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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2021

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Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2021, and ending 12-31-2021

- Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT
Doing business as
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
4100 KANAB CANYON ROAD
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
KANAB, UT 84741

D Employer identification number 81-2276219
E Telephone number (877) 942-5399
G Gross receipts \$ 1,540,232

F Name and address of principal officer:
LORI MARINO PHD
4100 KANAB CANYON ROAD
KANAB, UT 84741

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: WHALESANCTUARYPROJECT.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: 2016 M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO ESTABLISH A MODEL SEASIDE SANCTUARY WHERE CETACEANS (WHALES AND DOLPHINS) CAN BE REHABILITATED OR CAN LIVE PERMANENTLY IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MAXIMIZES WELL-BEING AND AUTONOMY AND IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 2 Check this box, 3 Number of voting members, 4 Number of independent voting members, 5 Total number of individuals employed, 6 Total number of volunteers, 7a Total unrelated business revenue, 7b Net unrelated business taxable income.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 8 Contributions and grants, 9 Program service revenue, 10 Investment income, 11 Other revenue, 12 Total revenue.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 13 Grants and similar amounts paid, 14 Benefits paid to or for members, 15 Salaries, other compensation, 16a Professional fundraising fees, 16b Total fundraising expenses, 17 Other expenses, 18 Total expenses, 19 Revenue less expenses.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows include: 20 Total assets, 21 Total liabilities, 22 Net assets or fund balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer LORI MARINO PHD PRESIDENT AND CHAIR Date 2022-07-11

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name BERTI SPECHLER SARMIENTO MCKAY & CO LLP Date 2022-07-11 PTIN P00298937 Firm's EIN 77-0048636 Firm's address 1933 CLIFF DR STE 26 SANTA BARBARA, CA 931091591 Phone no. (805) 963-0571

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO ESTABLISH A MODEL SEASIDE SANCTUARY WHERE CETACEANS (WHALES AND DOLPHINS) CAN BE REHABILITATED OR CAN LIVE PERMANENTLY IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MAXIMIZES WELL-BEING AND AUTONOMY AND IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 531,874 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

SANCTUARY SITE: HAVING ANNOUNCED THE SELECTION OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY SITE IN PORT HILFORD BAY, NOVA SCOTIA IN 2020, WE PROCEEDED IN 2021 WITH EXTENSIVE SITE DEVELOPMENT WORK. THIS INCLUDED THE EXPANSION OF OUR HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL OF THE SANCTUARY WATERS WITH A LIDAR STUDY USING LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING FROM AN AIRCRAFT TO ADD TO THE DATA COLLECTED WITH ACOUSTIC DOPPLER CURRENT PROFILERS (ADCPS) AND BATHYMETRY COLLECTED USING MULTIBEAM SONAR FROM THE WATER'S SURFACE. IN ADDITION, OUR TEAMS CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING ONSITE RESEARCH: - AN ORNITHOLOGIST SURVEYED OVERWINTERING AND STAGING SEABIRDS FROM JANUARY TO APRIL; -WE CONDUCTED A FRESHWATER SURVEY DURING THE SPRING FRESHET IN MARCH, MEASURING STREAMS FOR INSTANTANEOUS AND MAXIMUM DISCHARGE. AND WE SAMPLED STREAMS AND PONDS FOR BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATES TO ASSESS WATER QUALITY WHERE BIOLOGICALLY RELEVANT TO THE WHALES; -IN JULY, SIX CERTIFIED SCUBA DIVERS CONDUCTED A SURVEY THAT IDENTIFIED AND ENUMERATED ORGANISMS ON THE SEAFLOOR. WE USED THE SURVEY TO CALCULATE SPECIES RICHNESS AND ABUNDANCE. THE DIVERS ALSO DESCRIBED THE SEDIMENT TYPES AND DELINEATED THE PERIMETER OF EELGRASS BEDS. -WE MONITORED ICE CONDITIONS DURING REGULAR SITE VISITS AND FROM CANADIAN ICE SERVICE CHARTS; -REGULAR SITE VISITS FOLLOWED A PROTOCOL TO RECORD WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION, WAVE HEIGHT AND DIRECTION, AND WEATHER CONDITIONS WHEN TRIGGERED BY HIGH WIND SPEEDS; -WE RECORDED WEATHER CONDITIONS EVERY DAY FROM ONLINE DATABASES, INCLUDING THE WEATHER DESCRIPTION, AIR TEMPERATURE AND PERCEIVED AIR TEMPERATURE, AIR PRESSURE, SUSTAINED AND GUST WIND SPEEDS, WIND DIRECTION, PRECIPITATION TYPE AND AMOUNT, PERCENT HUMIDITY, VISIBILITY, THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF SUN, THE UV INDEX, THE MARINE FORECAST (WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION, PRECIPITATION TYPE, VISIBILITY, AND WAVE HEIGHT), TIME AND HEIGHT OF HIGH AND LOW TIDES, HOURLY TIDE LEVEL, MOON PHASE, AND PERCENT OF THE MOON THAT IS SUNLIT; -WE MONITORED SATELLITE IMAGES THAT ARE TAKEN EVERY FIVE DAYS FROM THE SENTINEL-2 SATELLITE; -WE RECORDED AIR AND WATER TEMPERATURES EVERY 30 MINUTES AT DIFFERENT DEPTHS; -WE RECORDED WATER LEVEL DATA EVERY 30 MINUTES UP TO OCTOBER, AND EVERY 12 MINUTES THEREAFTER; -WE TESTED WATER QUALITY FROM THE BAY AND NEARBY FRESHWATER INPUTS SEASONALLY FOR NUTRIENTS, METALS, AND COLIFORMS USING AN ACCREDITED LABORATORY; -ZOOPLANKTON IN THE BAY ARE IDENTIFIED AND ENUMERATED SEASONALLY BY AN EXPERT. IN ADDITION TO THE EXPENSES ABOVE THERE WERE DONATED LEGAL SERVICES OF 150,050 AND DONATED PAINTING SERVICES OF 1,500.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 98,510 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

EXTENSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT THE MISSION OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT WAS EXECUTED THROUGH PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES BY THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AS WELL THE DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIALS TO SUPPORT THIS PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORT. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND INFORMATION WERE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO FURTHER TELL THE STORY OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT, IDENTIFY WHALES THAT ARE SUFFERING IN MARINE PARKS, AND CALL ATTENTION TO THE URGENCY OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT MISSION. A NEWSLETTER WAS DISTRIBUTED TO SUPPORTERS AND THE PUBLIC.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

(Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

OPERATIONS & VISITOR CENTER: OUR U.S. AND CANADIAN STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS COLLABORATED TO RENOVATE AND RE-EQUIP A CENTURY HOUSE IN SHERBROOKE, NOVA SCOTIA, AS AN OPERATIONS & VISITOR CENTRE. THIS FACILITY OPERATES AS OUR LOCAL HEADQUARTERS WITH CONFERENCE ROOM, OFFICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VISITING STAFF. IT ALSO PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS FOR THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHALES AND HOW SANCTUARIES IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CETACEANS. THE CENTRE ALSO HAS EXHIBITS ABOUT THE WHALE SANCTUARY AND IS A GATHERING PLACE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE SANCTUARY AND SHARE THEIR QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THE OPENING IN OCTOBER WAS ATTENDED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND OTHER DIGNITARIES FROM AROUND NOVA SCOTIA. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH: BEYOND THE OPERATIONS & VISITOR CENTRE, OUR CANADIAN STAFF COORDINATOR CONDUCTED NUMEROUS PUBLIC EVENTS, HELPING TO EDUCATE LOCAL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ABOUT WHALES, INCLUDING WITH WHALE-THEMED PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS. WE ALSO CONDUCTED NINE EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS TO AN AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS INCLUDED PIONEERING SCIENTISTS, INNOVATORS IN THE STUDY OF CETACEAN COMMUNICATION, LEGISLATION, THE UNDERSTANDING OF WHALE CULTURE, AND AUTHENTIC SANCTUARIES. WE EXPANDED OUR OUTREACH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA AS WELL AS WITH OUR AWARD-WINNING SHORT FILM "WHALES WITHOUT WALLS," WHICH IS REGULARLY USED AS AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS. WHALE AID: WITH OUR TEAM OF EXPERTS ON MATTERS OF WHALE CARE AND WELFARE, OUR WHALE AID WORK INCLUDED: -ASSISTING SACRED LANDS CONSERVANCY, A NON-PROFIT CREATED BY LUMMI NATION ELDERS IN THEIR WORK TO RELOCATE SK'ALICH'ELH-TENAUT, THE ORCA WHALE ALSO KNOWN AS LOLITA, TO HER BIRTH WATERS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. WE HELPED IDENTIFY SUITABLE LOCATIONS IN THE SALISH SEA WHERE A BAY PEN AND NETTED ENCLOSURE CAN BE LOCATED FOR A POTENTIAL OCEAN HOME TO WHICH SK'ALICH'ELH- TENAUT, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE MIAMI SEAQUARIUM FOR MORE THAN 52 YEARS, COULD BE RETIRED; -OUTREACH TO THE DOLPHIN COMPANY FOLLOWING ITS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PURCHASE THE MIAMI SEAQUARIUM. WE OFFERED TO ORGANIZE AN INDEPENDENT VETERINARY ASSESSMENT OF SK'ALICH'ELH-TENAUT'S HEALTH AND WELFARE. AND FOLLOWING OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 SUCCESSFUL RELEASE OF THE BELUGAS AND ORCAS HELD IN THE NOTORIOUS "WHALE JAIL" IN THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST, THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE PERMANENT CLOSING OF THAT FACILITY IN DECEMBER 2021.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 630,384

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21, with sub-questions 11a-e and 12a-b. Questions cover topics like organizational type, lobbying, donor funds, and fundraising activities.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding tax-exempt bond issues, excess benefit transactions, and related party transactions.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and gaming winnings.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Form 990 (2021) Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued). Includes sections 2a through 17 with various tax-related questions and checkboxes.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee... 3 Did the organization delegate control... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes... 5 Did the organization become aware... 6 Did the organization have members... 7a Did the organization have members... 7b Are any governance decisions... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document... 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee... 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII...

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters... 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies... 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy... 11b Describe on Schedule O the process... 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy... 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees... 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor... 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy... 14 Did the organization have a written document retention... 15 Did the process for determining compensation... 15a The organization's CEO... 15b Other officers or key employees... 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to... 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy...

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Amt Similar Amounts		1a Federated campaigns b Membership dues c Fundraising events d Related organizations e Government grants (contributions) f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$ h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 96,001 1f 1,444,240 1g	
Program Service Revenue	2a	Business Code			
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue.				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.				
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		-9		-171	162
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
Other Revenue	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
		6a			
	b Less: rental expenses	6b			
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c			
	d Net rental income or (loss)				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
		7a			
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b		
	c Gain or (loss)	7c			
	d Net gain or (loss)				
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a			
		b Less: direct expenses	8b		
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a				
	b Less: direct expenses	9b			
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b			
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a					
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12 Total revenue. See instructions		1,540,232		-171	162

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	206,000	168,400	17,000	20,600
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	16,032	13,101	1,328	1,603
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	67,176	47,928	18,601	647
c Accounting	26,390		26,390	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	288,975	229,800	2,675	56,500
12 Advertising and promotion	30,976	27,641		3,335
13 Office expenses	8,434	5,204	1,922	1,308
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	26,337	24,617		1,720
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	1,190		1,190	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	2,452		2,452	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a VISITOR & OPERATIONS	73,988	73,988		
b FIELD OPERATIONS - 570	32,465	32,465		
c WEBSITE DESIGN MGMT - 554	4,453	4,453		
d MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	2,386	2,324		62
e All other expenses	4,396	463	233	3,700
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	791,650	630,384	71,791	89,475
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	847,455	1	1,582,828
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	33,423	3	575
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	880,878	16	1,583,403	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	19,804	17	27,647
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	203,800	25	149,900
	26 Total liabilities: Add lines 17 through 25	223,604	26	177,547
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	657,274	27	1,405,856
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	657,274	32	1,405,856
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	880,878	33	1,583,403	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,540,232
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	791,650
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	748,582
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	657,274
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	1,405,856

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

Additional Data

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Special Condition Description

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2021

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT

Employer identification number
81-2276219

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	726,149	889,304	1,052,310	464,517	1,540,241	4,672,521
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	726,149	889,304	1,052,310	464,517	1,540,241	4,672,521
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . .						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						4,672,521

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4.	726,149	889,304	1,052,310	464,517	1,540,241	4,672,521
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						4,672,521

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12**

13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) **14**

15 Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 **15**

16a 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b. .						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2021 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a		
b A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
11b		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the officers, directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
1		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year **(see instructions)**:

- a** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c** The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

	Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
2a		
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
2b		

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**

a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No", provide details in Part VI.</i>		
3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI. the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | | | |
|---|----------|--|--|
| 1 Net short-term capital gain | 1 | | |
| 2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 2 | | |
| 3 Other gross income (see instructions) | 3 | | |
| 4 Add lines 1 through 3 | 4 | | |
| 5 Depreciation and depletion | 5 | | |
| 6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions) | 6 | | |
| 7 Other expenses (see instructions) | 7 | | |
| 8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4) | 8 | | |

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| 1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | 1 | | |
| a Average monthly value of securities | 1a | | |
| b Average monthly cash balances | 1b | | |
| c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c | | |
| d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d | | |
| e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>): | | | |
| 2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets | 2 | | |
| 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d | 3 | | |
| 4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). | 4 | | |
| 5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 | | |
| 6 Multiply line 5 by 0.035 | 6 | | |
| 7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 | | |
| 8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 | | |

Section C - Distributable Amount

Current Year

- | | | |
|--|----------|--|
| 1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A) | 1 | |
| 2 Enter 85% of line 1 | 2 | |
| 3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A) | 3 | |
| 4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3 | 4 | |
| 5 Income tax imposed in prior year | 5 | |
| 6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions) | 6 | |

- 7** Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

(continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	6	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
1 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:			
a From 2016.			
b From 2017.			
c From 2018.			
d From 2019.			
e From 2020.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2017.			
b Excess from 2018.			
c Excess from 2019.			
d Excess from 2020.			
e Excess from 2021.			

Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT

Employer identification number

81-2276219

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . . **Yes** **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Term endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i)** Unrelated organizations
- (ii)** Related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c.) . . . ▶

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	149,900

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

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Name of the organization
THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT

Employer identification number
81-2276219

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FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	TO ESTABLISH A MODEL SEASIDE SANCTUARY WHERE CETACEANS (WHALES AND DOLPHINS) CAN BE REHABILITATED OR CAN LIVE PERMANENTLY IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MAXIMIZES WELL-BEING AND AUTONOMY AND IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	SANCTUARY SITE: HAVING ANNOUNCED THE SELECTION OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY SITE IN PORT HILFORD BAY, NOVA SCOTIA IN 2020, WE PROCEEDED IN 2021 WITH EXTENSIVE SITE DEVELOPMENT WORK. THIS INCLUDED THE EXPANSION OF OUR HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL OF THE SANCTUARY WATERS WITH A LIDAR STUDY USING LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING FROM AN AIRCRAFT TO ADD TO THE DATA COLLECTED WITH ACOUSTIC DOPPLER CURRENT PROFILERS (ADCPS) AND BATHYMETRY COLLECTED USING MULTIBEAM SONAR FROM THE WATER'S SURFACE. IN ADDITION, OUR TEAMS CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING ONSITE RESEARCH: -AN ORNITHOLOGIST SURVEYED OVERWINTERING AND STAGING SEABIRDS FROM JANUARY TO APRIL; -WE CONDUCTED A FRESHWATER SURVEY DURING THE SPRING FRESHET IN MARCH, MEASURING STREAMS FOR INSTANTANEOUS AND MAXIMUM DISCHARGE. AND WE SAMPLED STREAMS AND PONDS FOR BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATES TO ASSESS WATER QUALITY WHERE BIOLOGICALLY RELEVANT TO THE WHALES; -IN JULY, SIX CERTIFIED SCUBA DIVERS CONDUCTED A SURVEY THAT IDENTIFIED AND ENUMERATED ORGANISMS ON THE SEAFLOOR. WE USED THE SURVEY TO CALCULATE SPECIES RICHNESS AND ABUNDANCE. THE DIVERS ALSO DESCRIBED THE SEDIMENT TYPES AND DELINEATED THE PERIMETER OF EELGRASS BEDS. -WE MONITORED ICE CONDITIONS DURING REGULAR SITE VISITS AND FROM CANADIAN ICE SERVICE CHARTS; -REGULAR SITE VISITS FOLLOWED A PROTOCOL TO RECORD WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION, WAVE HEIGHT AND DIRECTION, AND WEATHER CONDITIONS WHEN TRIGGERED BY HIGH WIND SPEEDS; -WE RECORDED WEATHER CONDITIONS EVERY DAY FROM ONLINE DATABASES, INCLUDING THE WEATHER DESCRIPTION, AIR TEMPERATURE AND PERCEIVED AIR TEMPERATURE, AIR PRESSURE, SUSTAINED AND GUST WIND SPEEDS, WIND DIRECTION, PRECIPITATION TYPE AND AMOUNT, PERCENT HUMIDITY, VISIBILITY, THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF SUN, THE UV INDEX, THE MARINE FORECAST (WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION, PRECIPITATION TYPE, VISIBILITY, AND WAVE HEIGHT), TIME AND HEIGHT OF HIGH AND LOW TIDES, HOURLY TIDE LEVEL, MOON PHASE, AND PERCENT OF THE MOON THAT IS SUNLIT; -WE MONITORED SATELLITE IMAGES THAT ARE TAKEN EVERY FIVE DAYS FROM THE SENTINEL-2 SATELLITE; -WE RECORDED AIR AND WATER TEMPERATURES EVERY 30 MINUTES AT DIFFERENT DEPTHS; -WE RECORDED WATER LEVEL DATA EVERY 30 MINUTES UP TO OCTOBER, AND EVERY 12 MINUTES THEREAFTER; -WE TESTED WATER QUALITY FROM THE BAY AND NEARBY FRESHWATER INPUTS SEASONALLY FOR NUTRIENTS, METALS, AND COLIFORMS USING AN ACCREDITED LABORATORY; -ZOOPLANKTON IN THE BAY ARE IDENTIFIED AND ENUMERATED SEASONALLY BY AN EXPERT. IN ADDITION TO THE EXPENSES ABOVE THERE WERE DONATED LEGAL SERVICES OF 150,050 AND DONATED PAINTING SERVICES OF 1,500.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	OPERATIONS & VISITOR CENTER: OUR U.S. AND CANADIAN STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS COLLABORATED TO RENOVATE AND RE-EQUIP A CENTURY HOUSE IN SHERBROOKE, NOVA SCOTIA, AS AN OPERATIONS & VISITOR CENTRE. THIS FACILITY OPERATES AS OUR LOCAL HEADQUARTERS WITH CONFERENCE ROOM, OFFICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VISITING STAFF. IT ALSO PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS FOR THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHALES AND HOW SANCTUARIES IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CETACEANS. THE CENTRE ALSO HAS EXHIBITS ABOUT THE WHALE SANCTUARY AND IS A GATHERING PLACE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE SANCTUARY AND SHARE THEIR QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THE OPENING IN OCTOBER WAS ATTENDED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND OTHER DIGNITARIES FROM AROUND NOVA SCOTIA. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH: BEYOND THE OPERATIONS & VISITOR CENTRE, OUR CANADIAN STAFF COORDINATOR CONDUCTED NUMEROUS PUBLIC EVENTS, HELPING TO EDUCATE LOCAL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ABOUT WHALES, INCLUDING WITH WHALE-THEMED PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS. WE ALSO CONDUCTED NINE EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS TO AN AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS INCLUDED PIONEERING SCIENTISTS, INNOVATORS IN THE STUDY OF CETACEAN COMMUNICATION, LEGISLATION, THE UNDERSTANDING OF WHALE CULTURE, AND AUTHENTIC SANCTUARIES. WE EXPANDED OUR OUTREACH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA AS WELL AS WITH OUR AWARD-WINNING SHORT FILM "WHALES WITHOUT WALLS," WHICH IS REGULARLY USED AS AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS. WHALE AID: WITH OUR TEAM OF EXPERTS ON MATTERS OF WHALE CARE AND WELFARE, OUR WHALE AID WORK INCLUDED: -ASSISTING SACRED LANDS CONSERVANCY, A NON-PROFIT CREATED BY LUMMI NATION ELDERS IN THEIR WORK TO RELOCATE SK'ALICH'ELH-TENAUT, THE ORCA WHALE ALSO KNOWN AS LOLITA, TO HER BIRTH WATERS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. WE HELPED IDENTIFY SUITABLE LOCATIONS IN THE SALISH SEA WHERE A BAY PEN AND NETTED ENCLOSURE CAN BE LOCATED FOR A POTENTIAL OCEAN HOME TO WHICH SK'ALICH'ELH- TENAUT, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE MIAMI SEAQUARIUM FOR MORE THAN 52 YEARS, COULD BE RETIRED; -OUTREACH TO THE DOLPHIN COMPANY FOLLOWING ITS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PURCHASE THE MIAMI SEAQUARIUM. WE OFFERED TO ORGANIZE AN INDEPENDENT VETERINARY ASSESSMENT OF SK'ALICH'ELH-TENAUT'S HEALTH AND WELFARE. AND FOLLOWING OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 SUCCESSFUL RELEASE OF THE BELUGAS AND ORCAS HELD IN THE NOTORIOUS "WHALE JAIL" IN THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST, THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE PERMANENT CLOSING OF THAT FACILITY IN DECEMBER 2021.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE CPA, SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT, AND REVIEWED BY THE BOARD PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AS THEY OCCUR; THROUGH THE BOARD'S SMALL SIZE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS, ANY SUCH CONFLICTS ARE QUICKLY RECOGNIZED AND RESOLVED.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONS PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARE BASED ON REVIEW OF COMPARABLE DATA AND CONTEMPORANEOUS SUBSTANTIATION OF THE DELIBERATION AND DECISION.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	CONSULTING - OTHER 229,800 0 56,500 PAYROLL SERVICE FEES 0 2,675 0 TOTAL 229,800 2,675 56,500

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