



# JAMMIN' WITH JELLIES

## *Taking action to help the world's oceans*

It's great fun to stand and watch jellies and be amazed by their colorful bodies and graceful motion.

But there's a serious conservation message in Jammin' with Jellies, too.

Jellies play an important role in the marine ecosystem as both predators and prey.

They eat a variety of small ocean life forms and are, in turn, food for turtles, sharks, birds, crabs, sea anemones and sea stars.

An overabundance of jellies in the world's oceans can indicate out-of-balance ecosystems.

There are conservation actions people can take in their everyday lives to help keep the oceans in better balance.

- Reduce carbon footprints to reduce fossil fuel emissions. This can include a "no idle" policy for cars, not idling them while waiting for people.
- Choose sustainably produced seafood and make other food-buying choices to help maintain healthy fish populations and habitats. Learn more at [www.seafoodwatch.org](http://www.seafoodwatch.org).
- Take care to keep lawn chemicals, oil from cars and other pollutants out of stormwater systems so the material does not flow into rivers and oceans.

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