



Blue Planet II: Episode 7 – Our Blue Planet



A. Match the words to the correct meanings.

sustainable	fishery	toxins	maltreatment
pod	dominance	calf	catastrophe
over-exploited	colony	bountiful	pioneer

_____	large in amount
_____	power, influence, and control
_____	a small herd or school of marine animals
_____	the idea of treating someone cruelly or violently
_____	an area of water where fish are caught so they can be sold
_____	an extremely bad event that causes a lot of suffering or destruction
_____	someone who is one of the first people to do something
_____	to use (natural resources etc) excessively, causing a reduction
_____	poisonous substances
_____	a group of the same type of animals, insects, or plants living together in a particular place
_____	one of the young of certain mammals such as whales
_____	able to continue over a period of time

B. Watch the episode and answer the comprehension questions below.

1. What nearly caused the herring to become extinct?

2. How did the herring numbers recover?

3. Why are scientists attaching video cameras to the orcas?

4. How are humans affecting orcas hunting techniques?

5. How much of the fish in these waters is caught by whales and humans?

6. For what reasons do the fish make sounds?

7. What human activity is putting clownfish in danger? How?

8. How much plastic gets into the ocean each year?

9. What problem is affecting the albatross colony?

10. How much plastic is in some parts of the ocean?

11. What is killing the young dolphins?

12. Why have populations of leatherback turtles been declining?

13. How did some of the local people manage to save the turtles?

14. What is more difficult than protecting animals' breeding sites on beaches?

15. How much fishing line is laid each night?

16. How many sharks are accidentally caught and killed in fishing nets each year?

17. What happened in 1986?

18. What caused the coral to bleach?

19. What fraction of the world's reefs have suffer from rising temperatures?

20. What is dissolving the reefs and damaging the ocean? And how can the problem be solved?

21. What is the consequence of the arctic breaking up?

22. What do the oceans provide us with?

C. Match the species with the pictures.

whale shark

orca

albatross

leatherback turtle

ridley turtle

herring

tuna

humpback whale

sperm whale

coral trout

silky shark

hammerhead shark



D. Discuss the questions below.



- 1. In the whole Blue Planet season, there have been numerous examples of how humans are having a negative impact on the oceans. What are some examples of these problems that we are causing?**
- 2. How can these problems be solved? If you were in charge of your country, what would you do about these issues?**
- 3. How can we reduce our reliance on plastic? Do you know any current ways we are doing this? What more should be done to reduce the levels of plastic in the ocean?**
- 4. Sir David Attenborough suggests that “we have a responsibility to care for” our oceans. How much of this responsibility is on governments? How much is on individuals? Should it be on corporations to take more responsibility? Discuss.**

- E. Choose one of the issues that were raised in this episode. Make a poster for a publicity campaign to try and increase awareness of this problem. Include a way to solve or have a positive impact on this problem.**