

# Stewart's Travels

*~A story about protecting keystone  
animals~*

**Part Two: The Whale**

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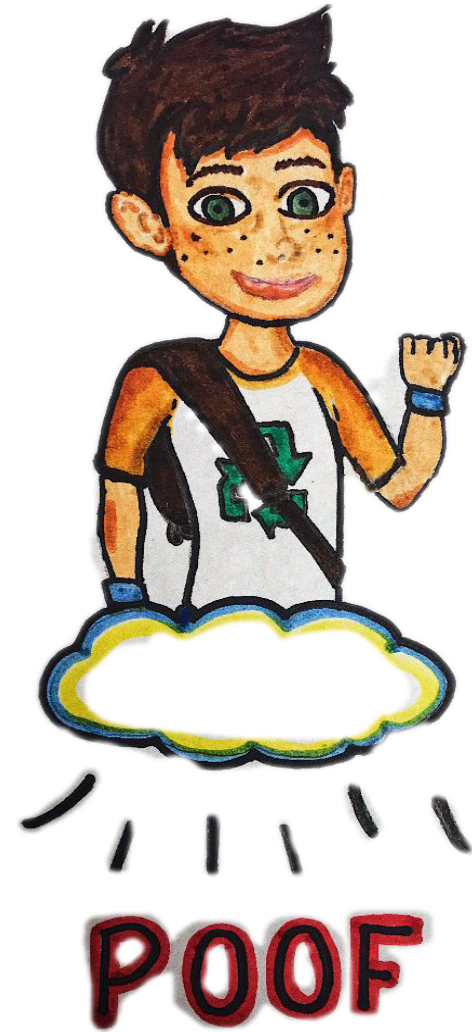
Hi, I'm Stewart! I look out for keystone animals – the protectors of nature!



Look up in my treehouse! The red flag is calling for help! Let's go look in my telescope to see what's wrong!



Oh no! I see a  
Whale crying. She  
must be in trouble!



We'll have to visit her  
and see how we can help.  
To the Whale!



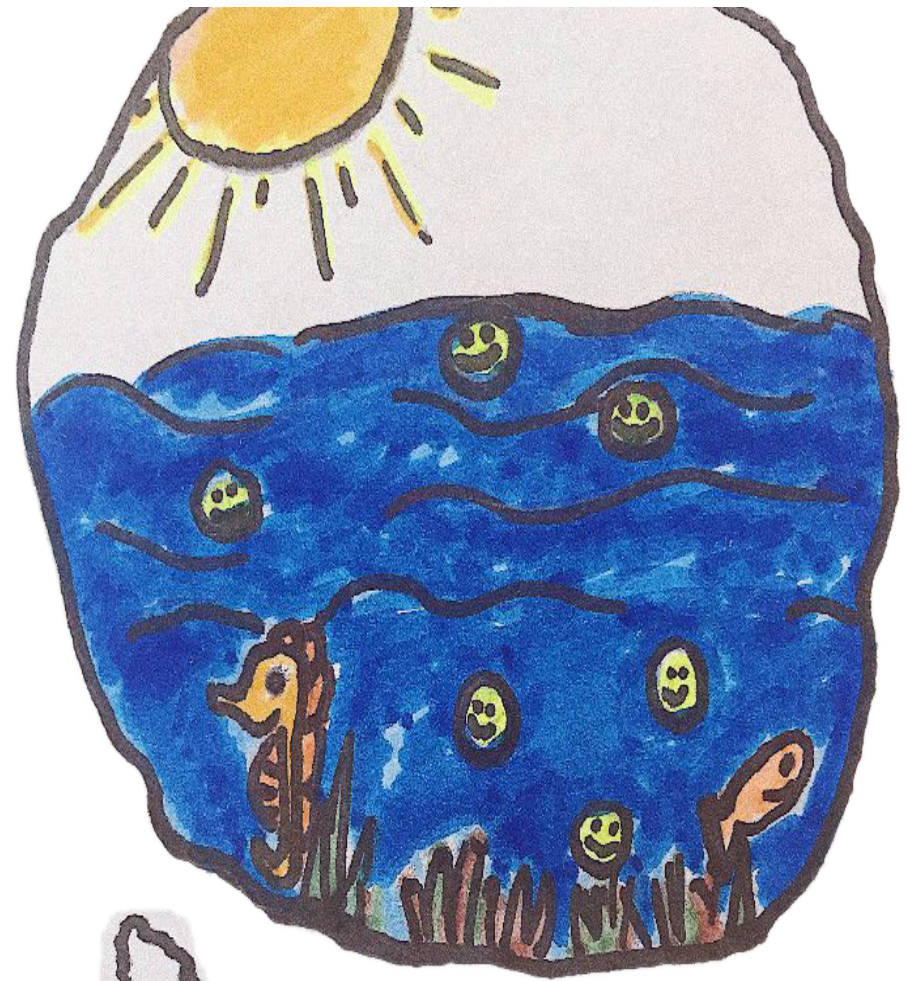
“Stewart, you made it! We really need your help. My family and I are stuck in this huge fish net.” said the whale.



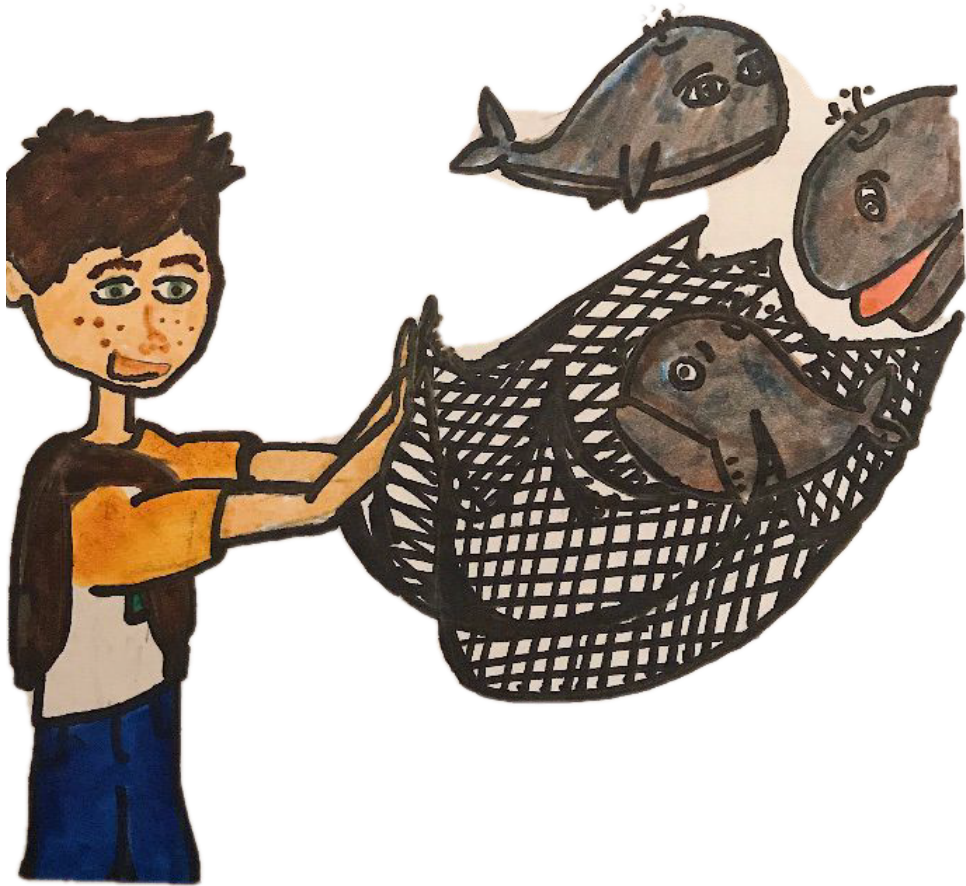
“We need to get out of the net and swim around so we can poop. Our poop feeds little ocean creatures called “plankton” that keep the ocean healthy. And when we swim up and down, we keep the plankton close to the top of the ocean where they get sunlight that helps them grow,” the whale explained.



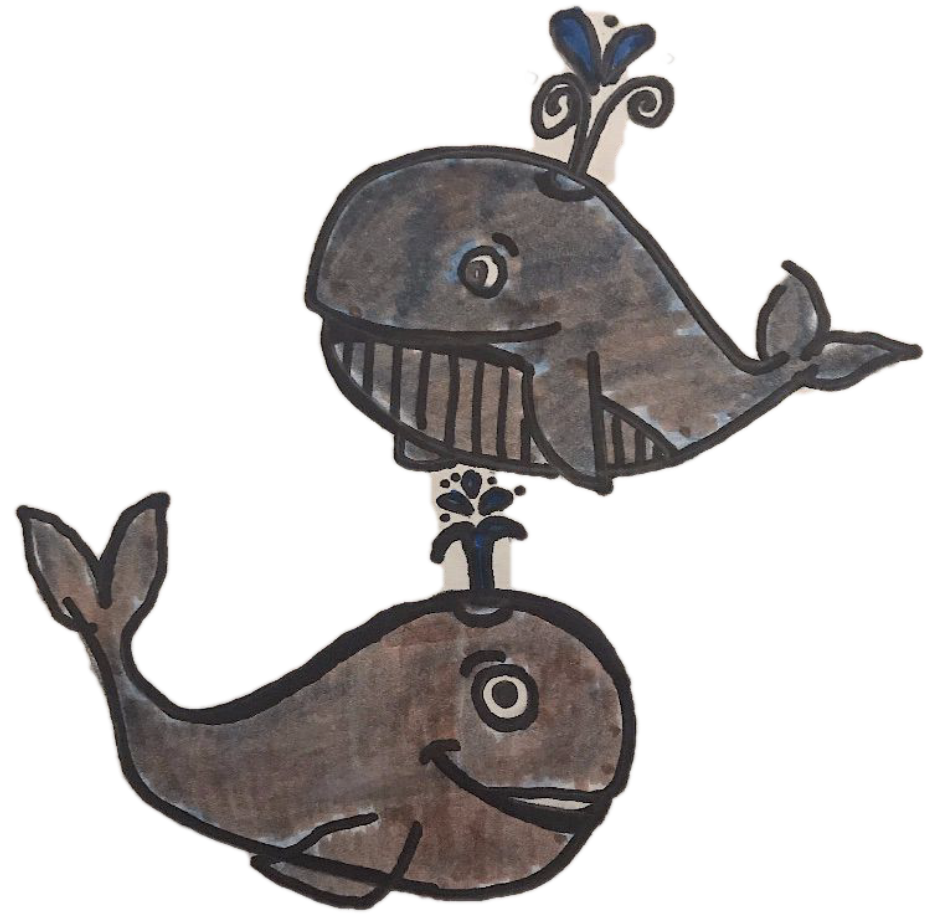
“The plankton are so important because they feed fish and clean the air above the water!”



Now I see why whales are so important. For the ocean, they are keystone animals!



I'll get you out of this net so you'll be able to swim around and help those plankton keep the ocean healthy!



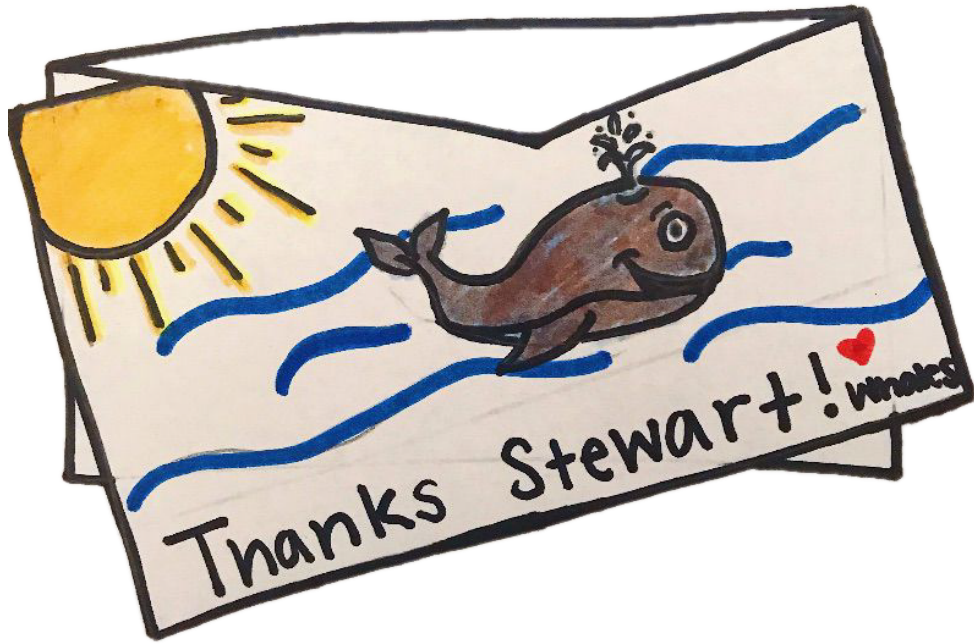
Now that you whales are free to swim around, life will come back to the ocean, and the air above will be clean again.







That's all my  
work for today!  
Time to go home!



“Stewart, honey, welcome home!

Some mail just came for you.

Take a look!”