

## Activity Description

How can the Vaquita be saved? Are there ways fisherman can keep their jobs while still keeping the Vaquita safe? Imagine a fishing boat approaching a vaquita in the ocean. Using the list of materials below, create a conservation method of your own invention on how you would save the vaquita porpoise.

### **Materials:**

Pipe-cleaners

Popsicle sticks

**Step one:** Get into groups of at least 3-4 people each

**Step two:** Take five minutes to brainstorm your conservation invention

**Step three:** Get your idea checked off by a teacher or buddy

**Step four:** Build your invention, make sure to finish in 10 minutes

**Step five:** Present your invention to the class and explain how it works and how it will help save the Vaquitas from becoming extinct.

**Step six:** Take your invention home and show your family and friends!

**Ideas to help you get started:** a new fishing method; a way to enforce the ban of gill nets in Mexico waters; a tool to use to help the vaquita stay away and/or escape from nets; a way to help fishermen release any vaquitas they catch; maybe a way to improve fishing nets to prevent bycatch; or a way to monitor a fishermen to make sure they are not impacting the environment negatively.

Remember, you can be as creative as you want! There are no limits to your ideas!