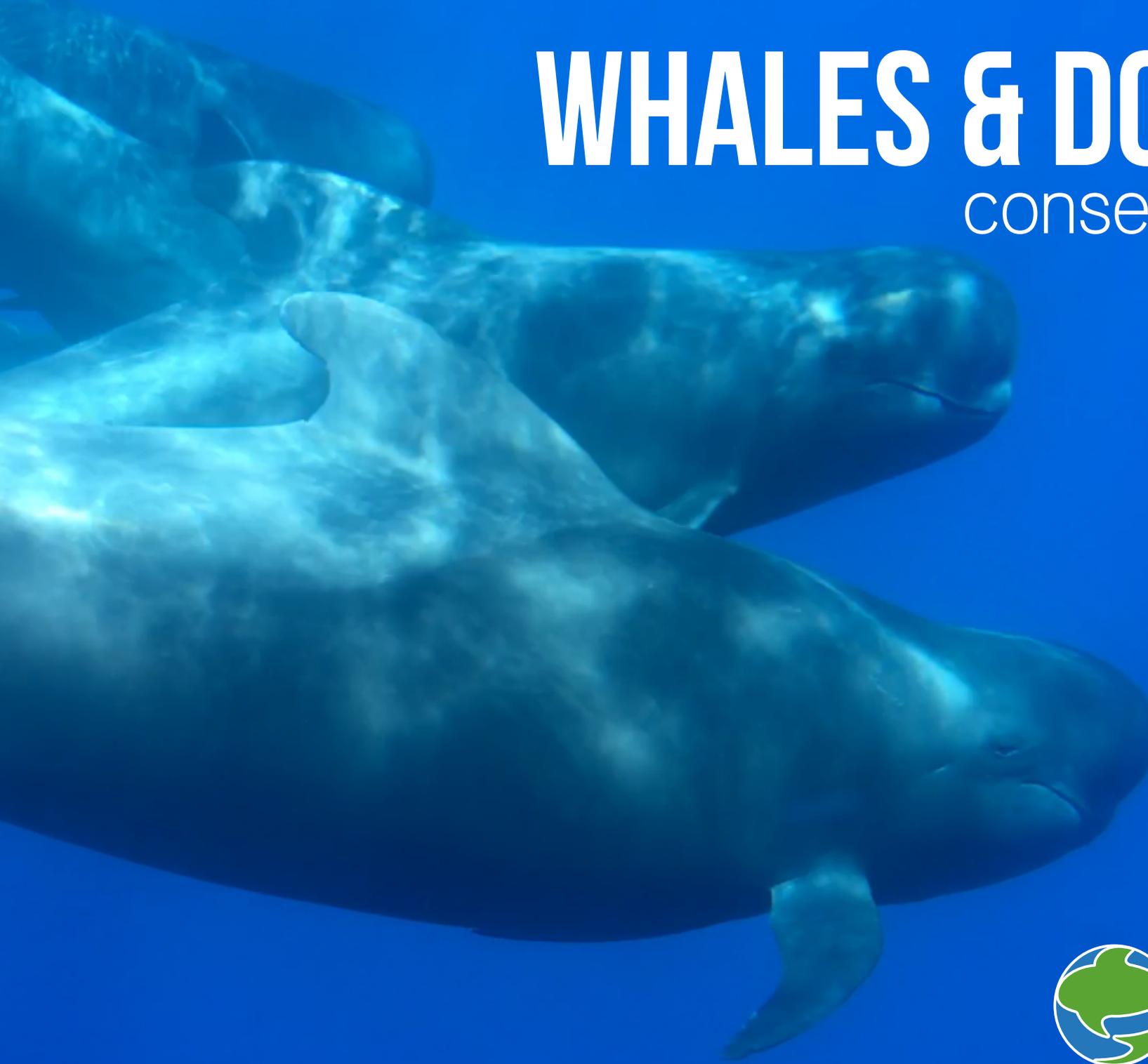


# WHALES & DOLPHINS

conservation pack



**AWWF**

# IUCN RED LIST

of threatened species

## DATA DEFICIENT

Long Fin Pilot Whale  
Short Fin Pilot Whale  
Atlantic Spotted Dolphins  
Brydes Whale  
Killer Whale  
True's Beaked Whale  
Pygmy Sperm Whale  
Gervais's Beaked Whale  
Dwarf Sperm Whale  
False Killer Whale  
Northern Bottlenose Whale  
Blainville's Beaked Whale

## VULNERABLE

Sperm Whale

## LEAST CONCERNED

Bottlenose Dolphin  
Common Dolphin  
Striped Dolphin  
Northern Right Whale  
Fraser's Dolphin  
Pantropical Spotted Dolphin  
Curvier's Beaked Whale  
Minke Whale  
Rough-Toothed Dolphin  
Risso's Dolphin

## ENDANGERED

Fin Whale  
Blue Whale  
Sei Whale

**Critically Endangered** means the species faces an extremely high risk of extinction.

**Endangered** means the species faces a very high risk of extinction

**Vulnerable** means the species faces a high risk of extinction

**Near Threatened** means the species is very close to entering the endangered categories.

**Data Deficient** means not enough is known of the species to make a determination of its conservation status. It does not mean the species is not endangered.

# THE CANARIES

Impact of Conservation threats on the whales and dolphins

## BLUE WHALE

The largest animal ever to have lived and once common in these waters was decimated by American whaling in the 1930s. It is not thought that the North Atlantic population will be able to recover.



## PILOT WHALE

Their cousins in the Faroe Islands (Denmark) are subject to the largest whale hunt in the world in which around 1000 are slaughtered each year – that is more than there are in Tenerife!



## BEAKED WHALE

These extremely rare whales were once common here. In 2008 US Navy sonic warfare testing in the Canaries resulted in the death of the entire population. After the incident our data shows extremely few sightings.



## FIN & SEI WHALE

Frequent visitors to the Canaries as they migrate between feeding and migrating grounds. Their numbers have been falling year on year according to AWF data- no one knows why, although large whales like these are hunted.



## RISSO DOLPHIN

Once common sightings here with a resident community living off of La Gomera. They disappeared from our records after Fred Olsen introduced the high speed ferry from Tenerife to La Gomera and are believed to have moved.



## BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

Dolphin populations face numerous threats: pollution; illegal hunting; Drift and gill nets which kill thousands every year. Many thousands more are killed by the dolphin captivity industry. There are two dolphinariums on Tenerife!



## SPERM WHALE

These huge animals were once frequently seen here, they live just around the coast between Gran Canaria and Tenerife. Sadly, their numbers were decimated by the Fred Olsen ferry through frequent boat collisions.



## RIGHT WHALE

Not seen at all. The population in the North Atlantic was all but wiped out in the early years of whale hunting.



If you want to keep in touch with what is happening join our community.

# BY-CATCH

a contribution to extinction



**OVER 300,000 WHALES,**  
dolphins, and porpoises are killed  
**EACH YEAR AS A RESULT OF BY-CATCH**

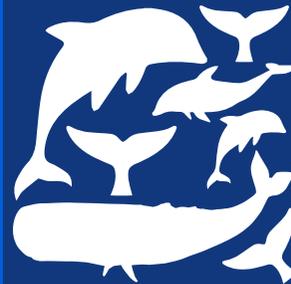
**90%**

of all Humpback  
WHALE ENTANGLEMENTS GO  
undetected or unreported



Within 18 years  
**85,000**  
sea turtles were  
CAUGHT IN GLOBAL  
fisheries 

By-catch  
IS THE NUMBER 1  
**threat**  
TO 62 OF THE 71  
existing species  
**OF CETACEANS**



CETACEANS SUSTAIN  
lifetime injuries  
EVEN WHEN FREED  
from by-catch  
**INCLUDING**  
infection  
AND DEFORMATION



Fishing gear  
**CAUSES**  
lesions  
SUFFOCATION  
and death  
**IN CETACEANS**



**HUMPBACK WHALES ARE THE MOST COMMON**  
species to be entangled, appearing most in  
**THE 54 REPORTS OF ENTANGLEMENT SINCE 2008**



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# CAPTIVITY

a contribution to extinction



**80** % OF CAPTIVE DOLPHINS DIED before they turned 20 years old  
**IN THE WILD THEY CAN LIVE to 50 years on average**

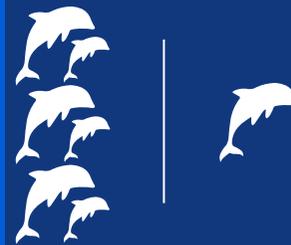
**CETACEANS** can swim upto **100 MILES PER DAY** no tank is ever **BIG ENOUGH**



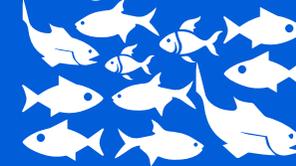
Animal trade is **THE 3RD BIGGEST** illegal activity **IN THE WORLD** after sex and drugs



Cetaceans live **IN LARGE PODS**, with close social bonds **AND HIERARCHIES**, in captivity **THEY ARE HOUSED** with strangers **OR ALONE**



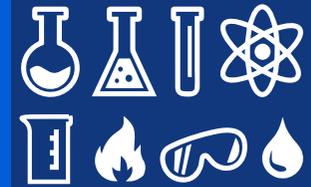
**CETACEANS FEED** upon a variety of **FISH & INVERTIBRATES** living in the wild.



**IN CAPTIVITY** they are limited **TO JUST ONE SPECIES** of dead fish



Tanks are kept **CLEAN WITH** with chemicals **WITH UNKNOWN** side affects **CAUSING PROBLEMS** with their **SIGHT & SKIN**



**80% OF THE PUBLIC AGREE THAT LIFELONG** confinement to relatively small pools **IS REASON ENOUGH TO END ORCA CAPTIVITY**



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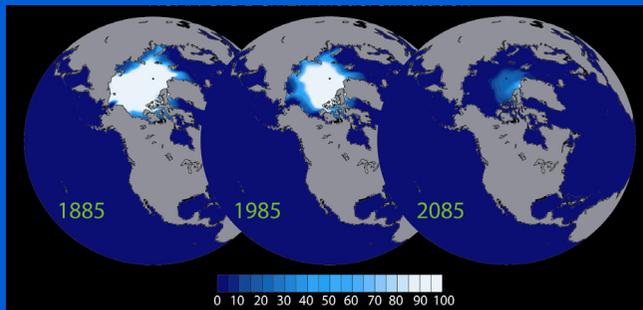
# GLOBAL WARMING

a contribution to extinction



**MORE THAN 1 MILLION SPECIES** have become extinct due to disappearing habitats, ECOSYSTEMS, ACIDIC OCEANS ALL CAUSED DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING. Within 40 years we will lose **1/3** OF ALL OUR SPECIES UNLESS WE ACT NOW TO CHANGE THINGS.

GLOBAL SEA LEVELS are projected TO RISE ANOTHER 16 inches BY 2050



GLOBAL WARMING is the single **BIGGEST THREAT** towards the **GREAT BARRIER REEF**



GLOBAL WARMING will completely **ALTER THE** ocean's currents **WHICH WILL** cause a mini **ICE AGE** in Europe



**AROUND 100 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE WITHIN 3 FEET** of sea level, and **13/20** of the worlds **LARGEST CITIES ARE LOCATED NEAR SUCH** vulnerable areas. 

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# HUNTING

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**IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC**  
the Blue whale and the Right Whale  
**HAVE BEEN HUNTED TO NEAR EXTINCTION**



COMMERCIAL WHALING  
was outlawed  
IN 1986 BY THE IWC  
but dolphin  
HUNTS REMAIN  
legal 



**DOLPHINS**  
have been known  
**TO TAKE**  
**Over**  
**30 MINUTES**  
**to die**



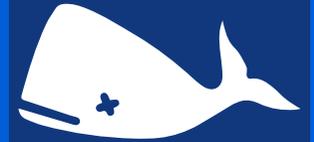
(A LONG, PAINFUL DEATH)

Dolphin hunters  
**CAN GET UP TO**  
**\$210,000**  
**FOR A LIVE**  
**dolphin**



**AND THOUSANDS**  
are massacred  
**IN THE PROCESS**

**SINCE 1986**  
over 25,000  
**WHALES HAVE**  
been legally  
**KILLED FOR**  
'scientific research'



**NO RESEARCH**  
findings have  
**YET BEEN PUBLISHED**

**UP TO 1,000**  
pilot whales are killed  
**EVERY YEAR IN THE**  
Faroe Islands, as part of  
**THE WORLDS LARGEST**  
whale cull

**JAPANESE DRIVE HUNTS**  
kill nearly 20,000 whales,  
**DOLPHINS AND PORPOISES**  
each year. 

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# NOISE POLLUTION

a contribution to extinction



**IN 2008 US NAVY SONIC WARFARE** killed an entire family of rare beaked whales **OFF OF THE COAST OF LANZAROTE**, research shows they had had a brain haemorrhage.

**HUMPBACK WHALES** can sing to **EACH OTHER** over thousands **OF MILES**

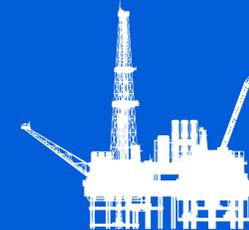


**SOUND TRAVELS** 4 times faster **IN WATER THAN AIR** because the **MOLECULES ARE** packed closer together

**AS WATER ACTIVITIES** such as jet-skiing **RISE IN POPULARITY** the growth in **HARMFUL VIBRATION** interference **INCREASES.**



Sources of Noise **POLLUTION INCLUDE** Passing Ships, **OIL EXPLORATION**, Seismic Surveys **AND NAVAL** Low-Frequency **ACTIVE SONAR.**



**IN 2015** in the Bahamas **55** **MARINE SPECIES** have suffered **EXTENSIVE INJURIES** due to sound **EXPOSURE.**

**SONAR TESTING CAN CAUSE CETACEAN STRANDINGS.** For example, Sperm Whales **WILL STOP VOCALISING FOR 36 HOURS** after use of air guns. 

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# POLLUTION

a contribution to extinction



  
**OVER 300,000 MARINE MAMMALS**  
are killed each year from plastic ingestion  
**AND OVER 1,000,000 SEA BIRDS**

Sperm whales washed  
**UP ONTO THE COAST OF**  
Holland are so toxic  
**THEY ARE DISPOSED**  
of as toxic waste



The fishing industry  
**DUMPS AROUND**  
150,000 tons  
**OF PLASTIC INTO THE**  
ocean annually



Cruise ships  
**DISPOSE OF**  
250,000  
**GALLONS**  
of waste water  
**AND SEWAGE**  
into the ocean  
**A DAY**



**A**   
**plastic**  
**JUG TAKES**  
**1 million**  
**YEARS TO**  
decompose  


Plastic waste is  
**ACCUMULATING**  
in our oceans in  
**VAST ISLANDS**



These islands  
**ARE ESTIMATED**  
to be 3 times the  
**SIZE OF THE UK**



**PLASTIC ACCOUNTS FOR AROUND**  
**OF ALL OCEAN TRASH** **90%**  
**46,000** pieces of plastic for each  
square mile of ocean

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