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Lady Of The Sea

“Australia is globally the largest and most important refuge for dugong.”

The word dugong means ‘lady of the sea’. Some believe these elusive animals were the inspiration for ancient seafaring tales of mermaids and sirens.

These shy marine mammals live in warm tropical coastal waters from East Africa to Australia. They prefer wide shallow bays and areas protected by large inshore islands. Australians are privileged to have most of the world’s dugong population living in our tropical waters.

Dugongs are the only marine mammals in Australia that live mainly on plants. These enormous vegetarians are often fondly called ‘sea cows’, as they graze on seagrass beds which they need to survive.

They can stay underwater for six minutes before surfacing and sometimes breathe by ‘standing’ on their tail with their heads above water.

Dugongs play an important ecological role in our coastal marine ecosystems.

Did You Know?

Spring is a special season to see mum and bub dugongs in our warm tropical waters. Female dugongs have one calf after a year-long pregnancy. A young dugong remains close to its mother for about 18 months, sometimes catching a ride on her broad back. They can stay with their mother for many years, as she may not calve again for another seven years.

Facts & Figures

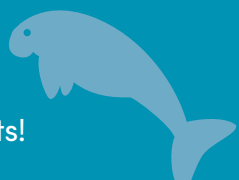
- COMMON NAME: Dugong
- SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Dugong dugon*
- TYPE: Mammals
- DIET: Herbivore
- COLLECTIVE NOUN: Herd
- AVERAGE LIFESPAN IN THE WILD: 70 years
- SIZE (ADULT): 2.5 to 3 metres
- HEIGHT: 230 to 500 kg
- CONSERVATION STATUS: Vulnerable
- CURRENT POPULATION TREND: Decreasing

Our dugong populations are in trouble, which is bad news for them and bad news for us. Threats to dugongs include boat strike, entanglement and drowning in nets and debris, and habitat degradation due to coastal development and declining water quality. Dugongs are long-lived and slow to breed, so we need to turn things around or we could lose this wonderful species.

Worldwide, the dugong is listed as being vulnerable to extinction. **Australia is the largest, and most important refuge for dugongs on our blue planet. This means that what we do here matters at a global level.**

Fun Fact:

Dugongs are related to manatees and elephants!



Plastic Free Seas

Australians deserve clean, healthy oceans full of life. Our oceans contain the richest, most diverse life on Earth. Such global significance brings a global responsibility. At AMCS we believe that we have a duty to manage our oceans wisely on behalf of future generations.

But plastic is polluting our oceans and choking our sea life like whales, dolphins and turtles. Around the world countries are acting to reduce plastic pollution by setting targets and banning plastics – but Australia is falling behind instead of leading the charge.

Our main focus is stopping destructive single-use plastics – disposable stuff that’s used once and pollutes forever, such as plastic bags, bottles, microbeads, straws and take away cutlery. We must stop plastic pollution entering our oceans by stopping it at the source.

Plastic Free July

Huge thanks to our dedicated community who are turning the tide on plastic pollution. Over 6,000 supporters signed up to go plastic free during the month of July this year!

Help spread the word to save our turtles, dolphins, whales and sea life from being drowned in plastic. Recruit your friends and family to pledge to tackle single-use plastics!

Take the pledge at amcs.org.au/PlasticPledge today and ‘Choose to Refuse’ single-use plastic.

We’re calling on the Australian Government to ban single use plastics by 2023. We need a legislative ban to deal with our plastic crisis.

Beach Clean Up

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, pictured above, who joined us in July to remove plastics from the beaches at Victoria’s Jawbone Marine Sanctuary.

Over 80% of the plastic we collected was single-use plastic pollution – unnecessary items which have biodegradable, non-plastic alternatives.

Together we’re turning the tide on plastic pollution.






Take Action!

Plastic pollution is flowing into our oceans at an alarming rate, entangling and suffocating our marine life. Urge your government representative to commit to banning harmful single-use plastics by 2023 at amcs.org.au/BanPlastic

Saving Sanctuaries

Marine sanctuaries are one of the best ways to manage and protect wildlife and their habitats.

With thanks to your support, AMCS is working around our coastlines:

-  In Queensland the Great Sandy Marine Park is up for review. We are working with tourism, recreational fishers and locals to increase sanctuary zones and remove damaging gillnet fishing from sensitive seagrass meadows and dugong habitats.
-  In the Northern Territory we are helping to better protect Limmen Bight Marine Park, working with locals to protect its precious sea life like sea turtles, sawfish and sea birds.
-  In Western Australia Ningaloo Marine Park's nursery at Exmouth Gulf is under threat. We are working with alliance partners to protect and preserve the region from industrialisation.
-  The Antarctic is under threat from global warming and industrial fishing by distant nations. Australia, France and the EU are leading the charge for a marine park in the East Antarctic.

Did You Know?

The Turnbull and Morrison Governments made massive cutbacks to our marine park sanctuaries around Australia. The science shows that our current marine sanctuaries are inadequate - leaving our ocean wildlife exposed.

Japan v Whales

In July, Japanese whalers resumed their commercial whaling program for the first time in 30 years.

With thanks to our supporters, we worked with the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) to commission advice from international law experts.

The landmark legal opinion finds that even though Japan has withdrawn from the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the country is exposing itself to potential international legal action now that it has started commercial whaling in its own waters. The report outlines how Japan still has clear obligations under international law. It spells out a clear path for legal challenge against Japan and shines the spotlight on their cruel and outdated whaling.

Japan has turned their back on the IWC but it can't escape the reach of international law.

Thank you!

AMCS funded this landmark legal analysis thanks to supporters who donated to our Whaling Legal Fighting Fund Appeal late last year. Thank You!




Take Action!

Urge Japan to abandon its whaling. Send an email to Japan's Prime Minister amcs.org.au/StopWhaling

East Antarctic Marine Park

The eastern region of Antarctica is one of the wildest, most untouched parts of our beautiful blue planet.

East Antarctica is almost entirely covered by thick ice. Its coasts and surrounding ocean are home to seabirds, penguins and seals.

-  Seabirds include emperor and Adelie penguins, wandering albatross, southern giant petrel and Antarctic terns.
-  Seals of the Antarctic Ocean include leopard seals, Weddell seals, (enormous) southern elephant seals, crabeater seals and Ross seals. These wonderful creatures can be found breeding on the surrounding pack ice in summer.
-  Migrating whales, including humpbacks, orcas and the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale, visit during the summer searching for fish, squid, penguins and plankton to eat.

But this incredible natural wonder is under threat from industrial fishing and the escalating menace of climate change.

Take Action!

Right now, we have a rare opportunity to give our Antarctic marine life the protection it urgently needs. Please sign the petition to support the East Antarctic Marine Park today. Visit amcs.org.au/SaveTheAntarctic

“A natural reserve, devoted to peace and science.”

Fun Fact

Australia is responsible for over 42% of the Antarctic continent – called the Australian Antarctic Territory.

With your support, AMCS is working to create a crucial marine park to protect this extraordinary area and its wildlife, like penguins, seals and whales.

Australia has been leading the charge for the creation of a marine park for the East Antarctic, but not all the 25 nations have yet agreed. These nations will meet in Hobart, Australia in October 2019 to make their decision.

The East Antarctic Marine Park will either succeed or fail over the next few months. Australia's stance will be critical to ensure its success.

Antarctica and its incredible marine life need and deserve Australia's leadership.

Did you know?

Thirty years ago, Australia and France led the world to ban mining in the Antarctic. This was a monumental achievement! Our nation changed the fate of the Antarctic – from potential mega mine to a 'natural reserve, devoted to peace and science.'

“The Gulf of Carpentaria is one of the last global strongholds for the survival of sawfish.”

Threatened Species: Sawfish

Sawfish are named for their most obvious feature – their ‘saw’ (called a rostrum or snout).

These fascinating fish are rare and unique. The ‘teeth’ on their snout are in fact modified scales and not real teeth.

They rely on their highly sensitive ‘saws’ for detecting the heartbeat and movement of buried prey, such as fish, molluscs and crabs. Although they are generally docile animals, when threatened by predators the saw also serves as a weapon!

Sawfish are found in estuaries and freshwater rivers and creeks in Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia. They move between fresh and saltwater easily, and are quite happy to sit on the bottom of shallow muddy rivers.

Sawfishes are a family of rays, and are among the world’s most endangered fish.

Save Our Sawfish

Sawfish are already extinct from half their global range. Australia’s oceans are the global ‘life-boat’ that could save them from extinction.

Earlier this year thousands of you called on the government to protect sawfish in the Gulf.

We recently met with the Environment Minister to stress the plight of these animals. She will be making a decision on a Queensland net fishery that entangles sawfish in the coming weeks.

Facts & Figures

COMMON NAME: Sawfish

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Pristidae*

TYPE: Cartilaginous fishes

DIET: Small fishes, prawns, and other crustaceans

AVERAGE LIFESPAN IN THE WILD: 18 to 80 years

SIZE (ADULT): 6 metres

CONSERVATION STATUS: Endangered to Critically Endangered

CURRENT POPULATION TREND: Decreasing

All five species are listed as Critically Endangered or Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Globally, sawfish are hunted for their fins which can sell for thousands of dollars per set, and their saws which are sold as souvenirs. All sawfish are protected in Australia, where it is illegal to trade in their fins, saws, and flesh.

One of the greatest threats to sawfish in Australia is accidental entanglement and drowning in fishing nets as their snouts are easily caught up.

Did you know?

Other than reef corals, sharks and rays are the world’s most threatened marine animals with one third of all species at risk of extinction.

Great White Shark

Shark Finning Loopholes

Shark finning is illegal in Australia. So why do we still fin sharks?

Live shark finning is the process when a fisher catches a shark, slices off and keeps its fins, and then dumps the body. **This barbaric practice is banned throughout Australia thanks to AMCS and ocean lovers like you.** Despite this, sharks are still targeted for their highly prized fins, and flesh.

To stop live shark finning happening at sea, most Australian states require that sharks are brought back to port whole with their fins still attached. This fishing policy is called ‘Fins Naturally Attached’.

But there are loopholes in Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory. Fishers can slice off shark fins at sea, as long as they can show that they have the right weight ratio of fins to flesh. This means that we can’t be certain that live shark finning isn’t occurring out at sea.

With your support, AMCS is encouraging Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory to introduce a policy to keep ‘Fins Naturally Attached’ to sharks.

Take Action!

Australia’s shark finning laws are inadequate. Loopholes still exist in WA, NT and QLD.

You can help take action visit amcs.org.au/StopSharkFinning

Good Fish Chef: Jacqui Challinor



Jacqui Challinor, head chef at Sydney’s acclaimed sustainable restaurant NOMAD, diver and shark lover has a special love for our oceans.

NOMAD has recently signed up to our Good Fish Project, and sources a number of green-listed species from Australia’s Sustainable Seafood Guide.

Jacqui’s passion for our oceans and sustainable seafood comes from growing up at the beach and on boats.

“The ocean is my happy place and stress reliever. About five years ago, I started scuba diving and that pretty much cemented my commitment to protect this really fragile and already compromised ecosystem”.

NOMAD is one of over 60 restaurants around Australia that have pledged to only serve sustainably-sourced seafood on their menus!

Good Fish Guide

Stay up to date and follow Good Fish Project on Facebook and Instagram.

  [goodfishproject](https://www.facebook.com/goodfishproject)

Sustainable Cooking at Home?

We’ve added new species to Australia’s Sustainable Seafood Guide to help you make informed seafood choices. Visit sustainableseafood.org.au

“We must protect and restore our blue carbon ecosystems.”

Blue Carbon

Our mangroves, seagrass meadows and tidal marshes are our unsung heroes.

They protect our coastline from storms and erosion, provide habitat and nursery grounds for fish and threatened marine species, and provide food security for millions of people around the world.

But did you know that our coastal and marine ecosystems also have carbon storage superpowers?

Our ‘blue carbon’ marine communities contain rich carbon reservoirs that draw carbon from our air and oceans and capture it in their leaves and soils. We’ve long recognised the need to preserve our forests on land for their ability to store carbon. Increasingly we’re recognising the need to protect coastal ecosystems to combat climate change.

Unlike land-based vegetation, blue carbon ecosystems can accumulate carbon without reaching saturation. They can store carbon for thousands of years!

Blue carbon ecosystems are one of the most efficient bio-sequestration systems on Earth.

Despite this incredible value, our coastal ecosystems are also some of the most threatened on the planet.

What is Blue Carbon?

Blue carbon is the carbon stored in coastal and marine ecosystems – mangroves, tidal marshes and seagrass meadows.

These coastal ecosystems sequester and store large quantities of carbon in both the plants and sediment below.

Coastal ecosystems sequester and store more carbon than terrestrial forests and are being increasingly recognised for their role in mitigating climate change.

When degraded or destroyed, our coastal ecosystems release their stored carbon into our atmosphere and oceans, exacerbating global warming. Experts estimate that as much as 1.02 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide are being released annually from degraded coastal ecosystems.

In order to combat climate change, we must preserve and restore our mangroves, tidal marshes and seagrasses.



Did You Know?

A whopping 83% of the global carbon cycle is circulated through our oceans.

What's Next For Australia?

The future is renewable.

Climate change is already hurting communities around Australia. Our warming climate is exacerbating droughts, fires and cyclones. Our corals are bleaching, our kelp and mangrove forests are dying back and our oceans are acidifying.

Climate change is being driven primarily by the release of carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and gas.

Despite the community's growing alarm about global warming, our taxes subsidise fossil fuels by an incredible \$29 billion a year.

But it doesn't need to be this way. Coal is not the future.

The world has started the transition to a low carbon economy. And here in Australia, despite regressive federal government policies, our communities and businesses are hungry for climate action. All of our states and territories, with the exception of Western Australia, have strong renewable energy targets in place.

Australia is blessed with abundant sunshine and wind. We have record uptake of solar technology. Households across the land are embracing rooftop solar and storage, with Queensland and South Australia, leading the charge.

We should be a 21st Century global

renewable energy powerhouse with a thriving economy and international tourism industry based around our incredible natural environment.

We need to protect and restore our blue carbon superpowers – our mangrove forests, saltmarshes and seagrass meadows.

We need ambitious renewable energy targets, exporting surplus solar energy and clean hydrogen fuel to the world.

As we transform our economy, we must protect our jobs in the regions, transitioning boom-bust coal towns into future-proof sustainable economies. Let's make this our future.



Climate Change: Carbon Budget

Thanks to your tireless support, we're actioning a long term plan to make an energy transition tangible and clear for decision makers.

AMCS is about to release a carbon budget for Queensland to protect the Reef's future. This is a huge step. It illustrates what needs to be done at the state level to do 'our bit' to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees.

It is based on the best scientific research to ensure our Reef – and all marine ecosystems – have the best chance of survival in the coming decades.



Heart Reef, Great Barrier Reef, Whitsundays Queensland

AMCS Mobile Billboard at Parliament House, Canberra

Fight For Our Reef

You're standing up for our precious reefs...

Cut Fossil Fuels To Save Iconic Sites

Your support has turbocharged hands on action, at the highest levels. AMCS Director of Strategy Imogen Zethoven recently attended the World Heritage Committee (WHC) meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, on your behalf. Climate change is the fastest growing threat to natural World Heritage sites. The world's 29 World Heritage coral reefs are especially vulnerable to the impacts of increased ocean temperatures and ocean acidification. Four of these are in Australia - the Great Barrier Reef, the Ningaloo Coast, Shark Bay and the Lord Howe Island Group. At next year's World Heritage Committee Australia will be under the international spotlight for how well we're protecting our Great Barrier Reef. As climate change is the biggest threat to the Reef, the Committee has a responsibility to assess not only local management measures but also our record in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. For the last four years, our emissions have been going up and the condition of the Reef has been going down.

Thank You Thank you to our supporters who funded AMCS' presence at the UN's World Heritage Committee. Our world heritage work brings crucial global pressure to the Fight For Our Reef and its future.

Citizen Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is one of Australia's most valued living treasures. Our Reef contributes \$6.4 billion to the Australian economy every year, supports 64,000 jobs and has a net worth of \$56 billion. We're partnering with LADBible Australia in a gutsy plan to make our living, breathing Great Barrier Reef an Aussie citizen - with the full rights that every living being on this planet deserves. Can the Reef be a citizen? To become an Australian Citizen, you need to tick the following boxes: Be a permanent resident; Be in Australia when a decision is made; Have spent time in Australia and know about the country; Intend to stay in Australia or maintain a lasting link. If we make the Reef an Aussie citizen, then the Australian government is obliged to ensure our Reef can live in good health and safety. Which means they'll need to act urgently to stop the rising ocean temperatures to protect our Reef.

Demand Citizenship For Our Reef! Tell our leaders that Australians want our Great Barrier Reef protected like any other citizen. Add your name to support Citizenship! Visit amcs.org.au/CitizenReef

Canberra Billboard On The Road

On the first day of our newly elected federal Parliament - your voice was heard! We sent a giant mobile billboard to Canberra to shadow ministers from the airport to Parliament House on their first day - proudly broadcasting your messages! Your billboard continued to spread the message circling Parliament House and Canberra city. Thank you to all of you who sent in messages and chipped in to fund our powerful and moving mobile billboard. Your personal messages were hard to miss when our Prime Minister, new Environment Minister and new Special Envoy for the Great Barrier Reef arrived in Canberra. Thank you for speaking up! Your words were a powerful reminder to the new government of their responsibility to protect Australia's oceans and climate.

There's More... It doesn't stop there. Whenever we meet with politicians, we will deliver the powerful messages you wrote, demanding better protection for our oceans. We will take your voice directly to those who need to hear it most - our elected representatives.

Your Messages In The Hand

Your message to Australia's Prime Minister has been delivered by our CEO! In the lead up to the Federal Election you sent a clear message that Australia must move beyond dirty fossil fuel projects to protect our Great Barrier Reef, including stopping Adani and any new thermal coal mines. We believe strongly as the custodian of the Great Barrier Reef, the government needs to lead by example and do everything it can to keep warming below 1.5 degrees. This is still possible - we simply need the political will. As well as delivering your messages, we met with Australia's new Environment and Fisheries Ministers and urged the government to take swift, practical action to protect our oceans. Heartfelt thanks to all who returned messages of passion, hope and action for our Prime Minister to read to let him know what you think about protecting our Great Barrier Reef!

Message Delivered Darren Kindleysides, AMCS CEO pictured, delivering your messages. Visit amcs.org.au/CanberraVisit to see Darren's message to you from Canberra.

Supporter Spotlight

People like you standing up for our precious reefs...



Helen Kocis Edwards' Swallowed

Local Actions

Kirsty Lee O'Neil, pictured, is one of our Cairns volunteer team stepped up for our **Fight For Our Reef #ClimateElection** door knocking team this year.



"I'm doorknocking because my job, and so many other people's jobs in Cairns rely on the Great Barrier Reef."

Kristy, a Scuba Instructor, has been working on the Great Barrier Reef for the last three years and knows first-hand the importance of protecting our Reef.

"When I was doing my Divemaster Training, we came across this massive area of bleached white coral. And it turns out that it was global warming."

Kristy is one of 64,000 Australians whose livelihood relies on a healthy Great Barrier Reef - and she's doing everything she can to Fight For Our Reef.

We ♥ Volunteers

Thank you for being a part of the community working to save the ocean and all those who call it home.
Visit amcs.org.au/volunteer

Global Oceans

Julia Wakefield, pictured, hosted a 'Global Oceans' fundraiser to support our **Fight for the Reef** campaign by inviting 40 printmakers from around the world to participate in a global print exchange.



Julia was inspired because *"71% of the Earth is ocean... They are a hugely important means of communication: they both unite and divide our cultures... At the same time, the depths of the ocean remain as mysterious to us as outer space."*

So far the collective has raised over \$1,000 for our oceans. Julia plans to hold a future exhibition to sell the remaining prints. Julia said that she hoped her work would be *"an example of how the public can raise funds in an imaginative, entertaining and community-focused way."*

We ♥ Community Support

AMCS is reliant on our ocean loving community. Our work is made possible because of you.
If you're inspired to start your own fundraiser visit amcs.org.au/fundraise

Ocean Legacy Circle

Leaving an Legacy for the future...



Ocean Legacy Circle

We've created a dedicated group for treasured ocean lovers like you, who are leaving (or considering) a gift in Will to AMCS.

We're calling your group the Ocean Legacy Circle. We want to acknowledge your enduring support and celebrate the lasting impact on Australia's unique ocean wildlife that your incredibly special legacy provides.

Members of the Ocean Legacy Circle will be invited to attend our special briefings and VIP events and meet with guest speakers and AMCS campaigners.

Leaving a legacy is the ultimate gift to ensure clean and healthy seas for the future.

What's Your Legacy?

How would you like to be remembered? For your sense of adventure? Your love of the ocean? Your determination to make a difference? What would be the one thing you would like to pass onto the next generation?

By giving a gift in your Will, you will hand on a wilder, more diverse and beautiful ocean planet to future generations.

Visit amcs.org.au/OceanLegacy

Contact Emma Morgan on 07 3846 6777 or email emmamorgan@amcs.org.au

Keith's Legacy



Meet Keith Little. At the age of 89, Keith says he's 'no youngster'. A self-described 'nomad', Keith travelled the world extensively throughout his 'very varied life'. Keith's 'itchy feet' saw him working his way across New Zealand, Fiji, the Americas and the United Kingdom, 'all via boat, because that is how you travelled in those days'.

In between trips Keith bought four acres outside of Melbourne where he planted 680 trees. Keith found his calling through Australian Volunteers Abroad (AVA), volunteering in Tonga and Botswana, before finishing his career at AVA's headquarters in Melbourne.

Through all that travel and hard work, Keith says that ecology is really the 'biggest interest' in his life. Keith is leaving a bequest to AMCS because he thinks it is 'a very worthy organisation, working in a direction I think is incredibly important'.

Keith holds a special place in his heart for the Pacific Islands, so it's no surprise that his biggest concern for our ocean is rising sea levels from climate change.

Thank you Keith, for your treasured and powerful legacy to our oceans through a bequest in your will.

“I’m really pleased to be a Sea Guardian and help in my own way.”

Sea Guardians Family Trip Of A Lifetime

2018 Sea Guardian Competition Winner, Paul Fairweather won a family trip of a lifetime to Lady Elliot Island.

Paul took his wife Emma and their two young children, pictured, in mid-March this year.

Paul recently wrote to us and said, *“It is no exaggeration to describe our holiday as a trip of a lifetime and we are so grateful to the Australian Marine Conservation Society and Diveplanit for arranging it all. I think it’s wonderful that you have a prize draw for your donors to say thank you for their support. We genuinely felt like we had won the lottery to win the first prize and to have such an amazing holiday.”*

The family’s highlights of the trip were the turtles. Their three-year-old daughter is still talking about seeing *“the biggest turtle in the world”* through the glass bottomed tour boat.

“My favourite moment was swimming with two green turtles because it was a perfect picture postcard scene. The turtles were swimming among the coral and had little fish swimming around them and the sun sparkled off them through the water. It was beautiful and a truly magical moment that I will never forget.”

“Whilst we were there snorkelling around I was struck more than once about how incredibly lucky we are to have such wonderful natural resources here in our Australian seas and how important it is to protect our environment for future generations to experience.”

Since becoming a father, Paul has really felt the need to preserve and protect special places like our Great Barrier Reef. The family trip to Lady Elliot Island, with the opportunity to swim around healthy coral, fish and turtles, has cemented his decision to support the AMCS so every parent and their children can have the same chance to enjoy our precious oceans.

Paul said *“I’m really pleased to be a Sea Guardian and help in my own little way. It’s rewarding to know the work you do is helping to preserve areas of outstanding beauty that we should all cherish.”*



This once in a lifetime holiday was donated to AMCS by DivePlanit, a passionate and active business supporter. Check out their eco-friendly holidays at diveplanit.com

Join Sea Guardians Today!

Become an AMCS Sea Guardian today with an affordable monthly gift. Visit amcs.org.au/SeaGuardian

Are You The Next Winner?



**AMCS
Sea Guardian**

As a thank you for your amazing support, we have launched an exclusive competition for AMCS Sea Guardians.

Thanks to our generous business supporters, we have great prizes to give away in our AMCS Sea Guardian competition:

-  **First Prize:** 4-night luxury experience for two at Lizard Island Resort, Great Barrier Reef with return scenic air transfers from Cairns valued at \$11,600 thanks to Lizard Island Resort;
-  **Second Prize:** A set of Spark Eco Spinner Suitcases valued at over \$1,300 courtesy of Samsonite;
-  **Third Prize:** A \$500 voucher courtesy of Assembly Label;
-  **Runner Up Prizes:**
 - Two surf lesson vouchers each valued at \$119 courtesy of Let’s Go Surfing;
 - Three beautiful ceramic coffee cups valued at \$105 courtesy of Pottery for the Planet;
 - Ten bamboo straw packs with cleaning brush and carry pouch courtesy of RAW STRAW;

Sign up as a Sea Guardian now to be in the running.

This exciting opportunity is open to all new Sea Guardians who sign up before November 30th 2019 with a generous donation of \$20 or more per month.

If you’ve been thinking about becoming a regular monthly donor, now is the perfect opportunity to sign up.

For Our Sea Guardians A Special Thank You!

Congratulations to all of our Sea Guardians, as a thank you for your amazing support – you are already in the running with an entry each!

All our wonderful existing Sea Guardians will automatically be entered into the draw, as a special thank you for their powerful contribution to protect our oceans.

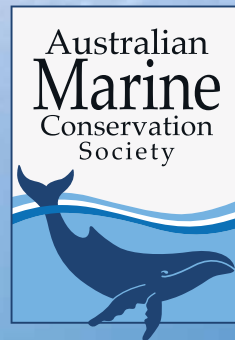
Want even more entries? Any Sea Guardian who increases their donation amount by at least \$10 or refers a friend to our program before November 30th 2019 will receive an additional entry and another chance for these wonderful prizes.

Enter Today!

To enter, sign up today to become a Sea Guardian, visit amcs.org.au/SeaGuardian. Please visit amcs.org.au/seaguardiancompetition for full terms and conditions.



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50 years. Thank you for your help to ensure
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