

Blue whale facts

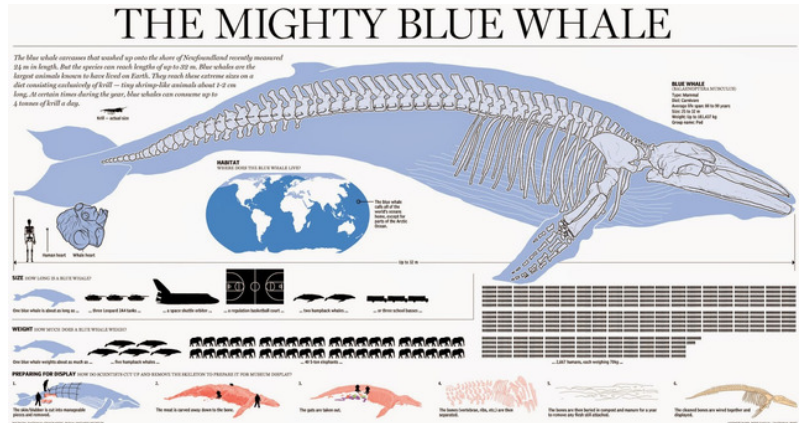
Despite their size and ancient history, comparatively little is known about the largest mammal in our midst.
But we do know this ...

They're massive.

Blue whales are the largest animal to have ever lived. Adults weight between 200,000-300,000 pounds, and are up to 100 feet in length. You can get an idea of their enormity here.



A blue whale has the heart the size of a small car!



When you're this BIG, you need to eat. A lot.

Number of pounds of krill PER DAY a blue whale consumes

8,000

They need

1,500,000

kilocalories per day to be healthy.

Newborns will gain upwards of 200 pounds per day and grow metres by the month. And they drink huge amounts of their mother's milk.



X 400 PER DAY!

The #1 threat to blue whales?



The #1 factor in their survival?



Have you ever seen a 9,000 pound baby nursing?

You can right here.



Estimates of their population in the North Atlantic are incredibly low.

only 250 remain