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## Fact Sheet

### Living on an Ocean Planet

*“The ocean is a global system essential to all life – including yours.”* This simple message has quickly become the driving force behind the Sant Ocean Hall, which offers visitors a distinctly human perspective on this important global system in the hopes of inspiring a new era of ocean stewardship.

The Sant Ocean Hall highlights the undeniable link between ocean and humans through three distinct learning experiences:



1. Thirty **“Human Connections”** stories scattered throughout the Hall highlight the many ways the ocean impacts human life and, in contrast, human life impacts the ocean. Each story addresses one of five critical ocean issues – Habitat Transformation, Unsustainable Exploitation of Marine Fisheries, Invasive Species, Pollution and Climate Change – and its link to humans, from habitats under stress (e.g., reefs and beaches) to at-risk species (e.g., whales and tuna). “Human Connections” also examines the long-standing relationships between indigenous people and their marine ecosystems, including the link between salmon and North Pacific peoples and the history of whaling traditions in the Arctic. All related exhibit elements have been branded with the “Human Connections” icon.

2. The **Living on an Ocean Planet gallery** reemphasizes the five critical ocean issues central to the Hall, through an engaging combination of images, scientific data and interviews with ocean and industry experts. The gallery’s



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high-tech interactive elements, including thought-provoking computer interactive kiosks and videos, allow visitors to learn first hand the factors that impact the ocean environment, and personally investigate possible response strategies and solutions. For example:

- Where In the World Do We Do Science? is a video interactive that profiles working marine scientists across the world as they encounter the challenges associated with their field.
  - Computer interactive kiosks, located throughout the gallery, challenge visitors to consider critical ocean issues while various sources and experts provide their opinions on these same topics. Visitors are then asked to decide on a course of action and review the possible outcomes. Interactives will be updated regularly and will address such topics as “Managing Marine Fisheries” and “Confronting Climate Change.”
3. The **Conservation and Human Connections Visitor Guide** allows visitors to take a self-guided tour of the human connections themes throughout the Sant Ocean Hall – leading them from one end of the Hall to the other and instilling in them the idea that ocean stewardship begins with individual efforts. The printed guide is also available on the Sant Ocean Hall Web site, taking visitors on an interactive, virtual tour of the Hall and its “Human Connections” stories.