

Baleen Whale Fact Sheet

What to Do:

a. You will be writing the information from this fact sheet on to the “Whale Sizes” page (see the bowhead whale example on that page.)

b . Use the following symbols:

E = Endangered

↑ = population increasing ↓ = population decreasing population stable = _____

c. For each whale write the following:

1. Size
2. Where it is found
3. Population increasing or decreasing
4. A fact about the animal (look at the Bowhead whale example)

Bowhead Whale This whale is found in the Arctic Ocean. Small numbers are hunted by Eskimos. It is Endangered, but its population is increasing.

N. Atlantic Right Whale This whale is found in the Atlantic Ocean along the coast. It got its name from whalers because it was the “right whale to kill”. It is Endangered, and its population is going down. It is protected from whaling.

Blue Whale This whale is found in all oceans worldwide/ offshore. It is Endangered, but its population is going up. Its is protected from whaling. The largest animal to have ever lived.

Minke Whale This whale is found in all oceans worldwide. Found along the coast. It is not endangered, but it still being hunted by Japan, Iceland and Norway. The population is stable.

Fin Whale. This whale is found offshore in all oceans. It is endangered, but the population is increasing. Second largest whale on earth. Protected from whaling.

Humpback Whale – This is a coastal whale and is found world-wide. It has recovered from whaling. However, some populations are endangered. Population is increasing and it is protected from whaling. A recording was made of Humpback sounds, called “Songs of the Humpback Whale”

Gray Whale is a coastal whale. It is rarely seen a mile from shore. Found only in the North Pacific Ocean. It has fully recovered from whaling and is not endangered. Population is stable.