

# Children Around the World Can Help The Whales!

## Sing for “Save The Whales” on Thursday, **May 12, 2011**

In celebration of Oceans Day, on Thursday, **May 12, 2011**, we invite children and adults from around the world to sing to protect the world’s whales. For more information click on the singing whale at: [www.savethewhales.org](http://www.savethewhales.org)

Options under the singing whale will allow you to hear the “Save The Whales” song beautifully sung by 11-year-old Maggy May Trout and follow along with the words. There is a guestbook to log into so we can recognize everyone singing for the whales!

Save The Whales guestbook will compile a list of the children and adults from around the world who sing for the whales on **May 12, 2011**. Click on the Guestbook option or email [maris@savethewhales.org](mailto:maris@savethewhales.org) with the following information so we can post your location on our global map.

1. Your name or teacher’s name
2. Name of school, church, club, organization
3. City and country
4. Email or phone number
5. Number of participants who sang on **May 12, 2011!**
6. Comments you would like to share

We invite schools, ecology clubs, church groups, organizations and individuals to participate. You may sing the song we provide, **or write your own whale song**. Save The Whales will compile the songs written by children and put together a CD of their voices singing for the whales. In the future, you will be able to purchase this CD from Save The Whales.

Our goal is to have government officials listen to the children, singing around the earth to bring global awareness to the importance of protecting the oceans and saving the whales for future generations.

Never underestimate the power of children working in earnest for a common goal. In the 1980s, school children across the United States flooded government officials with letters requesting them to stop the killing of dolphins that were trapped and drowning in fishing nets. Children were largely responsible for the “Dolphin Safe” labeling on tuna cans, and the enforcement of legislation to protect the mammals.

This moving “Save The Whales” song created by Joan Cobb, a writer and music teacher, inspired Russian pianist Yury Rahubin to have children sing from every country as a plea for the whales. Save The Whales embraced the idea. Join us in this annual event and help spread the word in your community to encourage participation.

The purpose of Save The Whales is to educate children and adults about marine mammals, their environment and their preservation. Save The Whales was founded by 14-year-old Maris Sidenstecker and her mother in 1977. Maris designed a T-shirt with a blue whale and the slogan, “Save The Whales” after reading a magazine article on whaling and an organization was founded. Maris eventually became a marine biologist and leads the organization today, along with her mother.

**If you have questions or want to mail us your whale song on a CD, please contact:**

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