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**OCEAN
DEFENDERS
ALLIANCE**

Working for a debris free sea

**Your gift will provide a serrated knife
to cut nets and set marine life free.**

Coastal waters everywhere are littered with man-made debris – plastics, garbage, and abandoned fishing gear – which adversely affects the ecosystem.

The Ocean Defenders Alliance is a group of people who are working to combat marine pollution with the goal of protecting all marine life and their habitats – from the giant whales to the smallest animals and plants on the ocean floor. Operating from ship and shore, the Ocean Defenders all-volunteer boat and dive crews remove abandoned fishing nets, traps, lines, plastic, and other man-made debris threatening ocean wildlife and habitats. The result is cleaner and safer ocean waters for marine life as well as humans.

Every year, more than 800,000 tons of commercial fishing gear is lost in our global oceans.

Ocean Defenders Alliance was founded in 2000. Since then hundreds of volunteer divers have removed tons of deadly man-made debris. In addition, presentations have helped educate thousands of school children, business and civic groups, and dive club members, and the “Alliance” of concerned citizens and organizations is growing.

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