

North Atlantic Right Whales

What Can You Do to Help Save the North Atlantic Right Whales?

The North Atlantic Right Whales are endangered sea animals. For hundreds of years they were hunted, leaving fewer than one hundred in the early 20th Century. When whale hunting was made illegal in the 1930's, the population rebounded somewhat, but other threats continue, especially entanglement by rope or fishing nets and strikes by cargo ships. Even though there are fewer than five hundred left, there is still hope. Come to this booth to learn what people are doing to help these Right Whales that come to our coast every winter to give birth. And find out what you can do, as well. To help visitors of all ages get involved, there are several activities, including a coloring section for the kids to decorate their own right whales. In addition, visitors can experience "entanglement and rescue" with rubber bands and fabric rope. Finally, there is a paper mache "ocean" where visitors can throw balls into the whale's mouth to emphasize how we all harm sea creatures, such as Right Whales, when our trash ends up polluting the ocean.