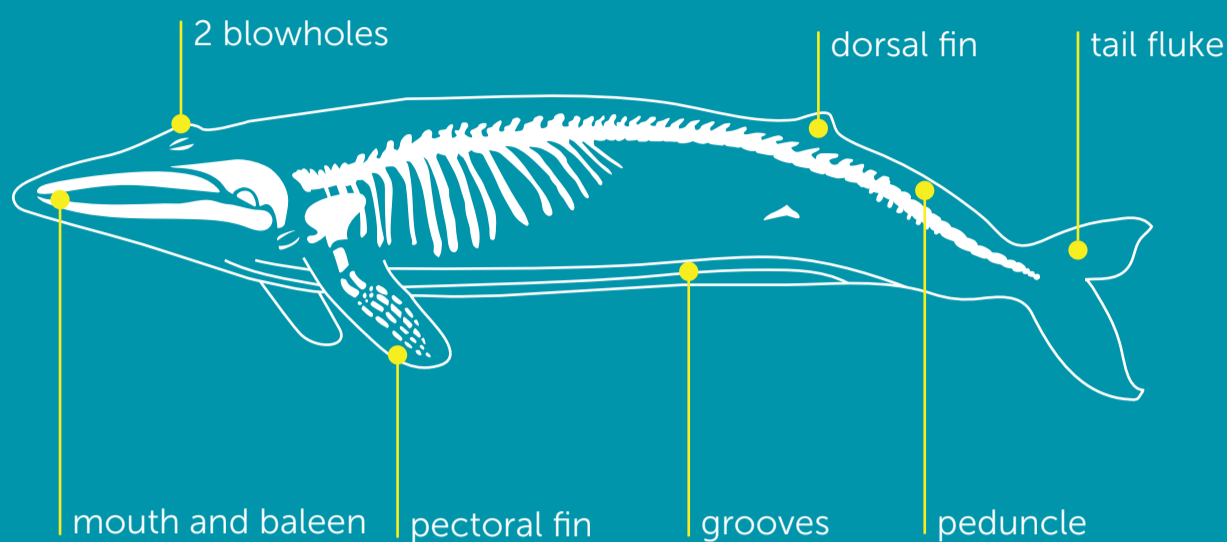


WHALES TODAY

BLUE WHALE

Balaenoptera musculus

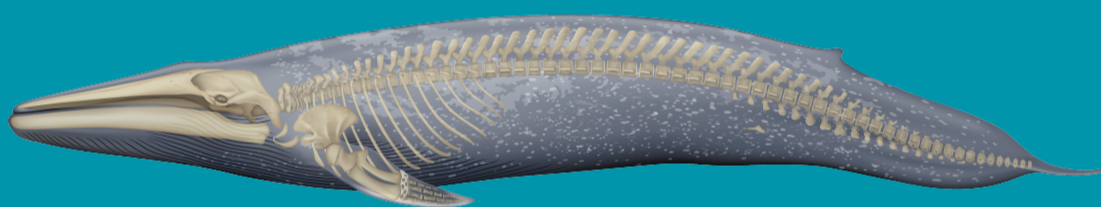
STATUS: **endangered**



LENGTH: 75-95 ft/23-29 m



POPULATION: 16,000* *estimate as of 2018



FACTS



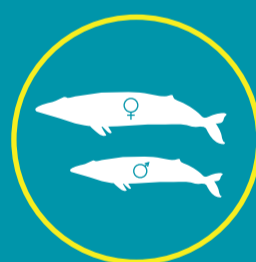
can swim at 30 mph/48 kph in short bursts; normally swims at 12 mph/19 kph



adults can eat up to 40 million krill per day



found in all oceans

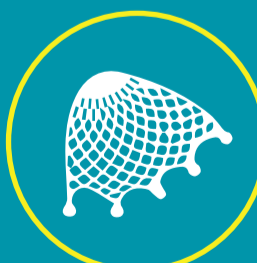


females are slightly longer than males



most massive animal species ever; longest recorded 109 ft/33 m; heaviest 301,000 lbs/136,531 kg

THREATS



entanglement



ship strike



marine debris



noise pollution



toxins