

Lets get to know about GOOSE-BEAKED WHALES

Conservation Connections - April 2025



This whale species was first identified in 1804 through a skull washed ashore on the Mediterranean coast of France.

IUCN Conservation Status: Data Deficient

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

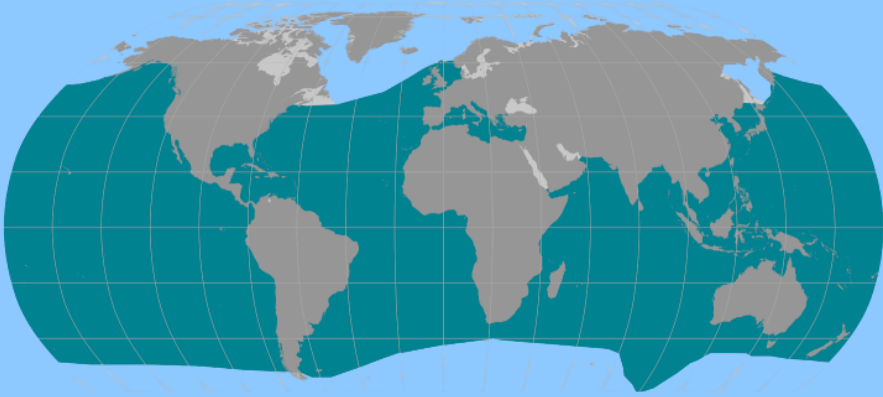


Beaked whales include 21 species. They are also the most frequently stranded species.

They are named for their prominent and elongated rostrums, or "beaks," they all share.

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GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION



Habitat:

Deep ocean waters, usually at depths between 1,000 and 2,000 meters (3,280 to 6,560 feet).

The seventh-most frequently encountered species of toothed whale in Hawai'i

Goose-beaked whales only make noise in the deepest part of their dive, and ascend horizontally at a low angle and not vertically like other species.

THREATS

Bycatch: Accidental capture in fishing nets.

Climate Change: Potential shifts in their deep-water habitat and prey availability due to warming oceans.

Noise Pollution: From shipping, sonar, and industrial activities can disrupt their communication and navigation.

The deepest mammalian divers!

Deepest Dive: around 3,000 meters
Longest Dive: 2hrs and 17mins!

DIET

More than half of their diet is made up of cephalopods. As they are skillful hunters, they catch their prey by slurping them up given the almost complete absence of teeth in their mouths



LEARN MORE/REFERENCES

- <https://australian.museum/learn/animals/mammals/cuviers-beaked-whale/>
- <https://www.orcaireland.org/cuviers-beaked-whale>
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