

UNDERWATER WILDLIFE NEW YORK

Underwater Wildlife New York is a project of renowned underwater photographer Keith Ellenbogen and the New York Aquarium, a Wildlife Conservation Society park. This exhibit showcases awe-inspiring images of sharks, ocean sunfish, seahorses, squid, and many other extraordinary animals in their natural habitats.

Our local waters are among the most diverse and productive marine ecosystems in the world. Yet few of the 22 million people living along the coastline and in this world-class city are aware of the ecological treasure trove at their doorstep. These first-of-a-kind images take viewers on a visual journey beneath the waves from Montauk, New York to Cape May, New Jersey, revealing the surprising diversity and splendor of local marine species.

Headquartered at the Bronx Zoo, the Wildlife Conservation Society has been protecting wildlife around the world and inspiring people here in New York at our zoos and aquarium since 1895. Now, in partnership with the City of New York, WCS is transforming the New York Aquarium with a dazzling new building called *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* Innovative new exhibits will invite visitors into the fascinating marine wilderness depicted in these photographs, and inspire them to advocate for healthier oceans.

Keith Ellenbogen is an acclaimed underwater photographer with a focus on environmental conservation. Through his images, he showcases the artistic beauty of nature and elicits an emotional connection to the underwater world. He is an Assistant Professor of photography at the Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY; a Senior Fellow at the International League of Conservation Photographers; and a fellow at the Explorers Club. He was a 2015–2016 Visiting Artist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Center for Art, Science & Technology, and a 2006–2007 U.S. Fulbright Fellow. Keith holds an MFA from Parsons School of Design.

Working in collaboration with New York Aquarium scientist Merry Camhi and the WCS NY Seascape Program over several years, Keith has logged more than 500 hours underwater in New York capturing the beauty and drama of marine life.

UPCOMING EXHIBITION EVENTS:

Brooklyn Bridge Park

April 22* to June 14, 2017

**April 22 is Earth Day and June 8 is World Oceans Day—great opportunities to tie these worldwide celebrations to our mission and this exhibit!*

The exhibition will be on display along the greenway of Brooklyn Bridge Plaza at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge in Brooklyn Bridge Park. Visitors can access it via New Dock Street or by walking along the boardwalk by Jane's Carousel in DUMBO, Brooklyn.

This photographic display spanning 350 feet will feature about 50 awe-inspiring images from the *Underwater Wildlife New York* collection at Brooklyn Bridge Park along the highlighted route below. This exhibit provides stories about local marine life and their habitats, as well as and a window into the

marine research of New York Aquarium scientists. Viewers will immerse themselves in the underwater world surrounding New York and New Jersey, one of the world's greatest marine environments.

- Display will be 6 ft. tall, spanning an area of approximately 350 linear feet in total.
- Exhibit will present approximately 50 images in total across different themes relating to local wildlife and habitats, including corals, shipwrecks, migrations, and human impacts. Brooklyn Bridge Park is free and open to the public. For parks hours, visit brooklynbridgepark.org.

National Arts Club

April 4 to June 3, 2017

15 Gramercy Park South
New York, New York 10003
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nationalartsclub.org
Mon. to Fri., 10 AM to 5 PM

This exhibit features 22 large format prints from the *Underwater Wildlife New York* collection. The photographs featured are also available for purchase. Net proceeds from the sale of limited edition prints supports the underwater photography project at the New York Aquarium. For more information, contact Keith Ellenbogen at keith@bluereef.com.

- Galleries of the National Arts Club are open to the public. There is no admission fee.
- Hours are Monday to Friday between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Hours are subject to change. Please call to inquire about weekend hours.