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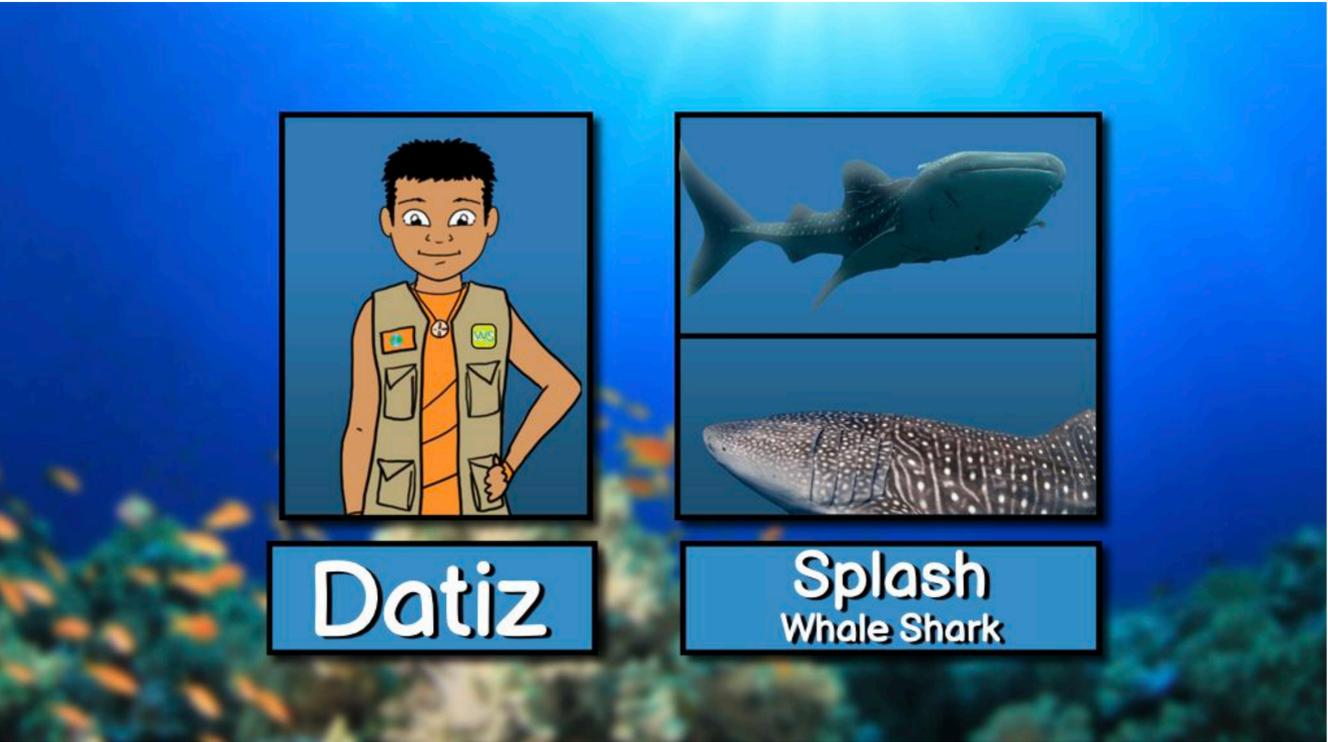


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### Vowel Syllable Pattern Chart

Long Vowel Digraph Vowel Team			Variant Vowel Vowel Team		Diphthong Vowel Team	
sea	meets	boat	noon	caught	out	hoist
each	keep	know	boom	awful	frowns	noise
near	feed	grown	<b>gloomy</b>	saw	crowd	spoiled
reef	years	growth	stood	<b>causes</b>	vow	void
see	lies	day	gloom	fault	proud	boys
pleads		<b>swaying</b>	doom			point
sees		trail	proof			
reefs			zooms			
needs			shook			

Characters

## Whale Shark Facts

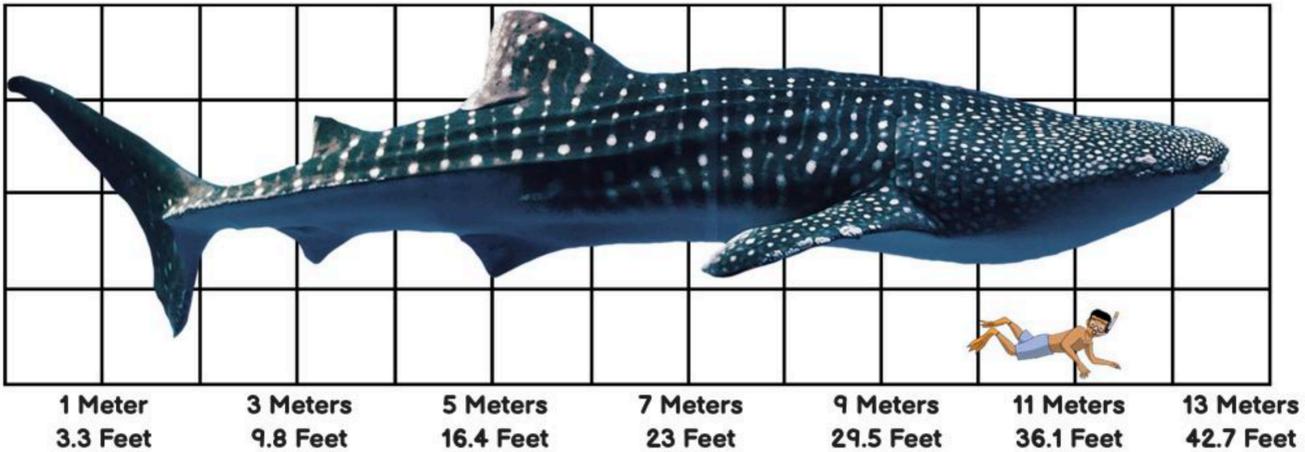
- Whale sharks are the largest fish in the sea, even bigger than great white sharks. They can reach lengths of 12 meters (40 feet).
- An average whale shark weighs 20.6 tons, which makes it about the size of a school bus.
- Whale sharks prefer warm water and tropical climates, which means they migrate every spring toward Australia.
- Whale sharks are docile, and they will sometimes allow people to grab their fins and swim with them.
- They are not predatory, but rather eat tiny sea creatures called plankton.
- Whale sharks reach adulthood at around age 25, and they can live to be 100 or 150 years old.



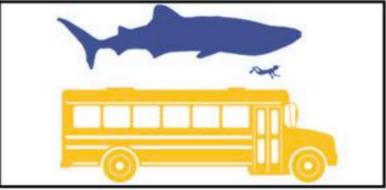
The sea is very important to the people who live on Mantanani. The fishermen, who live on the island, catch fish to sell at the market.

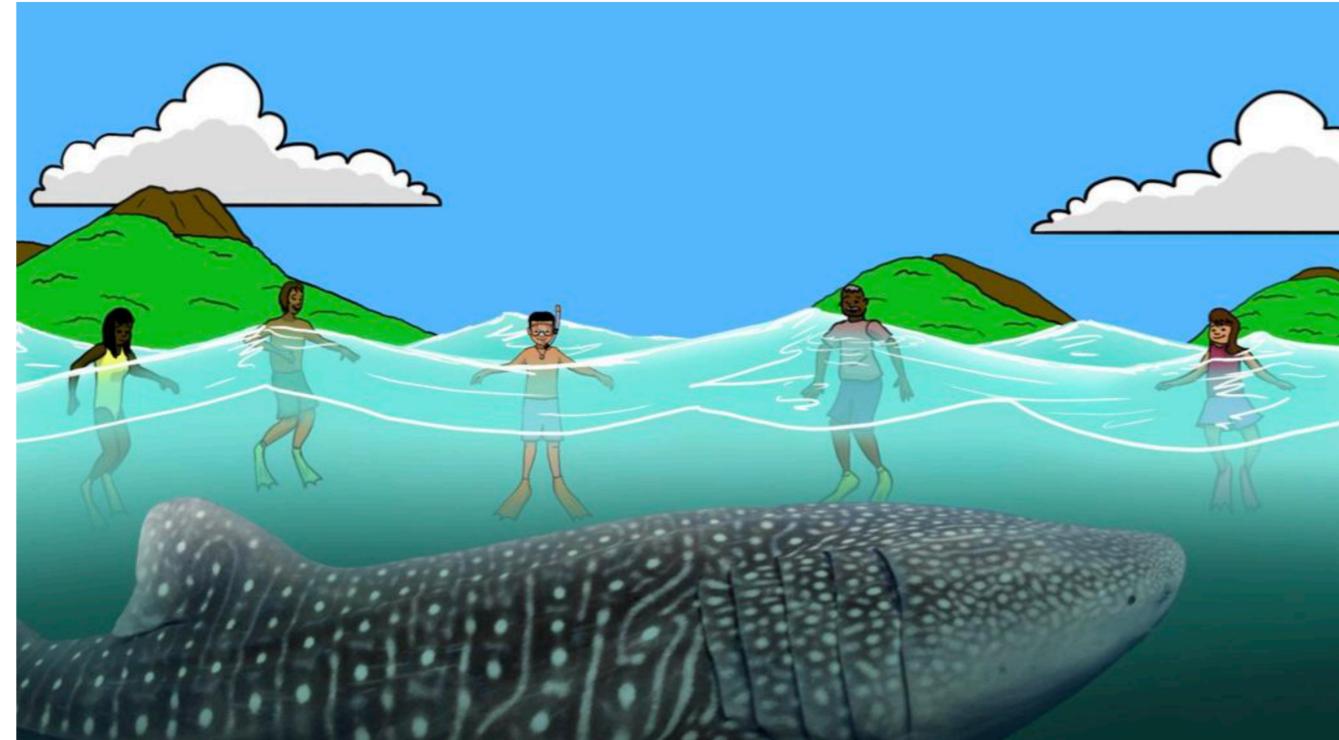
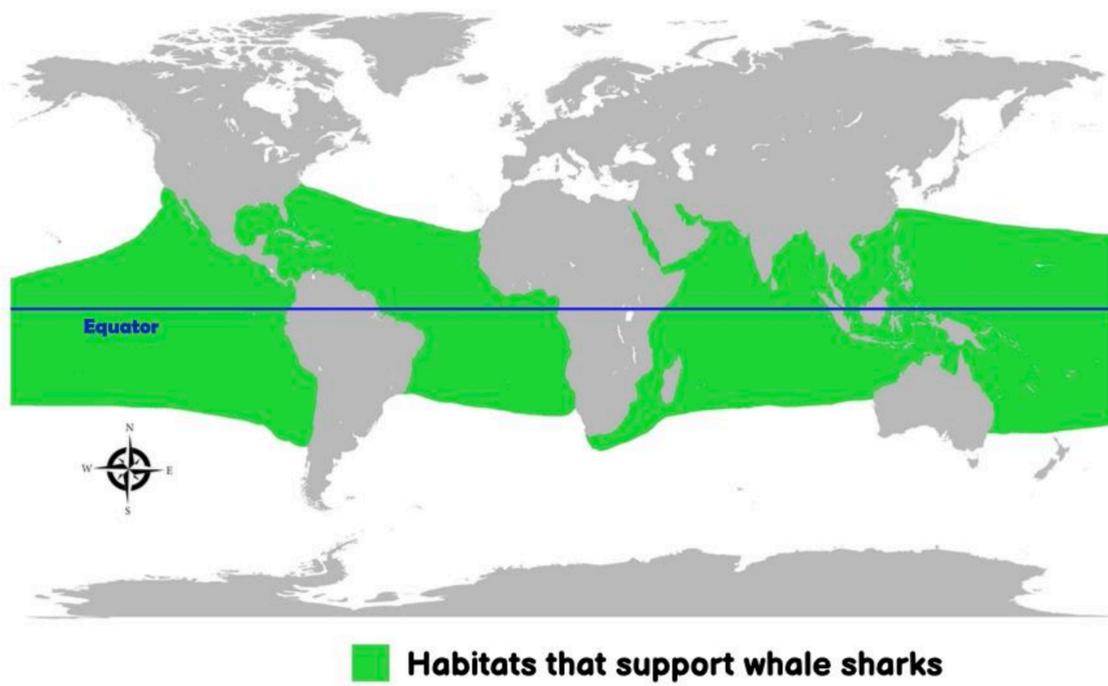


Datiz and his dad take out their boat every day to catch fish from the sea. They hoist the net filled with fish onto their boat. By noon each day, they have enough freshly caught fish to sell at the market.



**How big is a full-grown whale shark?**

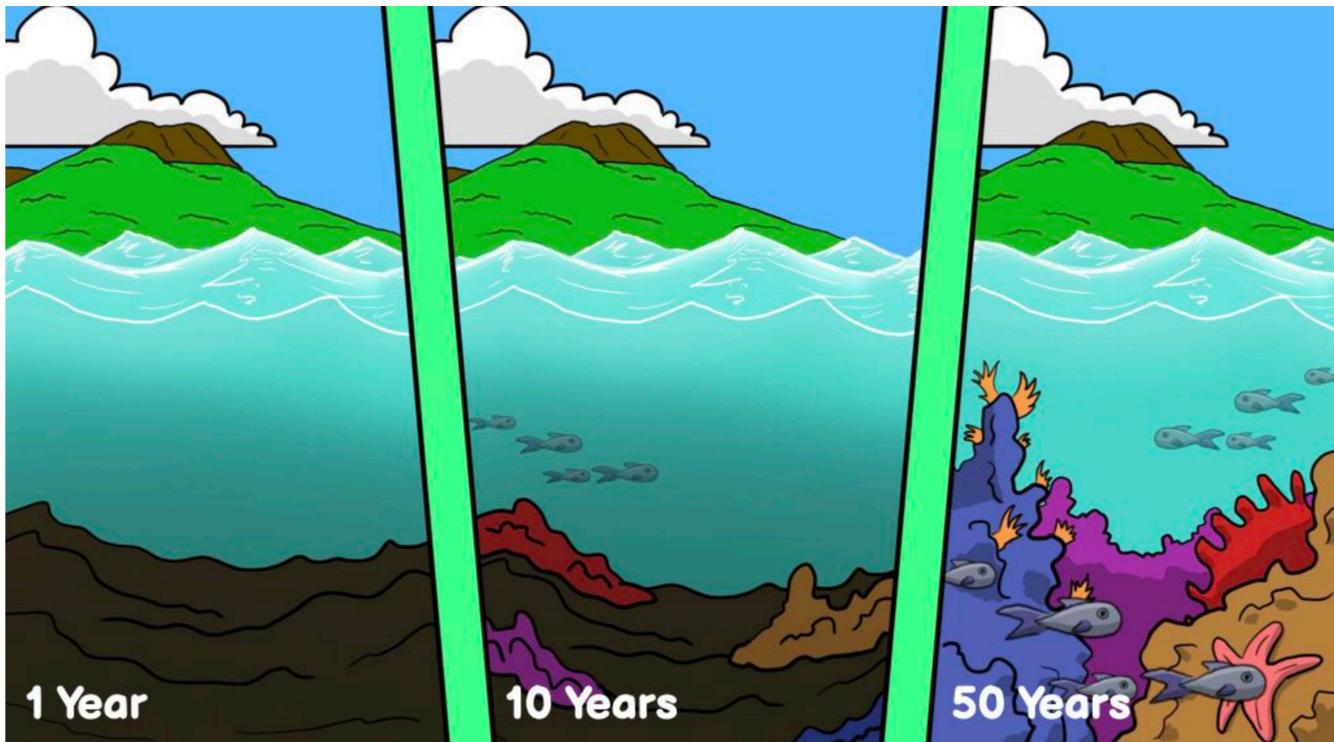




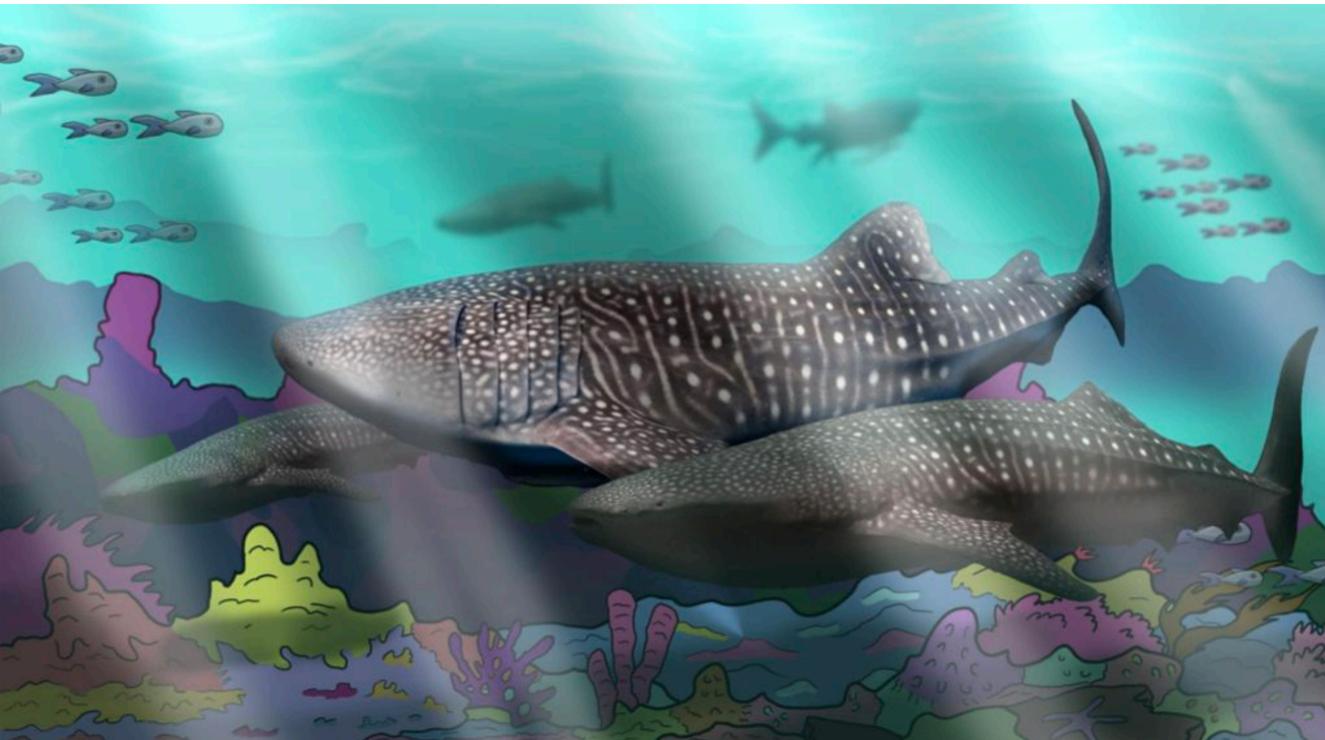
Every spring, the gentle whale sharks swim near Datz and his friends. Datz likes to swim with Splash, one of the whale sharks. The whale sharks are the largest fish in the sea. But they will not harm people.



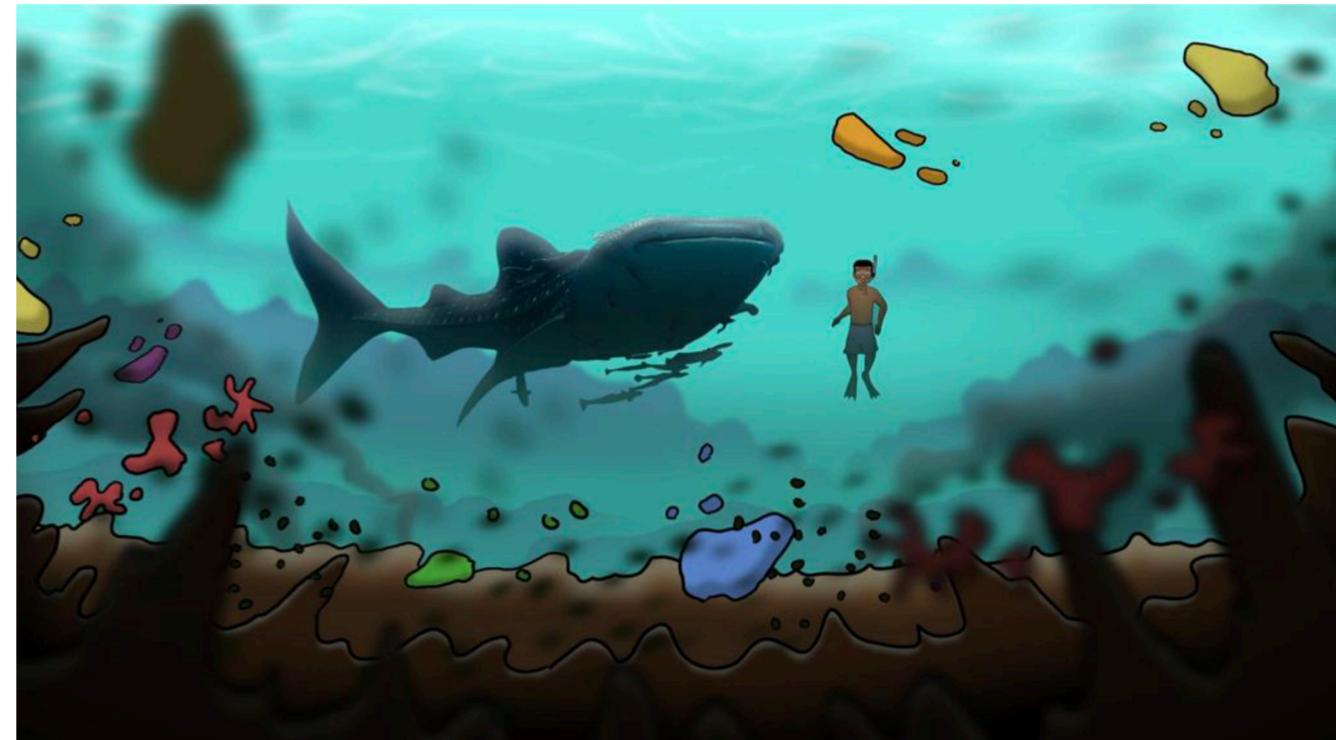
One day, Datz and Splash swim near a coral reef, the home of many sea animals. Datz inspects all the colorful life swaying back and forth in the coral reef. It is very quiet and peaceful under the sea. Then all of a sudden...



Timeline of Coral Reef Growth



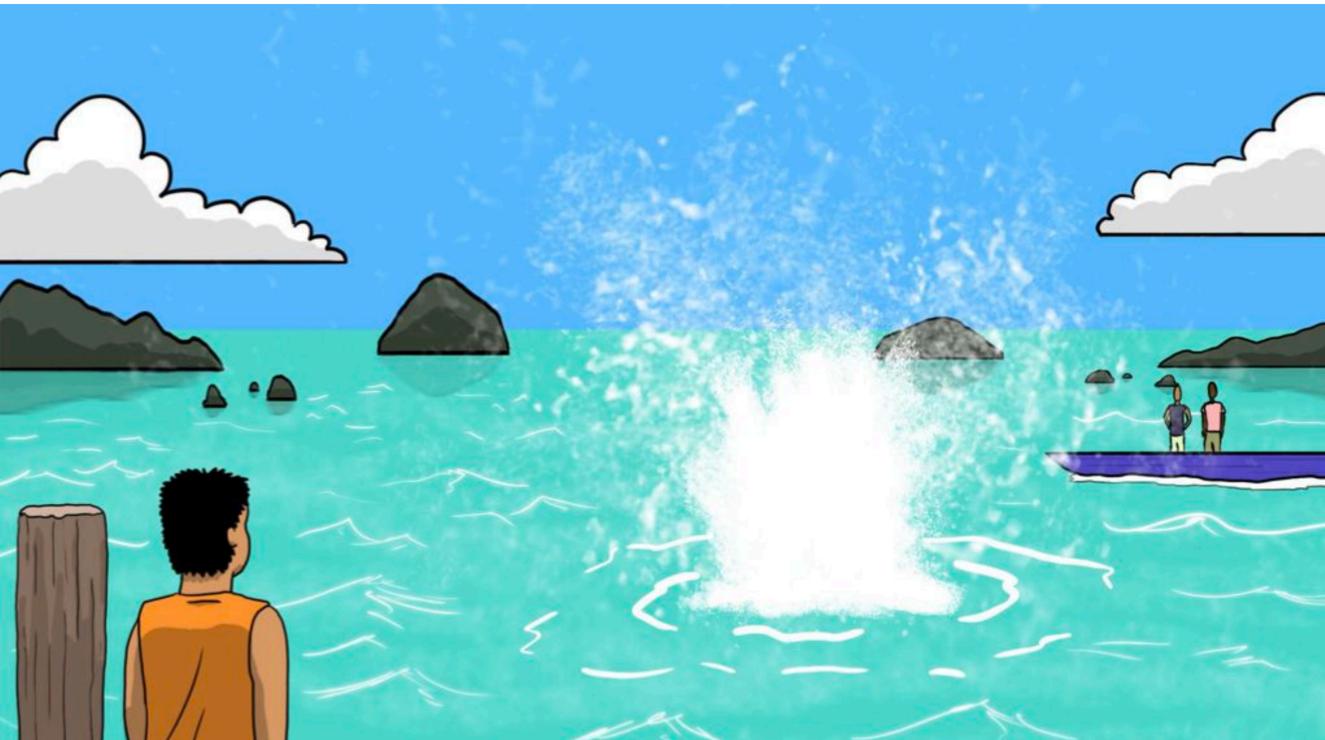
As the years pass, Splash returns many times to the coral reef with her children. Datziz has grown up and is a marine biologist. He comes back to the coral reef to study whale sharks. Splash is so proud of her friend, Datziz.



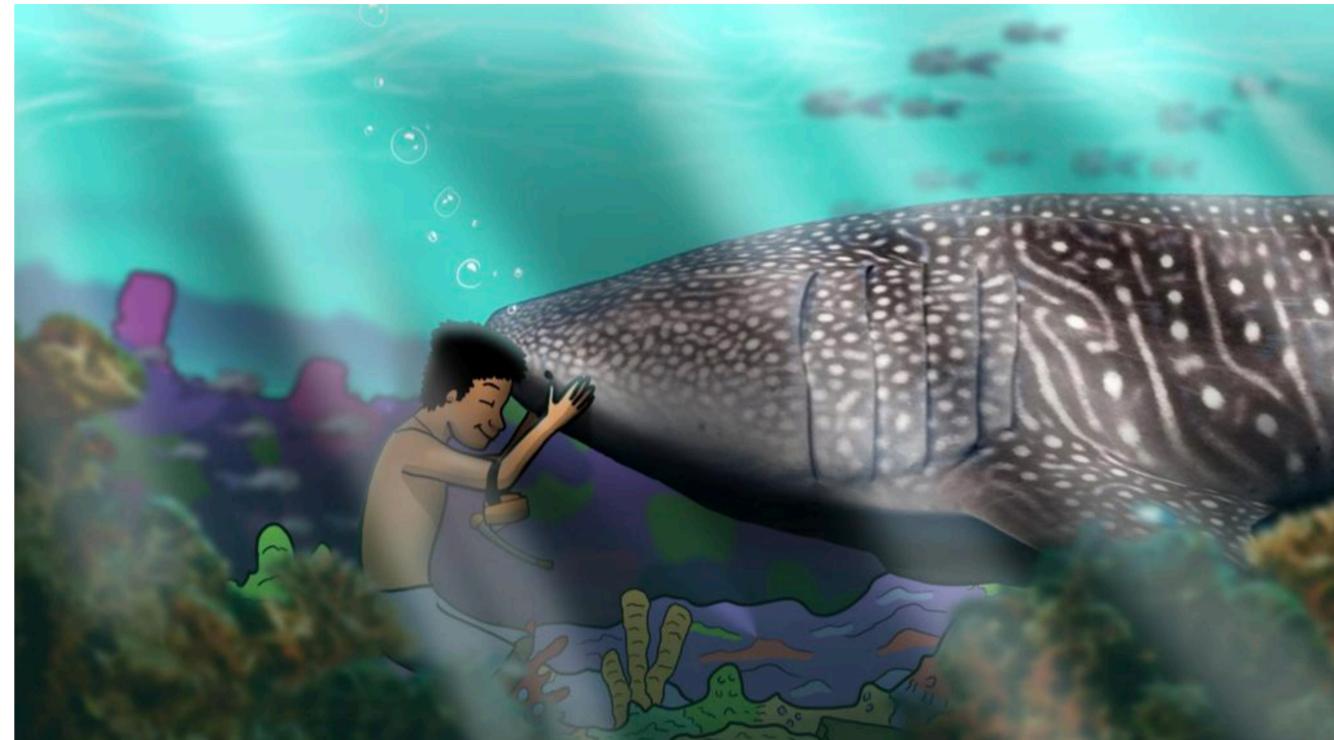
**BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!**

“What’s that awful noise?” asks Datziz. They see a trail of destroyed coral.

“The blasts have spoiled the reef. We have to stop the blast fishing!” pleads Splash. There is a large gloomy void, or emptiness, where the colorful reef once stood.



Back on the dock, Datziz sees a man drop a fish bomb into the sea. BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! Even the dock, where Datziz stood, shook from the ripples of the blast. Datziz frowns over the gloom and doom that lies below. He remembers what he saw. He cannot ignore that blast fishing destroys the coral reefs.



Splash is grateful to Datziz for saving the coral reef from doom.

Datziz is glad that Splash and other whale sharks will continue to keep coming to feed and swim nearby.

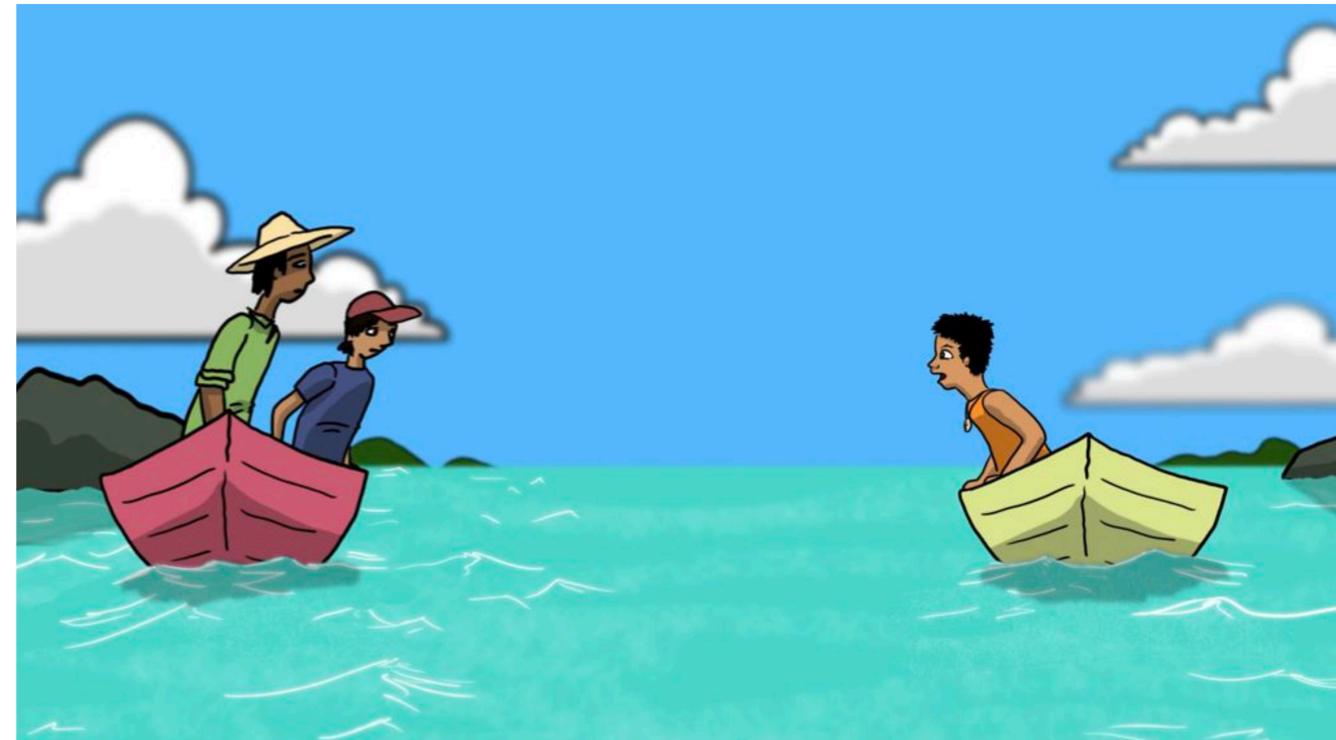


Datiz meets with a crowd of fishermen and merchants. The photos help them understand the point Datiz tried to explain.

The fishermen did not realize their bombs destroyed the coral reefs. The merchants did not realize the coral reefs were spoiled by blast fishing.

"We will stop blast fishing to save the coral reefs from doom," pledge the fishermen.

"And we will not purchase fish caught by blast fishing," vow the merchants.



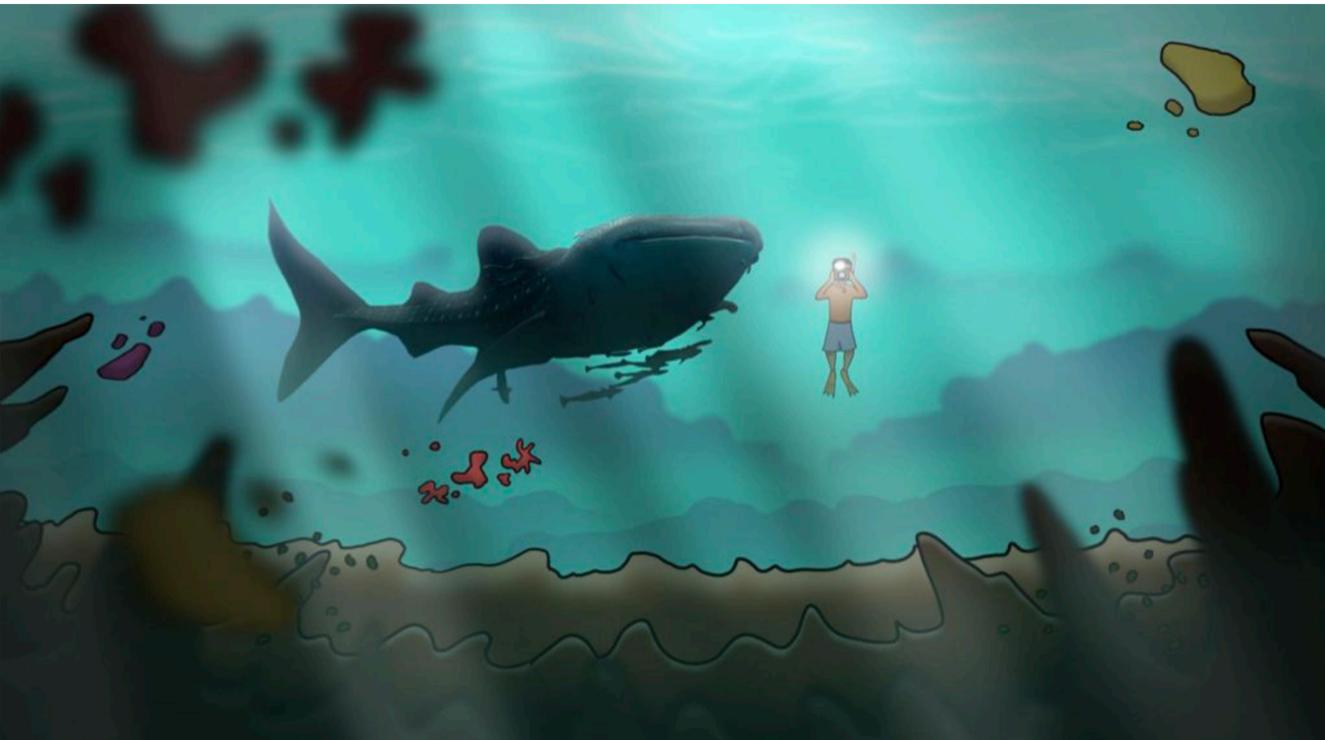
"STOP the blasting!" yells Datiz to the fishermen.

"The blast kills the fish so we can catch them," replies one of the fishermen.

"The fish bombs also destroy the coral reefs," says Datiz.

"What proof do you have of that?" asks the other fisherman.

Datiz realizes he needs proof.



Datiz cannot avoid the problem. He has a plan to provide proof to the fishermen of the awful damage that is happening.

Datiz and Splash take photos of the gloomy coral reefs after the blast.



Datiz zooms in on photos that are proof that blast fishing destroys the coral reefs.

The girls and boys are shocked when they see the photos. They are also shocked to know the blast fishing causes this to happen. They pledge to tell their families about this. They say, "You must let the fishermen know this is their fault and they must stop this awful kind of fishing."