

Healthy Seas Partner Spotlight Series

Behind every partnership is a story
— hear from those working with us
to protect the seas



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Earth or Mars?

I spent much of my youth reading science fiction classics — from Asimov to Heinlein to Arthur C Clarke. I was fascinated by space exploration, alien life and universe-wide operas. Amongst these I read the Mars Trilogy (Red, Green, Blue) by Kim Robinson — which blew me away.

I do believe that we will reach for the stars in the future, but it is our choice on whether this is an escape or not. I chose Earth over Mars. We are responsible to protect our home planet collectively so that we can then catapult to the stars.

What's the most surprising
thing you've learned about
marine pollution?

How much of it is actually "ghost gear." I used to think of ocean pollution as just floating bottles, but learning about these massive, abandoned fishing nets was a wake-up call. They sit under the surface, invisible, and just keep catching fish and destroying reefs for years. It is a silent killer.

What's the most
memorable thing you have
experienced with/thanks
to Healthy Seas?

“It’s the way this partnership moves the needle from abstract “sustainability” to something you can actually touch. There is a bridge being built here: we start with a deadly net being pulled out of the water by divers, and we end with that “waste” and other being transformed into high-end ECONYL® yarn. It’s the perfect example of a messy problem finding a circular solution.”

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