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On April 20th Esperanza left Tenerife in the Canary Islands, heading to the Azores in the mid-Atlantic. On this, the third leg of our year-long expedition, we'll be working with marine experts from the University of the Azores and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), looking at [seamounts](#), huge undersea mountains which sustain a vast cornucopia of marine life, and also filming the [sperm whales](#) which congregate off the islands.

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Open day in sunny Barcelona

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Everyone loves a jellyfish - [click here](#) to see the whole range of Defending Our Oceans wallpapers. They'll spruce up your desktop and remind you of the marvellous world above and below the waves you are helping to protect (by being an [Ocean Defender](#)) every time you look at your screen.

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18 May 2006

Videoblog - Azores wrap up

by Elaine, soon to be onboard the Esperanza



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As the Esperanza heads towards the Mediterranean, [we look back at the Defending Our Oceans tour so far](#). There's more stunning footage from the underwater world of the Azores, Captain Frank talks about whales and Moff the medic/painter/deckhand talks about pirates. Sara and the crew throw you a challenge - and everyone loves a challenge!

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