Seahorses are incredible and quirky fishes.
- Only the males get pregnant
- They form faithful pairs
- Live in temperate and tropical seas
- Habitats include corals, seagrasses, mangroves and estuaries
- Important predators on bottom-dwelling animals

Seahorses are vulnerable to human activities.
- Tens of millions are captured by non-selective fishing gears, including trawls, seines and gillnets
- Many more are an important source of income for the world’s poorest fishers
- Seahorses are traded illegally around the world
- Dried seahorses are used for traditional medicines and curiosities
- Live seahorses are traded for aquarium display
- Their habitats are damaged and destroyed by fishing gears, coastal development, pollution and climate change

Seahorses are powerful ambassadors for ocean health.

Seahorses are vulnerable to human activities.
- >46 seahorse species, from little to large
- 14 seahorse species are known to be threatened from fishing and habitat damage
- >70 million caught in unmanaged fisheries each year

Actions to safeguard iconic seahorses will help thousands more species.

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What threatens seahorses threatens all marine life

- Trawlers drag the ocean floor removing all life in their path, from seahorses to sharks
- Trawlers, seines and gillnets remove tonnes of juvenile fish that should grow into valuable human food
- Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing devastates the world’s ocean
- Illegal wildlife trade is a problem for marine turtles, sharks, rays, eels and more
- Coastal development and other human activities have destroyed 35% of the world’s seagrass, 35% of the world’s mangroves and as much as 75% of tropical corals – all critical habitats for thriving marine ecosystems


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WE KNOW THE SOLUTIONS FOR SEAHORSES AND THE SEAS

To save seahorses we must:

- Demand an end to:
  - bottom trawling – the waste of life is atrocious
  - harmful subsidies – we are paying to keep unprofitable fisheries afloat
  - illegal, unreported and unregulated fisheries
  - illegal wildlife trade
- Push for more protected areas that work effectively
- Choose our seafood wisely – avoid trawled seafood & farmed shrimp