

# I'M AN OCEAN HERO

**VIEWING WILDLIFE SAFELY** . . . . .



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## PROTECTING OUR OCEAN STARTS WITH YOU!

Approaching a marine mammal for any reason, like to take a photo or feed it, can cause the animal stress. Moms and their pups are especially vulnerable and can easily be separated by people or dogs getting too close.

## 3 WAYS YOU CAN VIEW WILDLIFE SAFELY

- Make space for marine mammals (and all wildlife!). You'll know you are too close if the animal is looking at you or reacting. Be sure to keep pets on a leash while at the beach.
- It's OK to take photos of the animals, but be sure to keep your distance and use your camera's zoom.
- If you see a marine mammal in distress along the California coast, call The Marine Mammal Center's hotline at **415.289.SEAL (7325)**. In Hawai'i, call the statewide hotline at **888.256.9840**.

## Looking for more?



Scan this code or visit  
**MarineMammalCenter.org/report-an-animal**  
for more on viewing wildlife safely together.

## THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER IS TAKING ACTION TOO.

Using our rescue and response data, we can inform policies to better protect marine mammals and their critical habitats. People like you can call our 24-hour hotline to alert our trained teams of a marine mammal in distress.



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