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ENDANGERED SPECIES OF SEA-TURTLE IS ALIVE AND TOUCHABLE  
AT NEW YORK AQUARIUM'S ENVIRONMENTAL TEACH-IN, APRIL 23

Brooklyn, New York -- A major feature of the New York Aquarium's Environmental Teach-in, April 23, will be an exhibit of green sea-turtles, a species of marine animal in imminent danger of extinction. Visitors to the teach-in will be able to pet these young turtles at the Aquarium's "Please Touch" pool. A keeper at the pool will explain the sea-animal's plight, the result of despoilation of its nesting places for eggs, and its wholesale capture and slaughter for human consumption in soups and sauces.

Plans for the teach-in, which will start at 10 a.m. and run through the day, include a morning lecture on "Man's Water Needs" by Dr. Vincent Liguori, microbiologist with the Osborn Laboratories of Marine Sciences; morning and afternoon showings of moving-pictures on the subject of water pollution; and a slide film lecture on the deterioration of marshlands and beach erosion. These sessions will be held in the Aquarium auditorium located at the West 8th Street end of the Aquarium.

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Of unusual interest will be the playing of tape recordings of "whale songs," the patterned grunts, squeals and whistles of whales in their daily lives, accompanied by a discussion of the disaster threatening the great whale. According to marine-study authorities, the great whales, because of widespread hunting with modern techniques, should be extinct within five years, if nothing is done to protect their lives.

Admission to the auditorium will be free-of-charge. Entrance to the Aquarium proper, which houses one of the largest collections of marine animals anywhere, will be at the usual charges of 50¢ for children 6 through 13 years and \$1.00 for adults. Children under six are admitted free.

Also on view, besides whales, sharks, rare tropical fish, electric eels, penguins, walruses, sea lions, and innumerable other sea denizens, will be the training of dolphins, by Geraldine Watmore of the Aquarium, for forthcoming spectacles to take place this summer in a pool at the Aquarium.

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