

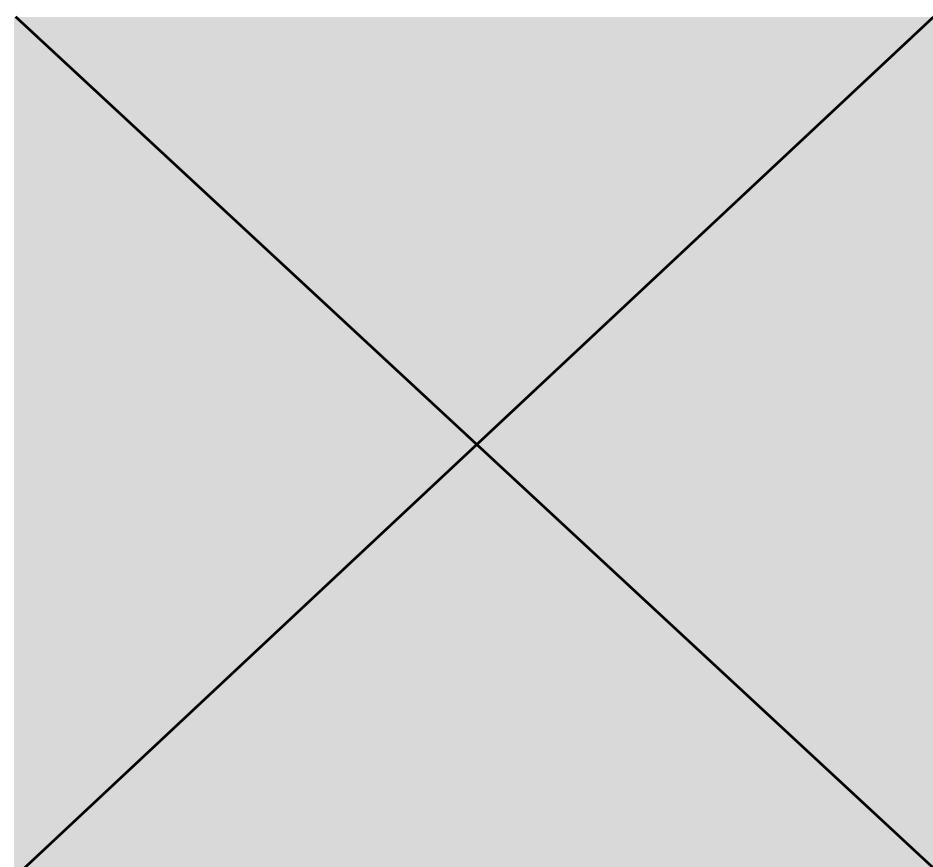
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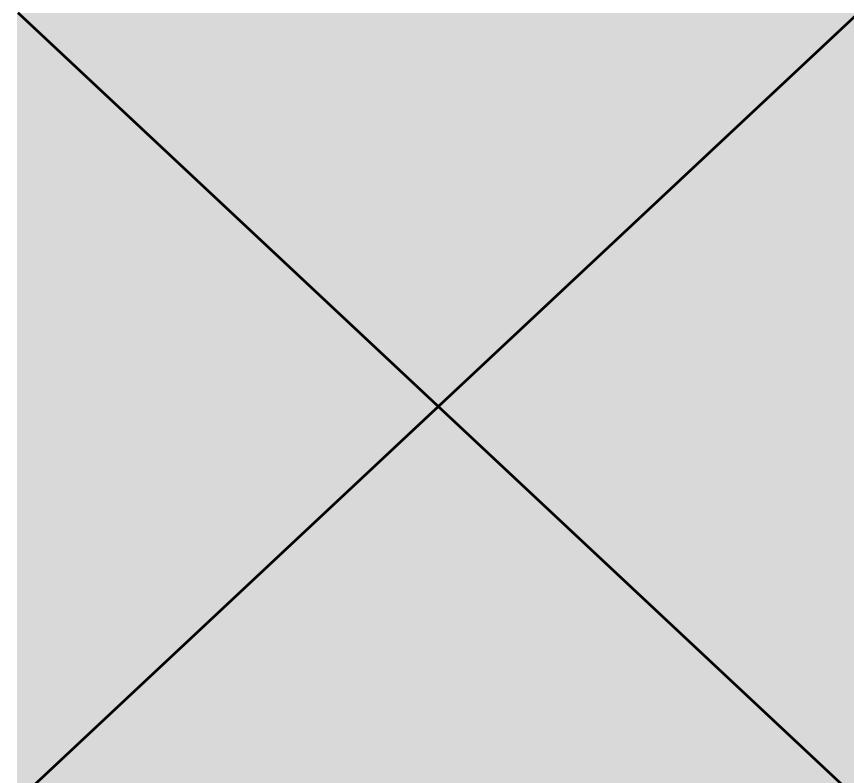
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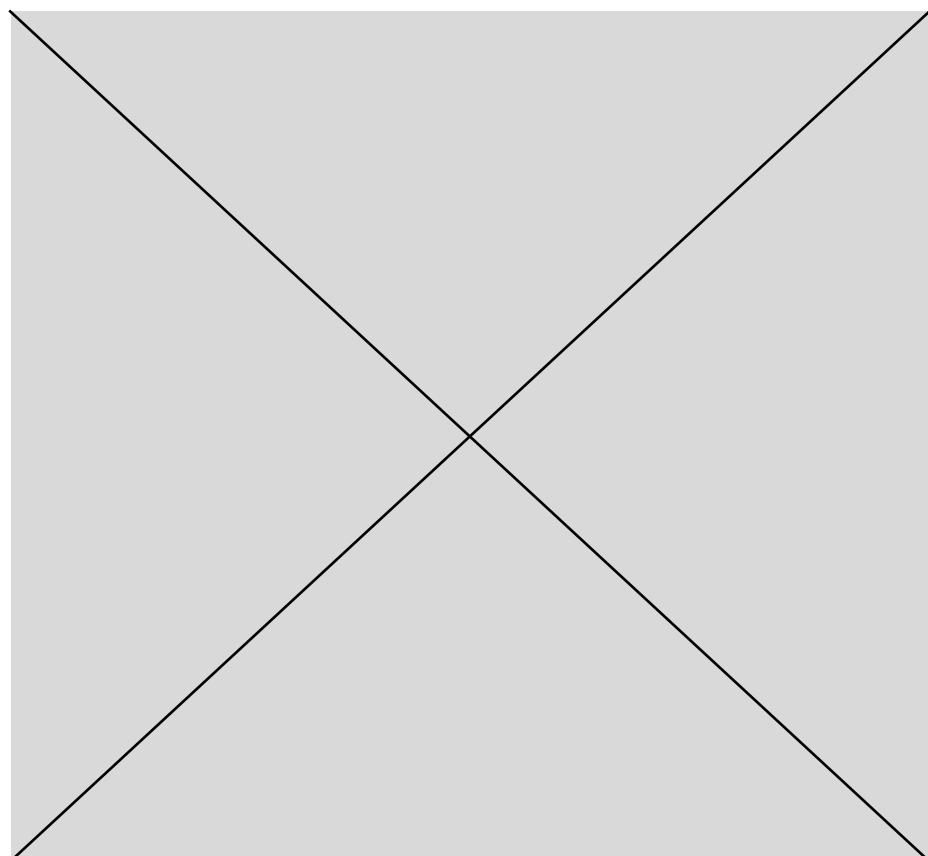
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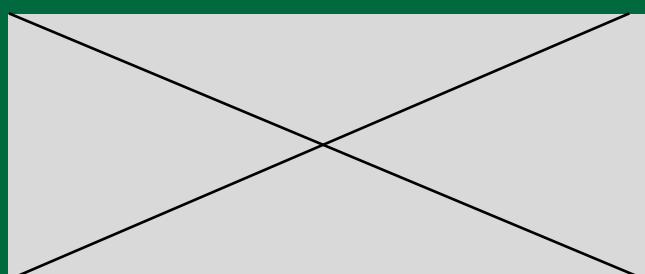
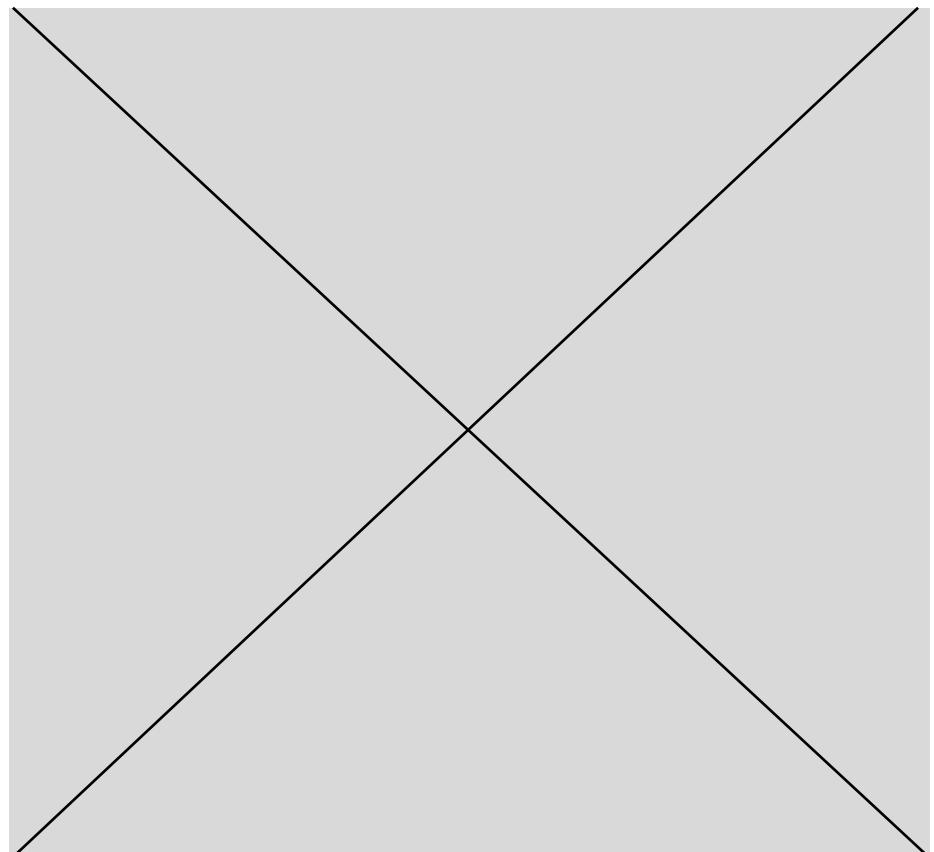
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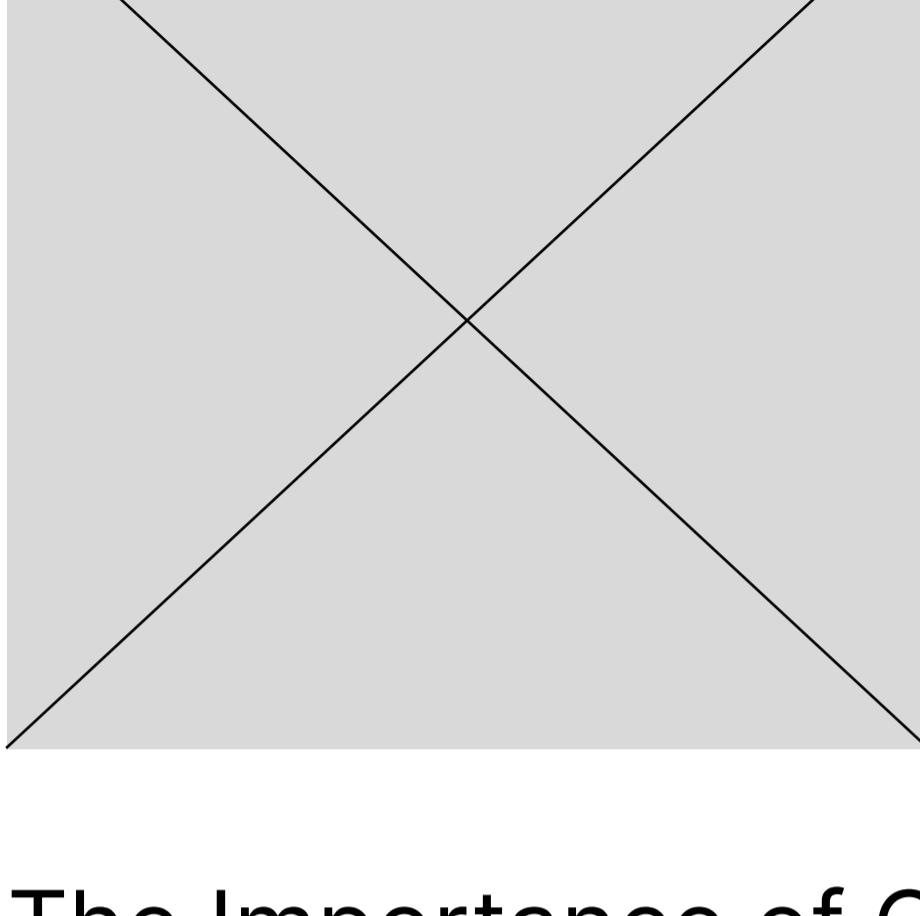
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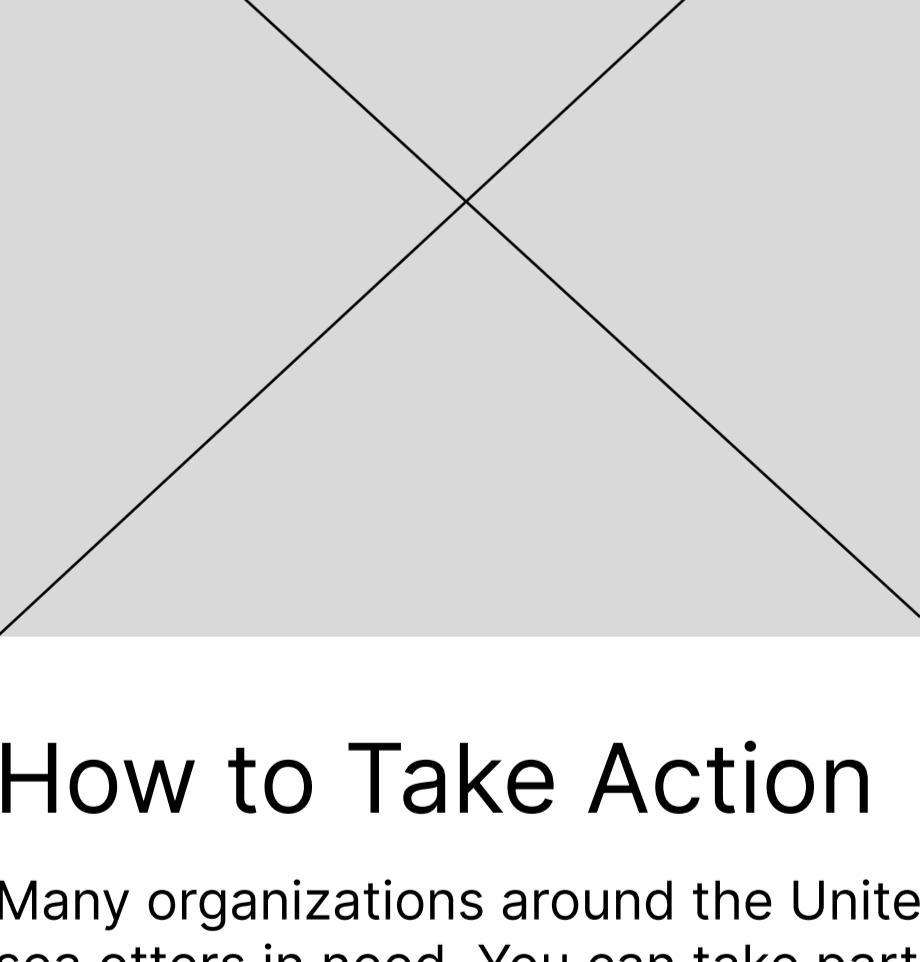
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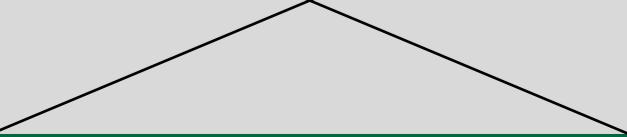
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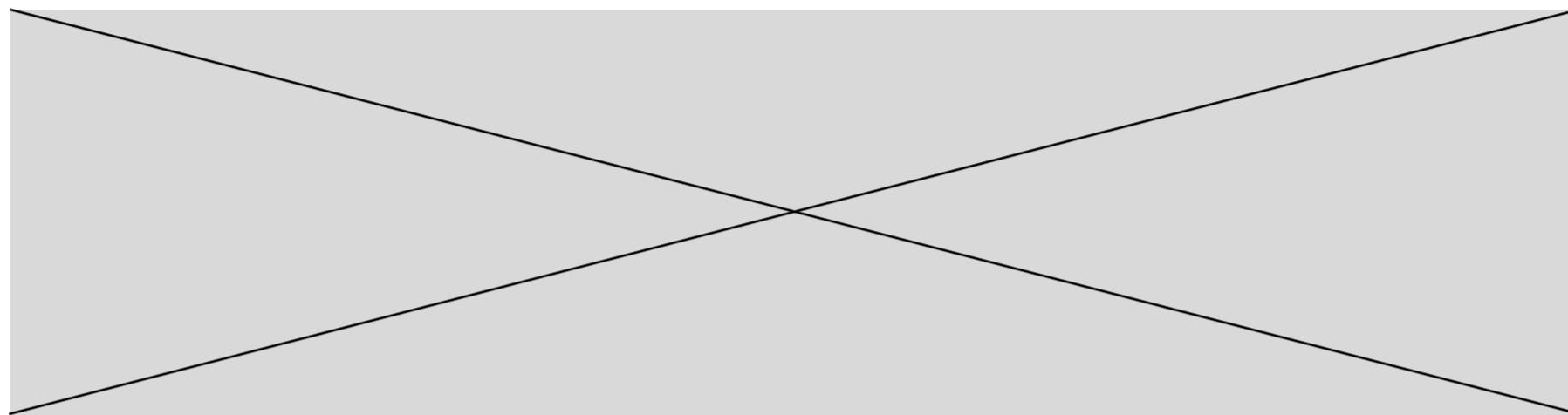
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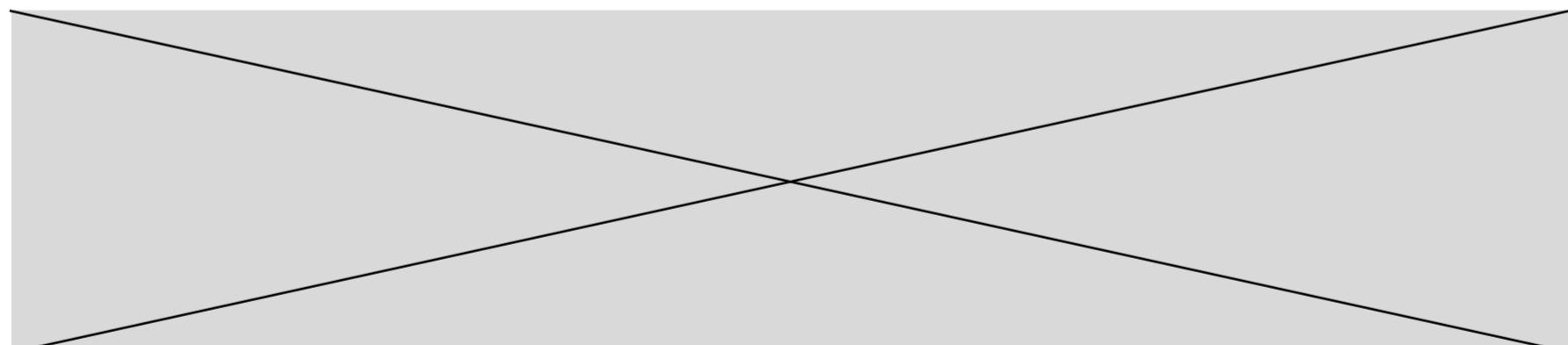
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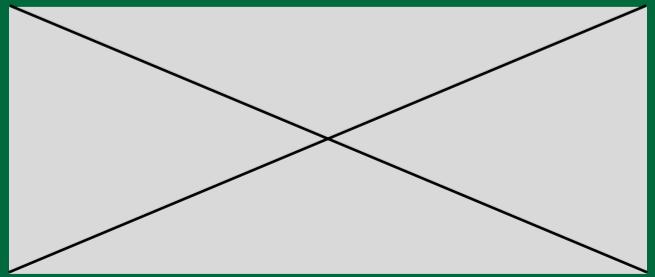
Why This Website Exists



For this project, I have decided to make a website showing my appreciation for sea otters. I chose this topic not only because sea otters are my favorite animals, but also because I want to spread awareness about how crucial sea otters are to the environment, despite facing endangerment.



The website also features a list of otter-themed charities and nonprofit organizations for any otter lover to take action.



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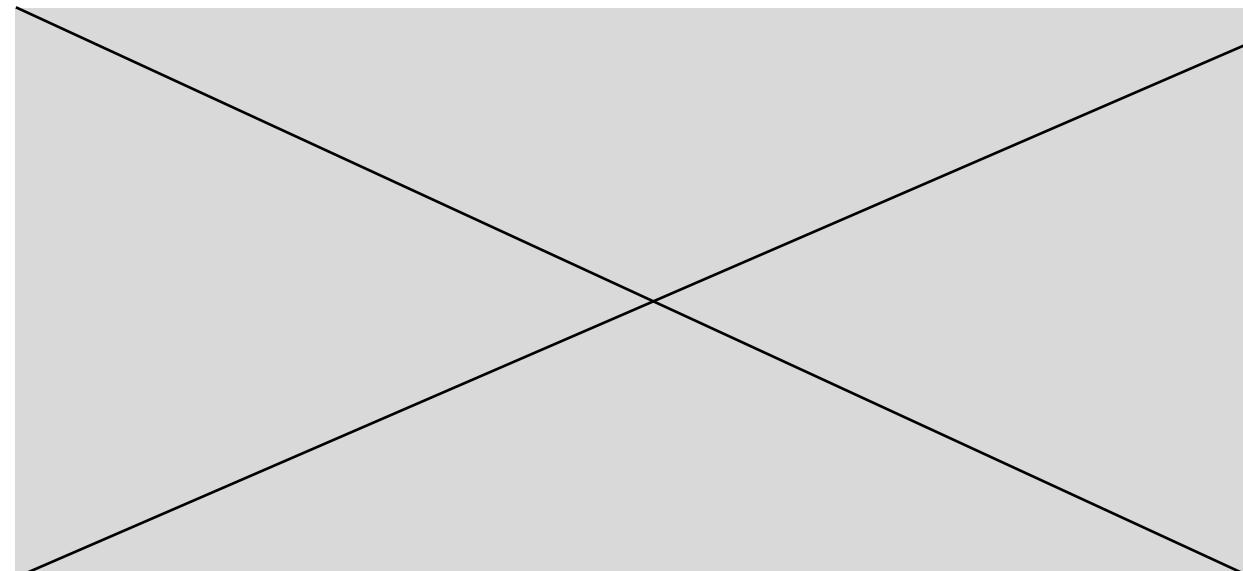
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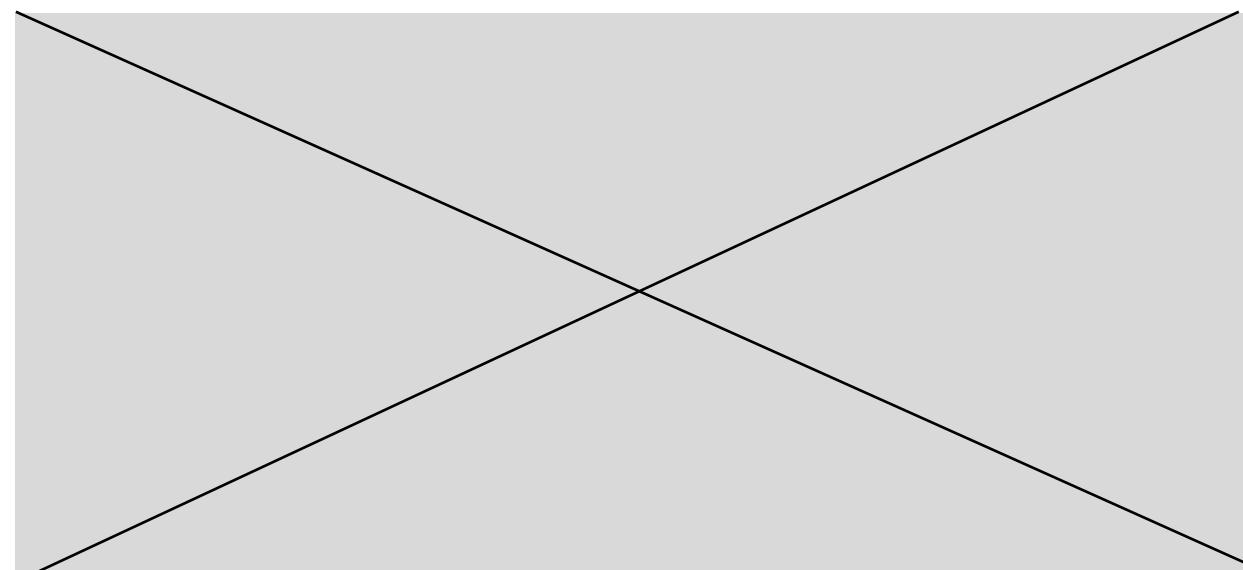
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The Importance of Otters



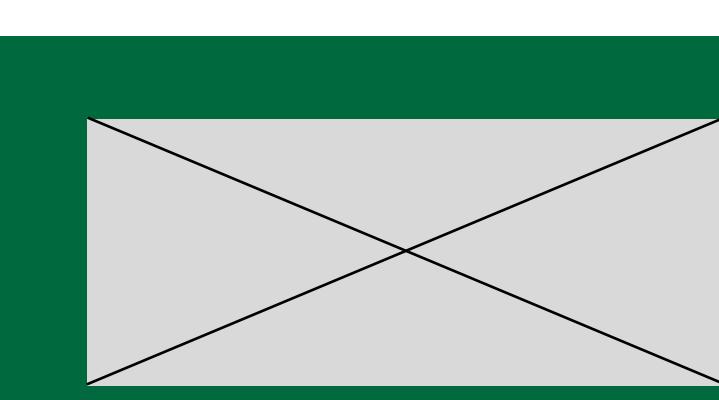
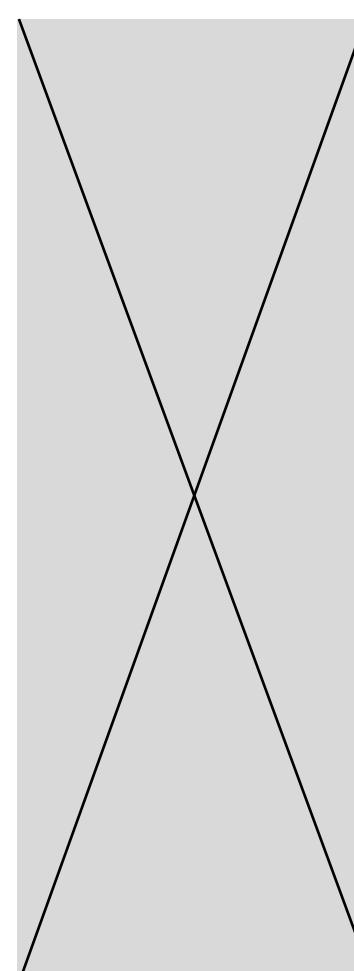
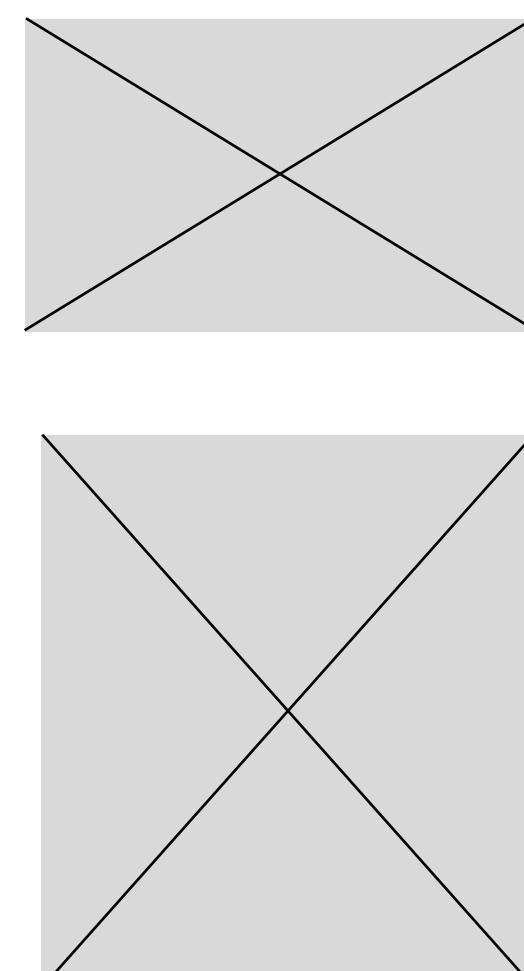
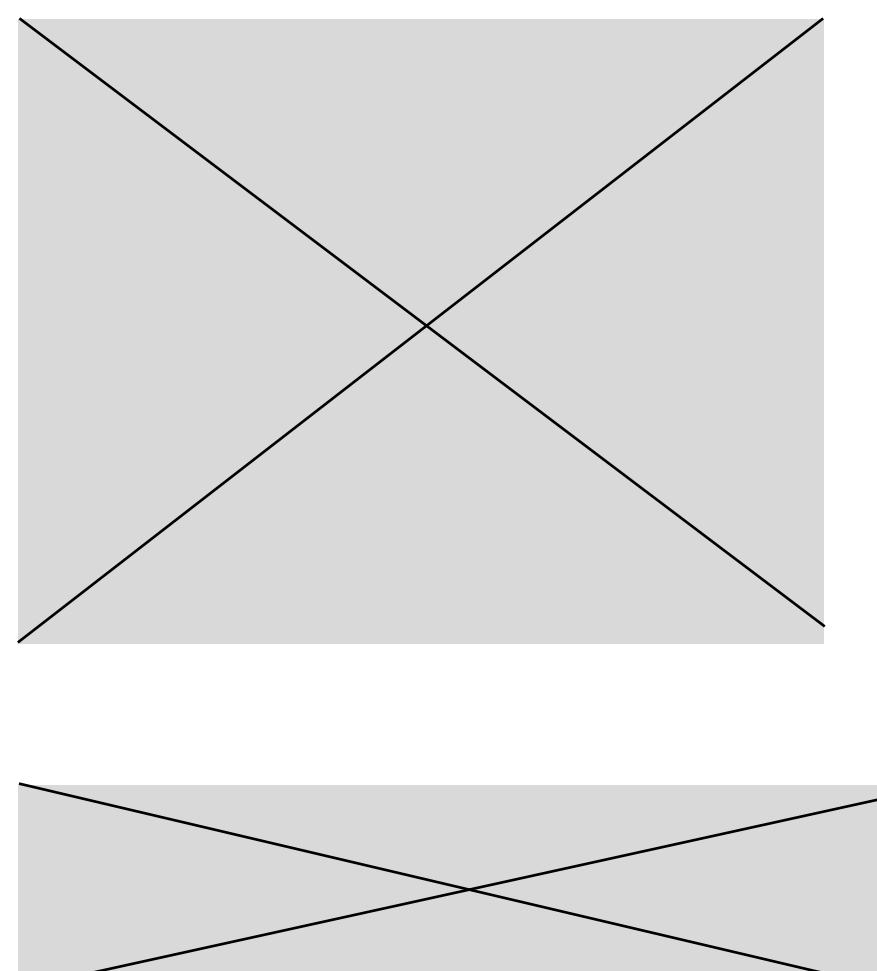
Although they may seem warm and cuddly, sea otters are crucial predators to many kelp forest ecosystems. Without them, many shellfish species like sea urchins, clams, and oysters may populate beyond control, pushing the ecosystem out of balance.

Endangerment Status



The World Wildlife Fund categorizes the Southern Sea Otter, a species native to California, as threatened. They also list the Northern Sea Otter, native to the Pacific Northwest, threatened as well. For more information, visit [the World Wildlife Fund's Website](#).

They're also Very Cute...



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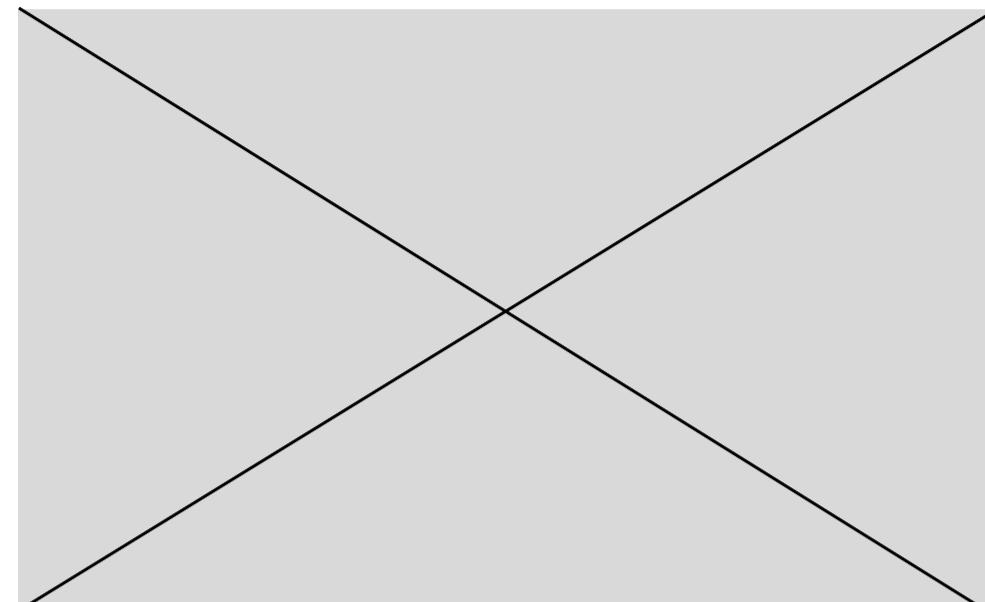
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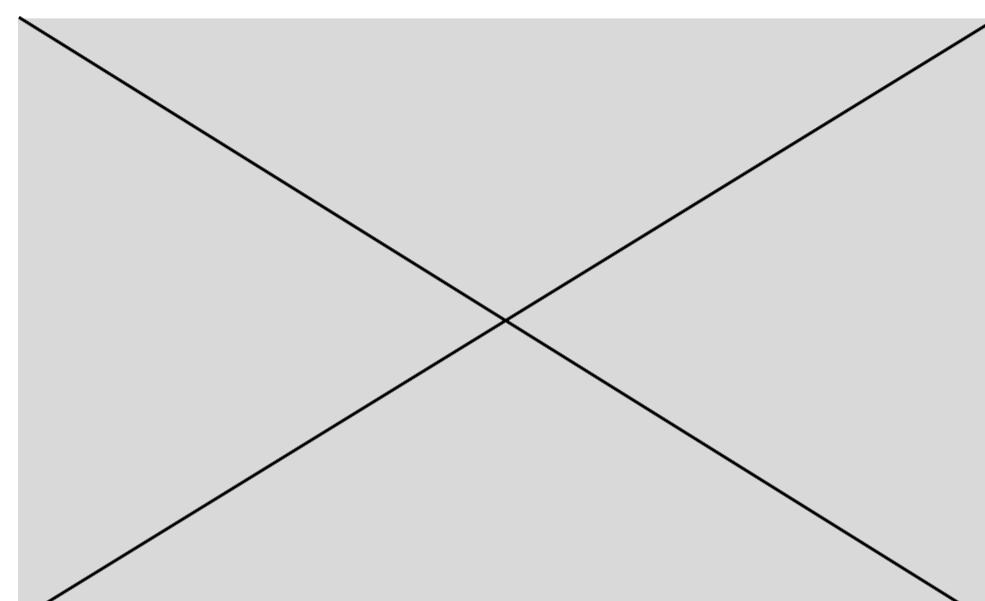
Otters need your help! And you can help them in many different ways!

Maybe you want to donate to some research. Maybe you want to volunteer with some research yourself! In any case, try consulting these existing sea otter organizations



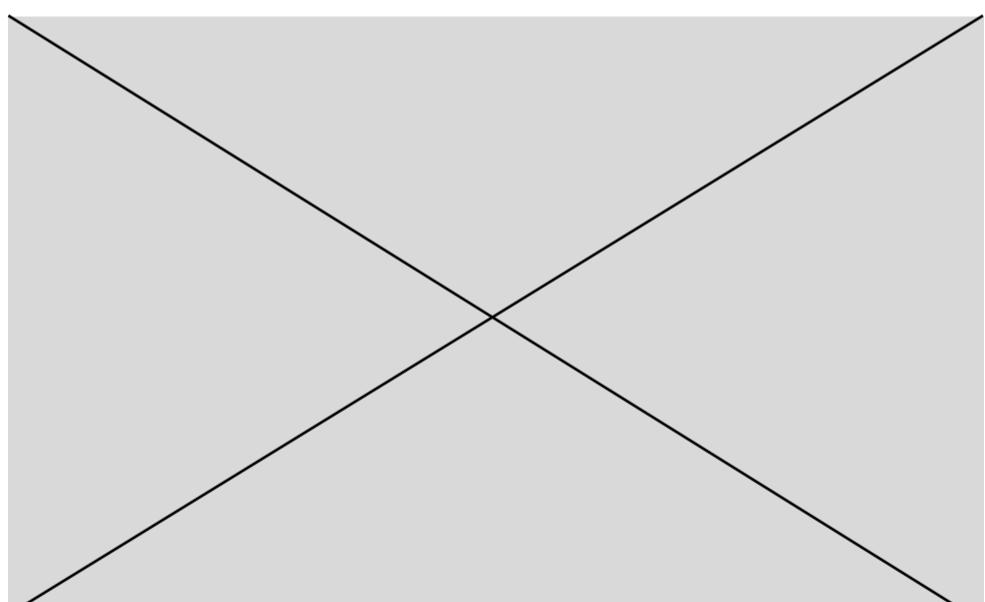
Sea Otter Foundation & Trust

Based in Colorado, the Sea Otter Foundation & Trust is exactly what it sounds like! They engage in all kinds of research, projects, and funding programs to save otter-powered ecosystems!



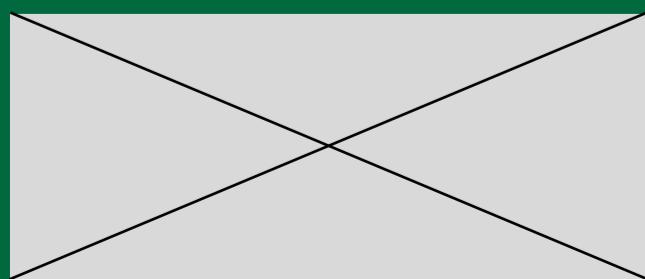
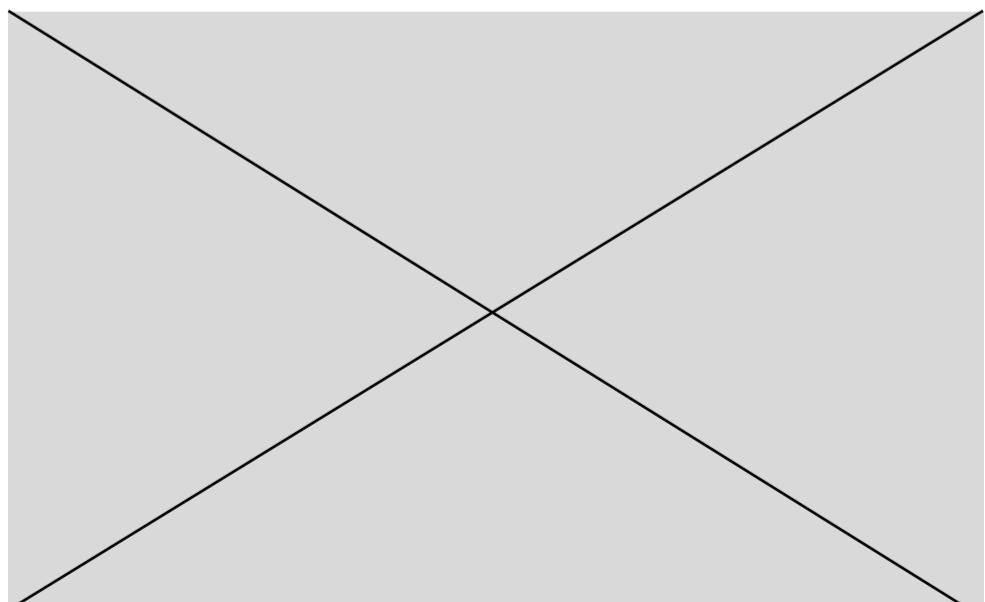
The Marine Mammal Center

The Marine Mammal Center of Sausalito, Ca not only focuses on sea otters, but all sorts of marine mammals too! Your turn to help these critters (seals included)!



National Marine Sanctuary Organization

Of course, the National Marine Sanctuary Organization is here to help too! They help preserve land (including otter habitats) to save all sorts of ocean animals from losing their homes!



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