



A Global Art-Science Project For Kids

"Fishes Feed Us" is a global art-science project created and produced by Art & Science Collaborations, an international nonprofit based in New York City. The project's mission is to put a human face on the critical ill health of our planet's oceans -- specifically the consequences of its rapidly diminishing fish supplies. 1 in 5 people globally [approximately one billion] depend on fish as their primary source of protein, and 200 million depend on the sustainability of ocean fisheries for their livelihoods. Children in coastal fishing villages [mostly in developing countries] are already suffering from rampant over-fishing and the destruction of their marine fisheries and ecosystems. This project will provide: a world stage for the words of children directly impacted by this problem via a kids Fishes Blog, website, and performance. It will also empower youth as "ocean stewards" to inform and influence their parents, teachers, and community members to: only eat seafood that's not endangered, participate in ocean policy campaigns by signing petitions, and support the work of ocean conservation NGOs. The **"Fishes Feed Us"** performance will take place on the United Nations Plaza as part of the United Nations Headquarters' World Environment Day on June 5, 2007 in New York City. Beyond that date, we will promote this project with its online "How To: Project Production Steps" to inspire "spin-offs" globally, and to provide a model for art-science collaborations on behalf of our oceans.

PARTNERS, COLLABORATORS & FUNDERS:

- ~ [Art & Science Collaborations, Inc. \(ASCI\)](#) - project concept and production
- ~ [Conservation for the Oceans Foundation](#) of [The World Aquarium](#) - seed-grant provider
- ~ [United Nations Environment Programme-NYC Office](#) - performance site partner
- ~ [UNESCO \[Indo-Pacific region\]](#) - Ecosciences Professional Officer - referrals
- ~ [The FISH Project/USAID](#) & The Philippines Government - design/host KidsFishBlog
- ~ [Institute for Collaborative Education \[NYC 8th graders\]](#) - web-pages & animations
- ~ [PS124 NYC Elementary School](#) - thirty 5th graders as our premiere "performers"
- ~ [Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society](#) - edu. materials on sustaining ocean reefs
- ~ **KidsFishBlog Partners:**
 - * Philippines: [Coastal Resources Management Interpretive Center \(CRMIC\)](#), Masbate
 - * Malaysia: [Marine Research Foundation-Asia](#), Sabah
 - * NYC: [High School for Environmental Studies](#)
 - * NYC/Bangladesh: [Kochi Konther Asar/USA](#) a global children's organization

"Fishes Feed Us" is the newest component being developed by Art & Science Collaborations for its [Beneath-the-SEE](#) global public awareness initiative

[Click here](#) to view photos of our young performers in rehearsal.

We anticipate that our **project web-pages will be complete by mid-June**. Please visit then to view short video clips from the performance, instructions on how the costume-objects were created, how to create art-science partnerships for a global project, educational resources for kids about our oceans, steps we can all take to help restore the health of our oceans and its exquisite wildlife, photos of the youth who participated in our KidsFishesBlog, project funder & partners page, etc. etc.

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