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## LIBRARY PATHFINDER

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AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM MEXICO'S VAQUITA  
PROPOISE: PROTECT ME, PROTECT LIFE**

***International Save the Vaquita Day is  
Saturday, July 6, 2019***

*Reading materials and Online Resources*

### Books

Vaquita: Science, Politics and crime in the Sea of Cortez /Brooke Bessessen, Island Press, 2018.

Encyclopedia of Marine Mammals. Academic Press, 2018. Vaquita: pp. 1031-1035.

### Articles

After failed rescue effort, rare porpoise in extreme peril. / Pennisi, E. Science, 358:851. (Nov. 17, 2017)

Collateral Damage: How illegal trade in totoaba swim bladders is driving the vaquita to extinction. Environmental Investigation Agency, Sept. 2016. (18pp).

## Featured websites

VaquitaCPR - <https://www.vaquitacpr.org/>

According to this site, there are less than 20 vaquita still alive in the northern Gulf of California, their native habitat. Information, links and a free newsletter sign-up are available at this site.

Viva Vaquita - <http://www.vivavaquita.org/>

This site contains Vaquita information plus over 100 agency reports and scientific papers dating from 1961 through 2017. (Several are downloadable pdfs).

## Documentaries

Sea of Shadows Trailer

<https://vaquitafilm.com/sea-of-shadows-official-trailer/>

Sea of Shadows is a documentary about the near extinction of the vaquita due to the illegal gillnet fishing of the totoaba fish. Vaquitas get caught and drown in the gillnets as bycatch. The swim bladders of totoaba fish are sold illegally in the international fishing industry.

Sea of Shadows opens in theaters on Friday, July 12, 2019, and will be distributed by National Geographic.

Souls of the Vermillion Sea

<https://vaquitafilm.com/souls-of-the-vermillion-sea/>

Souls of the Vermillion Sea is a 30-minute documentary about the efforts to save the vaquita from extinction.

The Vaquita and the Totoaba

<https://vaquitafilm.com/>

This site discusses the 2 documentaries listed above complete with production notes and an extensive blog.

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