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DEVELOPMENT GOALS

NURSERY RHYMES OF OUR TIMES

THREE COUNTRIES
CAME TOGETHER TO
MAKE THIS BOOK

LIFE BELOW WATER

Inspired by the the Bajau sea nomad's deep love for the sea.

Suvasri De

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Nursery Rhymes of Our Times – A Global Effort by Young
Hearts-brought together by GlobalSocial-network e.V.

This rhyme book is part of a very special series called
"Nursery Rhymes of Our Times."

It is based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
set by the United Nations.

These goals include important issues like Zero Hunger, No
Poverty, Gender Equality, Quality Education, and many
more.

TOGETHER
WE ARE
STRONG!



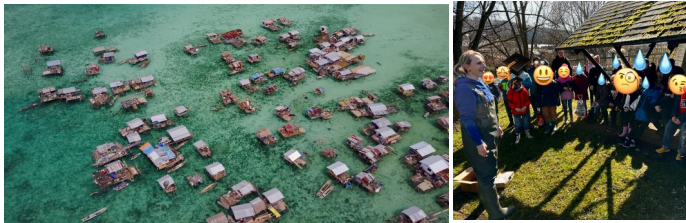
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Life with the Sea – A Bajau Story

In the warm waters of Southeast Asia, there lives a unique community called the Bajau – known as the sea nomads. For generations, they have lived closely with the ocean, travelling by boat, diving deep without equipment, and depending on fish and marine life for survival.

Their deep connection with the sea shapes their culture, language, and lifestyle. But now, their way of life is at risk – from pollution, disappearing coral reefs, and lack of access to education.



Step 1:

17 Goals – 17 Songs

Each team chose one sustainability goal. They had online discussions and shared ideas to understand the issue. Then, together, they wrote songs that explain the goal in a simple and musical way.

17 goals – 17 teams –
17 songs.



Global Youth Explore Waters Together

In a GlobalSocial-network project, Kaulsdorf primary school children explored local water bodies with insights from Indonesia. Guided by freshwater ecologist Janett Trautsch, they investigated streams Saale and Loquitz using sieves and nets to discover aquatic creatures. The project combined hands-on ecology with cultural exchange, raising awareness about water cleanliness and biodiversity.


Step 2: Songs Become Music Videos

Next, these songs were turned into music videos. Each country added its culture, traditions, and colorful visuals to the videos. This made the songs come alive and helped show the beauty of our global teamwork.

Step 3: Drawings by Children

The music and teamwork inspired children to create drawings. They used colours and shapes to express what they had learned and felt.

These drawings came from deep conversations, new ideas, and global friendships.

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Step 4: From Drawings to Rhymes

These drawings and ideas inspired Indian children's writer Suvasri De, who is also a partner of Global Social India.

She wrote 17 nursery rhyme books, one for each goal, using the drawings made by children from around the world.

Suvasri believes that today's children need rhymes that talk about real problems in today's world, and real ways to solve them.

The Journey Continues...

The project doesn't end here.

GlobalSocial-network e.V. is working on more exciting projects—

like children's theatre, storytelling, and educational programs—to keep raising awareness and inspiring young minds everywhere.

Together, one step at a time, we can build a kinder, fairer, and more peaceful world.

Let's start with a rhyme.

To listen to all
17 SDG songs
scan here



To watch
music video
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To contribute
to our project
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Beneath the Waves

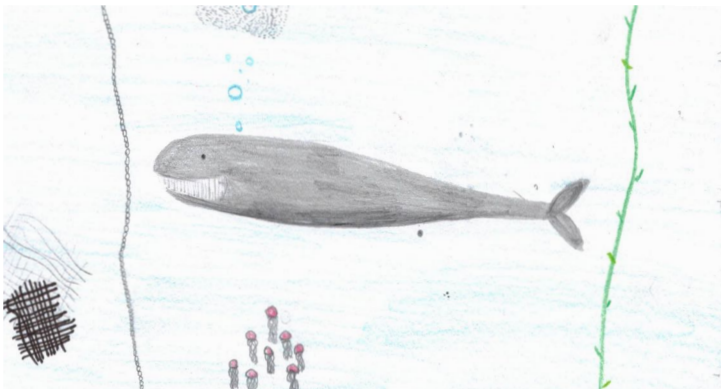
Underneath the sea so blue,
Fish and corals, old and new.
Let's protect the ocean wide,
For a future full of pride.



Whale's Tale

The whales in the sea swim
round and round,
Their tails make a splash,
such a joyful sound.

Let's keep the ocean
clean and clear,
So the whales can sing,
loud and near.

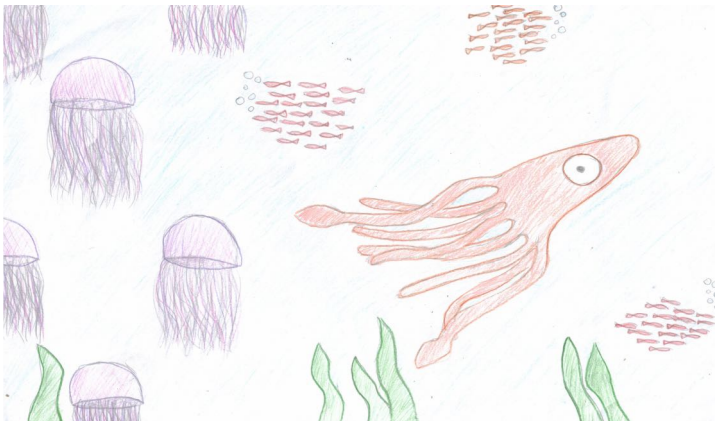


Octopus Garden

In an octopus's garden,
beneath the sea,
Colorful corals,
a sight to see.



Let's conserve and care,
every single day,
To keep this beauty
from fading away.



Seashell Serenade

Seashells by the ocean shore,
Creatures underneath, adore.
Conservation is the key,
To keep the sea life, wild and free.



Jellyfish Jive

In the deep blue sea so wide,
Jellyfish gracefully glide.
Let's protect their watery home,
So they can roam and freely roam.



Coral Reef Ballet

Beneath the waves, of the bay,
Dances in colors, every single day.
Conservation is our duty,
To protect this underwater beauty.



Starfish Stroll

Starfish in the ocean, below,
Conservation is the way to go.
Head to fins, knees to toes,
Protect the sea, as it ebbs and flows.



Anemone Anthem

Anemones in the sea, so bright,
Swaying gently, day and night.
Let's preserve their ocean home,
So they can thrive and freely roam.



Dolphin's Delight

If you love the dolphins, clap your hands,
Playful creatures in the ocean sands.
Conservation is the plan,
To protect their watery span.



Seahorse Symphony

Seahorses in the seaweed,
swaying side to side,
Conservation is the guide.
Let's keep the ocean pure and clear,
So seahorses dance without fear.



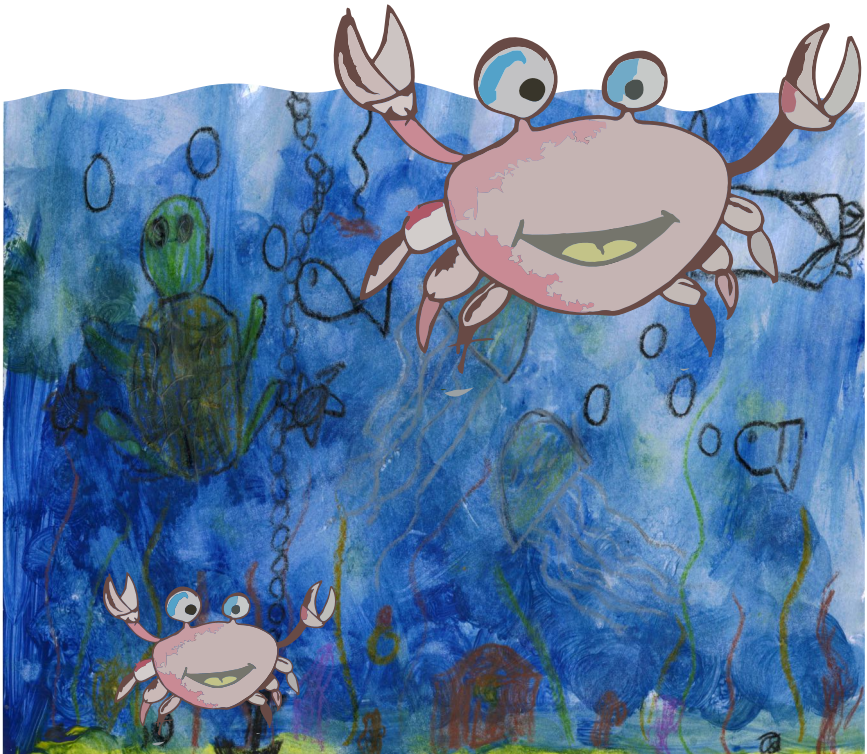
Turtle's Travels

Do you know the turtle, in the sea?
Swims so slow and gracefully.
Conservation is our aim,
To protect their journey, without blame.



Crab's Cha-Cha

Put your claws in, put your claws out,
Crabs in the ocean, moving about.
Conservation is the key,
To keep their dance, forever free.



Shark's Song

I'm a big, strong shark in the sea,
Conservation is the key.
Keep the oceans clean and wide,
So sharks can swim with pride.



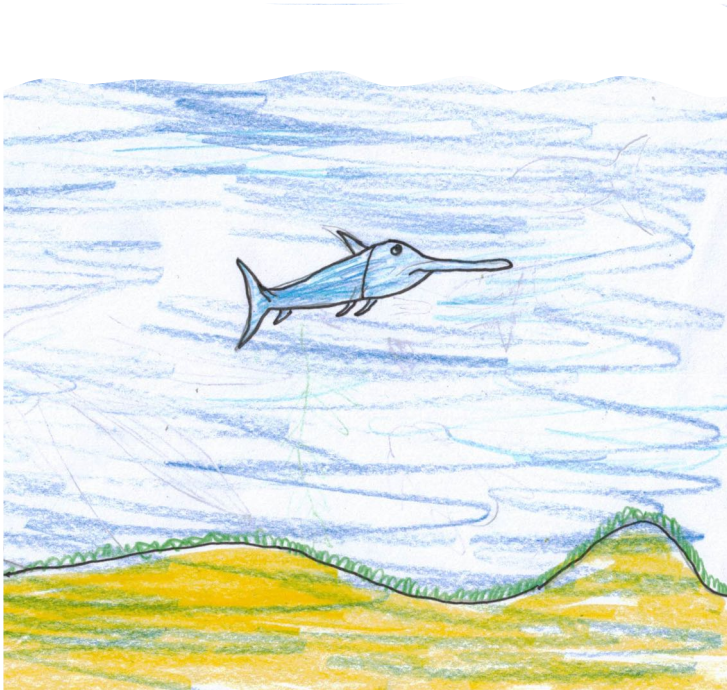
Manta Ray Melody

Manta rays in the deep blue sea,
Gliding gracefully, wild and free.
Let's conserve the ocean's grace,
For mantas to dance and embrace.



Swordfish Swing

Swordfish with a pointed snout,
Swimming through the sea, no doubt.
Conservation is our goal,
To protect the fish, heart and soul.



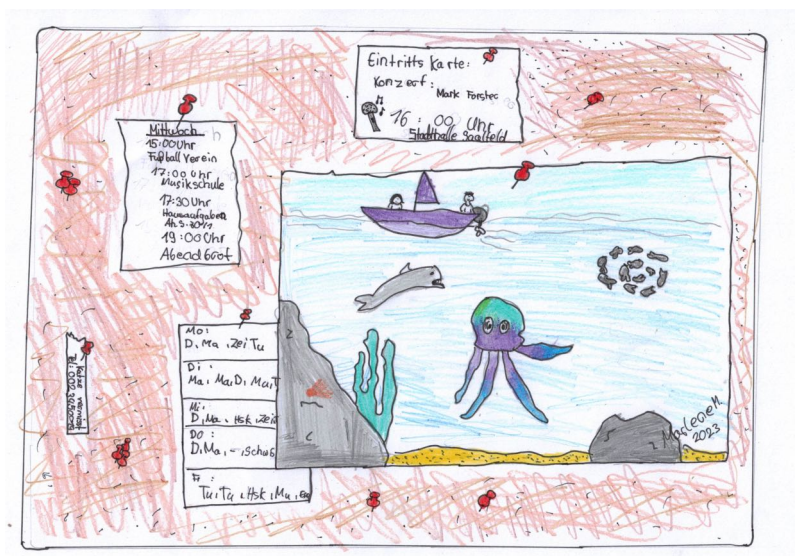
Mermaid's Lullaby

Hush, little fish, don't you cry,
The ocean's our home, you and I.
Let's keep it clean, let's keep it free,
For a future full of glee.



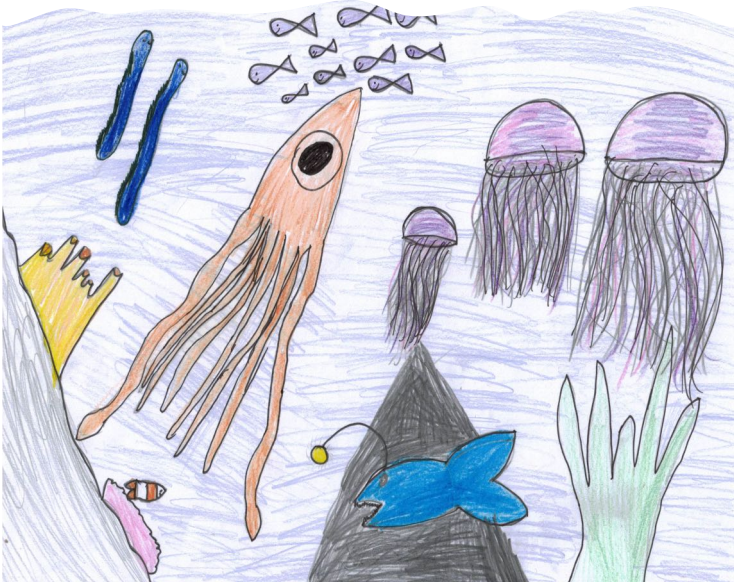
Fishy Friends

Fish are friends in the deep, deep sea,
 Conservation is the key.
 Keep the ocean blue and clear,
 So fishy friends can persevere.



Kelp Forest Waltz

In the kelp forest, tall and grand,
Conservation is our stand.
Let's protect this underwater dance,
For a future filled with chance.



Sailing with the Whales

Sail, sail, sail the sea,
With the whales so wild and free.
Conservation is our guide,
To keep their ocean world beside.



Ode to the Ocean

Happy ocean, deep and wide,
With creatures swimming side by side.
Let's celebrate and conserve,
So its beauty will forever serve.



Lobster's Lament

In the rocks and crevices, lobsters hide,
Conservation is our guide.
Let's preserve the ocean floor,
For lobsters to roam forevermore.



Bubbles in the Sea

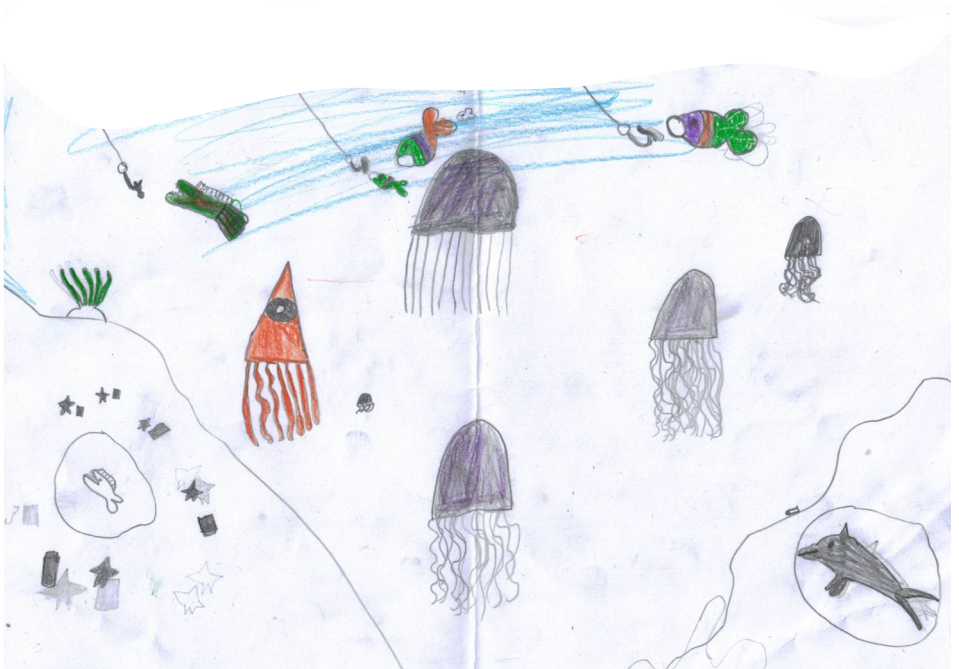
Bubbles in the sea go
up and down,
Conservation keeps our oceans
from a frown.

Let's protect
the marine life so dear,
Ensuring their home
is always clear.



Cephalopod Celebration

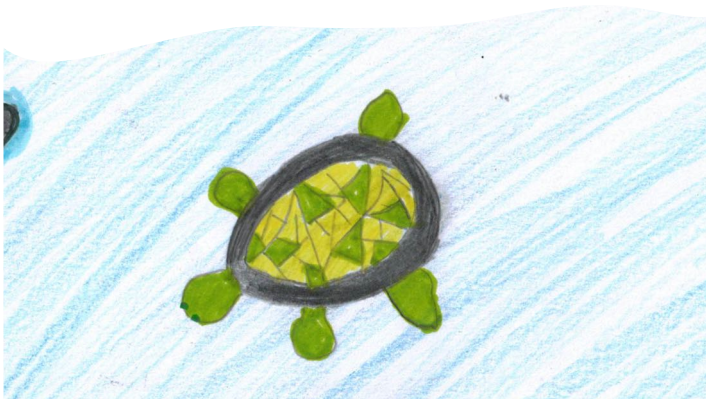
Octopus, squid, and cuttlefish too,
Conservation is what we must do.
Protect the cephalopods under the sea,
For a thriving and diverse marine spree.



Sea Turtle's Serenade

On the sandy shore
where the sea turtles lay,
Conservation helps them
find their way.

Let's keep the beaches
clean and clear,
So baby turtles can
have no fear.



Fishy Fables

Fishy tales in the ocean blue,
Conservation, we must pursue.
Let's keep the stories wild and true,
For the next generation to view.



Underwater Utopia

In the ocean's garden, a magical sight,
Conservation keeps it bright.
Let's protect the underwater show,
So its beauty will forever grow.



Seashore Symphony

Seashells by the seashore,
waves crashing in,
Conservation is where
we begin.

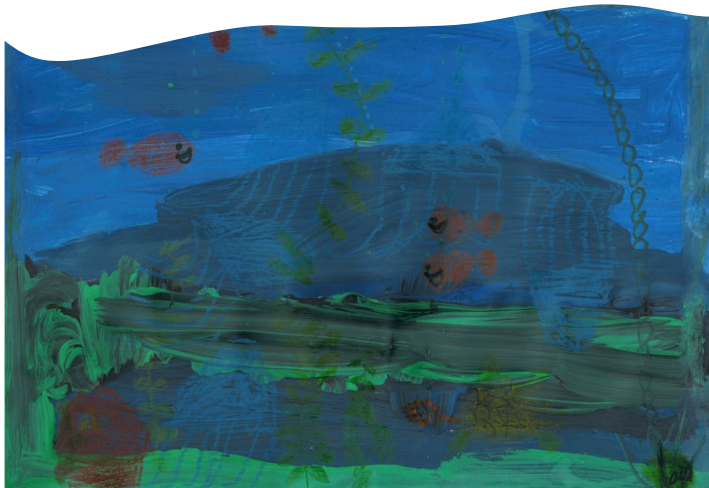
Let's keep the beaches
clean and grand,
So seashells rest
upon the sand.



Siren's Song

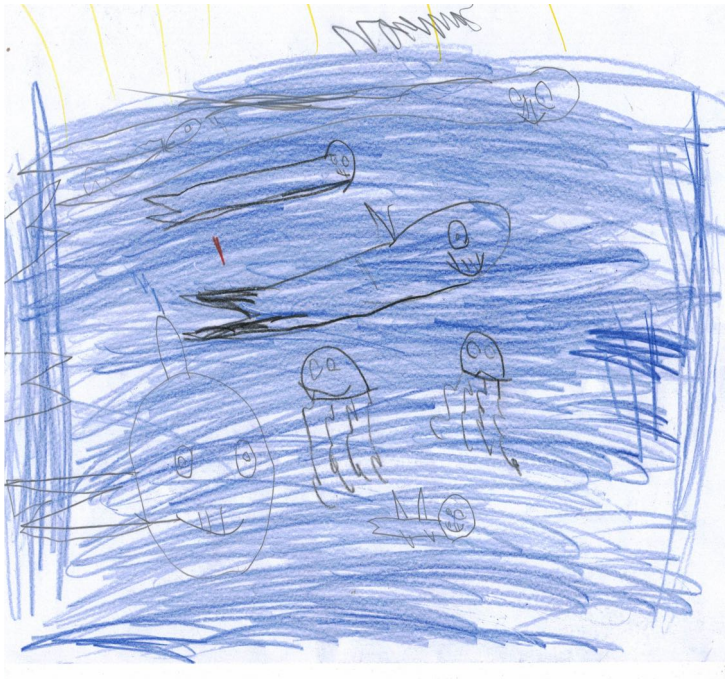
Sirens in the
ocean deep,
Their enchanting songs,
secrets to keep.

Conservation is our pledge,
To protect the tales they edge.



Coral Chorus

The corals in the ocean, so diverse,
Conservation is our universe.
Let's protect the reefs so grand,
For a vibrant, colorful underwater land.



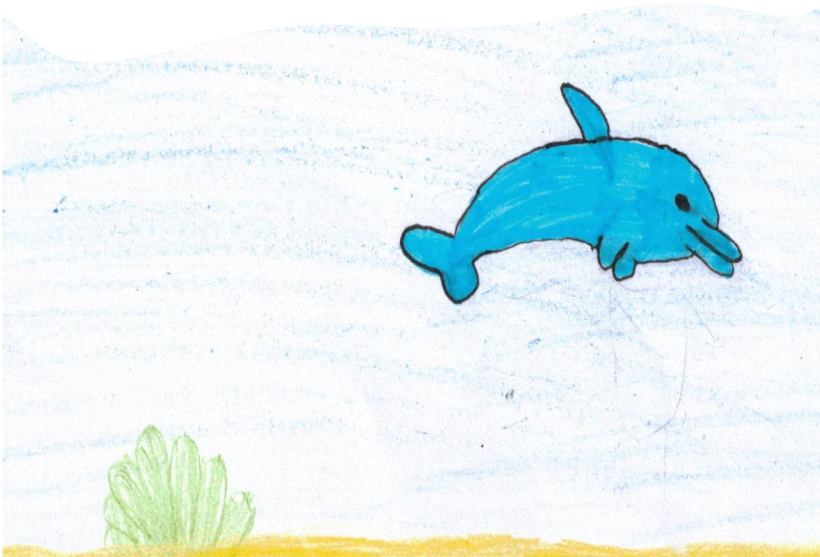
Dolphin Dance

Dolphins playing in the bay,

Conservation is the way.

Let's keep the waters clear and free,

So dolphins dance in jubilee.



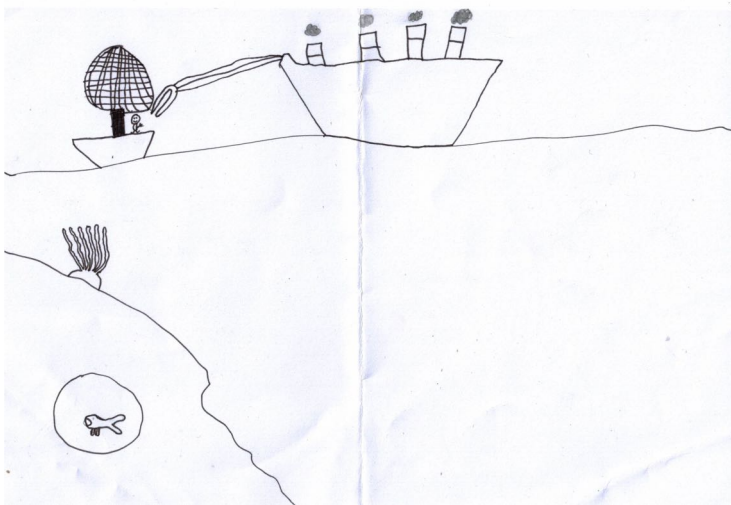
Tidepool Tango

In the tidepools by the shore,
Creatures small and many more.
Conservation is our guide,
To protect their homes with pride.



Shimmering Shores

Shimmering shores, beneath the sun,
Conservation for everyone.
Let's keep the oceans clean and bright,
So shores will glisten in the light.



Ocean's Lullaby

Ocean waves gently sway,
Conservation guides our way.
Let's keep the waters calm and deep,
So the ocean sings a lullaby, sweet.



Rainbow Reef Rhapsody

Somewhere under the ocean blue,
Conservation dreams come true.
Let's protect the reef so bright,
For a rainbow underwater, a sheer delight.



The Project Partners

Global Sosial Indonesia

The Bajau sea nomads



The term "sea nomads" covers a variety of ethnic groups that are native to the island world of Southeast Asia. Their way of life is characterised by a semi-nomadic existence: During the monsoon season they stay on the islands, but during the rest of the year they move around in boats and live mainly from fishing and other seafood



Grundschule Kaulsdorf / Saale

As part of the GlobalSocial-network initiative, students from Kaulsdorf primary school engaged in a unique exploration of nearby water bodies, enriched by shared knowledge from Indonesia.

Led by freshwater ecologist Janett Trautsch, the children examined the Saale and Loquitz rivers, using nets and sieves to find and study aquatic life. The project merged environmental science with intercultural learning, encouraging awareness of water conservation and biodiversity.

The enthusiastic participants not only observed tiny river organisms but also exchanged insights with Indonesian students.

This experience fostered environmental understanding and international friendship, highlighting how curiosity and teamwork can bridge cultures through shared learning.



The students from Grundschule Kaulsdorf / Saale exploring the aquatic life to get inspiration for their illustrations.

THREATS FACING THE OCEAN



Unsustainable human activities have seriously degraded the ocean.

GLOBAL WARMING

Ocean heat is at record levels and global warming is the culprit. Why care? Let's break it down.

1

Unsustainable human activities (primarily the burning of fossil fuels) have dramatically increased greenhouse gases in our atmosphere.

2

Greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, trap the sun's heat in the Earth's atmosphere.

3

The **ocean absorbs** more than 90% of the **excess heat** in the climate system and 25% of all carbon dioxide.

A warmer ocean means:

- Sea level rise
- Shrinking polar ice caps
- Marine heatwaves
- Extreme weather events
- Coastal flooding & erosion
- Toxic algae
- Ocean acidification

The consequences



On land

- Food insecurity
- Job losses
- Livelihoods of coastal communities



Below water

- Dying coral reefs
- Reduced marine biodiversity



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PRESERVE OCEANS AND SEAS,

REDUCE POLLUTION!



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