Join us for a film screening and panelist discussion

**Souls of the Vermilion Sea**
The struggle to save the vaquita, the most endangered marine mammal in the world.

Sunday, March 25, 2018, 3-5 p.m.
Arizona State University, Tempe campus
Memorial Union, room 230 (Pima)

**What:** A special screening of the short documentary *Souls of the Vermilion Sea* followed by a moderated panel discussion with global experts on marine mammal conservation.

**Details:**
The vaquita is a critically endangered small porpoise that can only be found in the northern waters of the Gulf of California, Mexico. Acoustic monitoring programs indicate that there are less than 30 individual vaquitas remaining in the entire population, which is threatened by fishing activities and an illegal trade in the swim bladders of the totoaba, an endangered fish species which shares its home in the Gulf.

This will be the first public dialogue with individuals directly involved with vaquita conservation, including experts from the recent Vaquita Conservation Protection Recovery (CPR) efforts that ended in December in the Gulf.

Join this important global conversation as we assess the lessons learned and explore whether there is hope for the vaquita and other critically endangered whale and dolphin species.

**Who:**

- **Yaiyr Astudillo-Scalia**
  - ASU PhD student
  - Environmental Life Sciences

- **Dr. Debra Colodner**
  - Director of Conservation Education and Science
  - Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

- **Dr. Frances Gulland**
  - Veterinarian and Senior Scientist
  - The Marine Mammal Center
  - Sausalito, California

- **Dr. Armando Jaramillo-Legorreta**
  - Full Researcher, Instituto Nacional de Ecología y Cambio Climático
  - SEMARNAT, Mexico

- **Dr. Tom Jefferson**
  - Director
  - VIVA Vaquita

- **Kate O’Connell**
  - Marine Wildlife Consultant
  - Animal Welfare Institute

- **Alejandro Olivera**
  - Mexico Representative
  - Center for Biological Diversity

- **Dr. Bernd Würsig** (Moderator)
  - Professor Emeritus
  - Texas A&M University
  - Marine Mammal Researcher

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