

WILD OCEAN

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Film Synopsis

Wild Ocean is an action-packed giant screen adventure exploring the interplay between man and our endangered ocean ecosystem. The film highlights one of nature's greatest migration spectacles, plunging viewers into an underwater feeding frenzy, an epic struggle for survival where whales, sharks, dolphins, seals, gannets and billions of fish collide with the most voracious sea predator, mankind.

Filmed off the Wild Coast of South Africa and set to the rhythm of the local people, *Wild Ocean* reveals the economic and cultural impact of the ocean while celebrating the communal efforts to protect our invaluable marine resources.

Every year billions of fish travel up the KwaZulu-Natal shoreline, known to locals as the Wild Coast. For the people living along the African shore, this migration has provided a food source for countless generations while farther out at sea ocean predators come from great distances to feast. Bottlenose and common dolphins, sharks, whales, seals and diving birds are all drawn to the scene, enmeshed in one of the most incredible mass feeding melees in the natural world. Eat—or get eaten.

While the migration has provided a food source for both life in the sea and the people living along the African shores, global warming trends and over fishing have threatened its very existence. The food chain in the ocean connects the tiniest organisms to the greatest whales. The predators of the ocean thrive upon enormous shoals of pelagic fish. These fish, in turn, depend upon the plankton that rises in the oceanic upwelling's, born of the decaying bodies of the fallen predators. This circle of life has developed and evolved over millions of years.

For the last few hundred years, however, there has been another predator in the ocean: one that takes enormous shoals in one sweep, and does not give back to the sea in any way... this predator has broken the circle... it is a predator that mistakenly considered the ocean an unlimited resource.

While *Wild Ocean* explores the causes and effects of man's impact on the fragile ocean ecology, it an inspirational film looking toward a bright future, taking audiences to a rare unspoiled marine wilderness to glimpse what the oceans of the world once looked like. The film champions the creation of marine reserves necessary to bring our oceans back to life. South Africa leads the way.

Produced by the creators of the international sensation *STOMP* and directors of the award-winning giant screen film *Pulse: a STOMP Odyssey*, *Wild Ocean* is available to giant screen theaters in both 2D and 3D.