

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION FOR TEACHERS

In Kingdom Of The Blue Whale National Geographic Crittercam technology takes your students right into the world of the Blue Whale like never before. From the perspective of the blue whale itself, students will be immersed in the environment of this rare and endangered species.

Meeting school syllabus requirements, in this programme, students will learn about the physical characteristics, habitat, migration behaviour and communication methods of blue whales.

Students will see the first ever underwater footage of a baby blue whale (perhaps only one month old) as well as unique footage of a blue whale eating krill and extremely rare imagery of a baby whale shark and juvenile loggerhead turtle.

As Marine Biologists test and confirm three significant theories in blue whale behaviour at the Costa Rica Dome, students will witness blue whale courtship, calving and winter feeding never recorded before. The mother's care and protection of her newborn calf shows blue whale maternal behaviour at its most poignant time - just after birth.

The investigation also takes students into a Japanese fish market and explores the issue of whale meat being sold for human consumption - thereby helping students to develop an informed opinion on this controversial issue.

This special documentary is narrated by Tom Selleck.