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*Nature: Soul of the Ocean*

Premieres Wednesday, January 25 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)), [pbs.org/nature](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/naturePBS) and the [PBS Video app](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/)

**Synopsis:**

Howard Hall, one of the world's foremost underwater filmmakers, brings to ***Nature*** a lifetime of insights into how life in the ocean really works - in surprisingly cooperative communities built on age-old partnerships. Coral reefs turn out to be cosmopolitan cities where relationships thrive: a specialist shrimp, a baby damsel fish, and a porcelain crab all share the protection of an anemone; an urchin and a crab form an unlikely pair; fan corals each support their own kind of seahorse. They are all part of a vast system that only exists because everything is connected. From great whales to turtles, to sharks and tiny blennies, the ocean is full of creatures that need and support each other.

**Featured Sea Creatures:**

* Carrier crab
* Clown fish
* Coral
* Cuttlefish
* Dugong
* Great white shark
* Hammerhead shark
* Harbor seal
* Humpback whale
* Manta ray
* Moon jellyfish
* Opalescent squid
* Shrimp goby
* Sardines
* Sea lion
* Sea otter
* Sea turtle
* Tiger shark

**Short TV Listing**: Experience the soul of the ocean in a never-before-seen look at how life underwater co-exists.

**Long TV Listing:** Take a deep breath and experience the complex world of ocean waters. Get a never-before-seen look at how life underwater co-exists in a marriage of necessity.

**Buzzworthy Moments:**

* Many fish help to clean other sea creatures. Cleaner shrimps help tidy moray eels and surgeonfish remove algae from sea turtles.
* A dugong in the Philippines has two sets of companions, streamlined remoras and striped golden jacks. The golden jacks grab small shrimps that the dugong stirs up and don’t bother the creature. The remoras, on the other hand, are irritating. The dugong tries many different techniques to get rid of them.
* A fire urchin is venomous, but the carrier crab doesn’t mind. The crab allows the urchin on its back and in return the crab gets protection. These unlikely partnerships make up the heart and soul of the ocean.

**Noteworthy Facts:**

* Sound travels further underwater and whale songs can cross an ocean. Humpback whales travel up to 4,000 miles from Antarctica to French Polynesia to mate and give birth. Humpback bulls sing complex songs on their heads. Humans do not yet understand the meaning of these constantly changing songs.
* Jellyfish can't see or hear, yet they travel together. Jellyfish are a clue to food along colder currents, so they tend to pick up passengers or companions, including sharks.
* Once an opalescent squid mates and lays eggs, all the adults die. Almost everything will eat the dying parents, but the eggs carry toxins. Once the squid hatch, most larvae are swept away and become part of the plankton, the biggest nursery on the planet.

**Series Overview:**

Since 1982,***Nature*** has brought the natural world to millions of viewers, pioneering a television genre that is now widely emulated in the broadcast industry. The series has won more than 700 honors from the television industry, the international wildlife film communities and environmental organizations, including 21 Emmys and three Peabodys. Consistently among the most-watched primetime series on PBS, ***Nature*** continues to innovate through original digital programming, such as the Webby Award-winning podcast ***Going Wild with Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant*** and digital series ***Animal IQ*** and ***Crash Course: Zoology***. ***Nature***’s award-winning website, [pbs.org/nature](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/), features full episodes, short films, digital series, behind-the-scenes content, news articles, educational resources and more.

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**Production Credits:**

***Nature: Soul of the Ocean*** is a production of Howard Hall Productions and The WNET Group in co-production with Terra Mater Studios and Mark Fletcher Productions. The documentary is produced by Michele Hall and filmed by Howard Hall. Edited and written by Mark Fletcher and Howard Hall. Narrated by Noma Dumezweni. ***Nature*** is a production of The WNET Group. Fred Kaufman is Executive Producer. Bill Murphy is Series Producer and Janet Hess is Series Editor.

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