO.





DOLPHINS CAN TRAVEL 100 KILOMETERS PER DAY! AND THEY CAN SWIM AS FAST AS 40 KILOMETERS/HOUR! DOLPHINS CAN'T BREATHE UNDERWATER. THEY HAVE TO COME TO THE SURFACE TO BREATHE AS THEY HAVE LUNGS JUST LIKE US. DOLPHINS CAN HOLD THEIR BREATH FOR 20 MINUTES!



DOLPHINS HAVE A VERY SPECIAL WAY TO LOOK FOR THEIR FOOD. THEY USE SONAR. ECHOLLOCATION IS THE USE OF SONAR WHERE DOLPHINS MAKE A SOUND LIKE CLICKS AND WHISTLES AND THEN LISTEN TO THE ECHO. THEIR HEARING IS SO SENSITIVE TO THESE ECHOS THAT THEY CAN ALMOST "SEE" OBJECTS IN THE WATER BY HEARING. THIS ALLOWS DOLPHINS TO LOCATE FOOD IN CLOUDY OR DARK WATER.



BUT SOMETIMES IN CLOUDY WATER THEY CAN'T DETECT FISHERMEN'S NETTING AND GET ENTANGLED. THE FISHERMEN SHOULD HELP THE DOLPHINS AND RELEASE THEM BACK IN THE OCEAN IMMEDIATELY!

INDONESIAN WATERS ARE GLOBALLY KNOWN FOR THEIR RICH AND DIVERSE UNDERWATER GARDEN, FILLED WITH A COUNTLESS VARIETY OF MARINE MAMMALS, FISH AND CORAL.



MOST OF THE MARINE MAMMAL SPECIES FOUND IN THE WORLD CAN BE FOUND
IN INDONESIAN WATERS



SOME OF THE SPECIES ARE
UNDER THREAT OF EXTINCTION.
FOR EXAMPLE, INDONESIA IS
HOME TO THE CRITICALLY
ENDANGERED IRRAWADDY RIVER
DOLPHINS.

SAVE US!





POLLUTION IN THE SEA, SUCH AS PLASTICS, ARE VERY HARMFUL FOR DOLPHINS. DOLPHINS MAY MISTAKE A PLASTIC BAG FOR FOOD AND THEN DIE BECAUSE THE PLASTIC BAG IS SWALLOWED. FISHING NETS ARE ALSO HARMFUL AND DANGEROUS; DOLPHINS CAN GET ENTANGLED IN THEM AND DIE.

SOMETIMES DOLPHINS STRAND ON THE BEACH. THIS CAN HAPPEN BECAUSE THEY GET LOST, OR THEIR SONAR IS HARMED BY NOISE IN THE OCEAN. WHEN STRANDED, THE DOLPHINS NEED OUR HELP. WE HAVE TO HELP BRING THEM BACK TO THE OCEAN SAFELY. INDONESIA HAS A MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING NETWORK LED BY THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, GROUPS AND SCIENTISTS WHO ALL WORK TOGETHER TO HELP STRANDED MARINE MAMMALS AROUND THE COUNTRY.



FUN FACTS

- DOLPHINS CAN RECOGNIZE THEMSELVES IN A MIRROR. THEY ARE SELF AWARE. THEY ALSO HAVE INDIVIDUAL WHISTLES AND SOUNDS.
- DOLPHINS HELP EACH OTHER WHEN IN TROUBLE OR WHEN ILL. IN 2015 IN PADANG GALAK, BALI, RESCUERS WITNESSED THREE PILOT WHALES (ALSO A DOLPHIN SPECIES) LIFT A YOUNGER WHALE TO HELP HIM BREATHE. THE YOUNGSTER WAS WOUNDED AND NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO SURFACE ALONE. HIS FAMILY MEMBERS TOOK TURNS TO HELP UNTIL HE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO SWIM BY HIMSELF. DOLPHINS ALSO OFTEN HELP PEOPLE! DOLPHINS OFTEN HELP PEOPLE IN THE OCEAN SUCH AS FISHERMEN WITH BOAT TROUBLE OR TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM SHARK ATTACKS!

ABOUT DOLPHINS

- DOLPHINS ARE PROTECTED BY LAW. (CATCHING THEM OR HARMING THEM IS ILLEGAL!
- DOLPHINS ARE PART OF THE SAME ANIMAL ORDER, (ETA(CEA, AS WHALES.
- THEY ARE VERY INTELLIGENT AND SOCIAL.
- LIKE ALL MAMMALS, DOLPHINS GIVE BIRTH TO LIVE YOUNG AND NURSE THEM WITH MILK!
- DOLPHINS ARE PREGNANT LONGER THAN PEOPLE! THEY CARRY THEIR INFANTS FOR 12 MONTHS.
- RIVER DOLPHINS LIVE IN FRESH WATER RATHER THAN SALT WATER.
- DOLPHINS ARE HAPPY IN THE OCEAN WITH THEIR FAMILIES!
- DOLPHINS ARE ALSO CALLED "PEOPLE OF THE OCEAN".



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