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TEAM GRAY WHALE



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STUDIES:

Whales and dolphins around the world, particularly off California, Mexico and Russia.

RESEARCH FOCUS:

The behavior, biology, and ecology of gray whales.

HAS STUDIED:

Gray whales since 1997, observing them in the frigid Okhotsk Sea off Russia and in the Pacific Ocean off Mexico, Canada and the United States. Spends about 3 months a year on small boats or perched on coastal cliff tops conducting research.

SOMETHING SURPRISING ABOUT DAVE:

I love to surf and play guitar. I'm also a vegetarian.

THREE THINGS DAVE DOES TO HELP THE EARTH:

My family conserves water, we recycle, drive hybrid cars and we don't use toxic chemicals in our yard.

