WHALES & DOLPHINS
conservation pack
IUCN RED LIST
of threatened species

DATA DEFICIENT
- Long Fin Pilot Whale
- Short Fin Pilot Whale
- Atlantic Spotted Dolphins
- Bryde's Whale
- Killer Whale
- True's Beaked Whale
- Pygmy Sperm Whale
- Gervat's Beaked Whale
- Dware 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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!

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

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CAPTIVITY
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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 up to 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

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

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 & invertebrates living in the wild. IN CAPTIVITY they are limited to just one species of dead fish

Tanks are kept clean with chemicals with unknown side affects causing problems with their sight & skin

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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.

Around 100 million people live within 3 feet of sea level, and 13/20 of the world's largest cities are located near such vulnerable areas.

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.
HUNTING
a contribution to extinction

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

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.

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

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SOUND TRAVELS 4 times faster in water than air because the molecules are packed closer together.

IN 2015 in the Bahamas 55 MARINE SPECIES have suffered extensive injuries due to sound exposure.

Sources of Noise Pollution include Passing Ships, Oil Exploration, Seismic Surveys and Naval Low-Frequency Active Sonar.

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AS WATER ACTIVITIES such as jet-skiing rise in popularity, the growth in harmful vibration interference INCREASES.

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

Plastic waste is accumulating in our oceans in vast islands
These islands are estimated to be 3 times the size of the UK

A plastic jug takes 1 million years to decompose

Cruise ships dispose of 250,000 gallons of waste water and sewage into the ocean a day

The fishing industry dumps around 150,000 tons of plastic into the ocean annually

Sperm whales washed up onto the coast of Holland are so toxic they are disposed of as toxic waste

Plastic accounts for around 90% of all ocean trash
46,000 pieces of plastic for each square mile of ocean

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