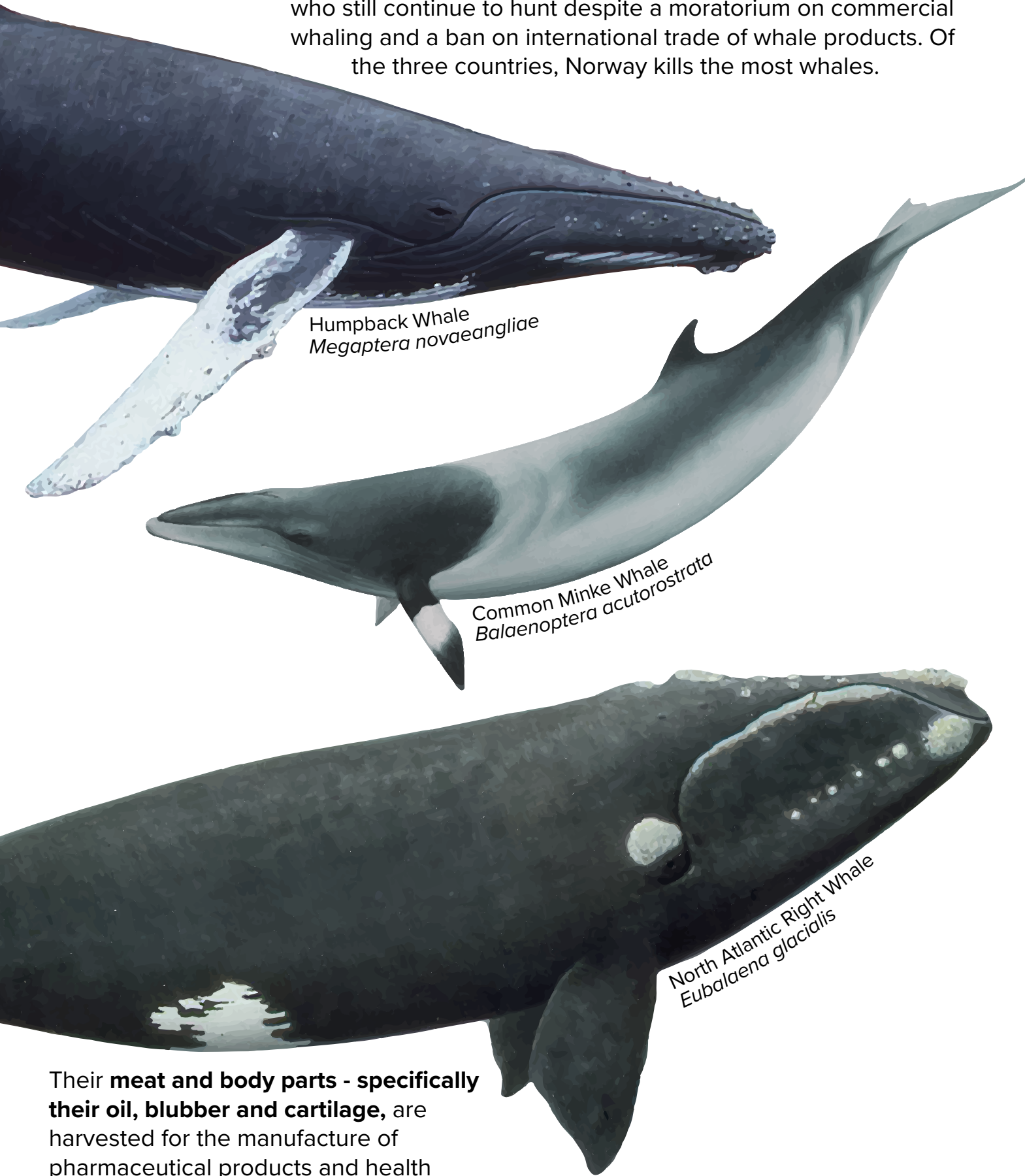
An underwater scene with a blue background. Sunlight filters through the water at the top, creating a bright, shimmering effect. In the upper right, the tail and part of the body of a large whale are visible, swimming towards the left. In the lower left, the tail and part of the body of a smaller whale are visible, swimming towards the right. In the lower right, the tail of another whale is visible, swimming towards the left.

THE ENDANGERMENT OF
WHALES
AND WHY WE
SHOULD **CARE**



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Every year, **over 1,000 whales** die at the hands of **commercial whalers** from three countries - Iceland, Japan and Norway, who still continue to hunt despite a moratorium on commercial whaling and a ban on international trade of whale products. Of the three countries, Norway kills the most whales.



Humpback Whale
Megaptera novaeangliae

Common Minke Whale
Balaenoptera acutorostrata

North Atlantic Right Whale
Eubalaena glacialis

Their **meat and body parts - specifically their oil, blubber and cartilage**, are harvested for the manufacture of pharmaceutical products and health supplements.

ANYTHING BUT A KILLER



TO HUMANS IN THE WILD

What's there
to fear upon
encountering a
killer whale
in the wild?

Umm... certainly
not death if
you're a
human!

Why is that?

Despite its name and being
the marine apex predator,
**there has not been a single
reported human fatality by
a killer whale in the wild.**

This is because **humans
are not part of their
natural diet.**

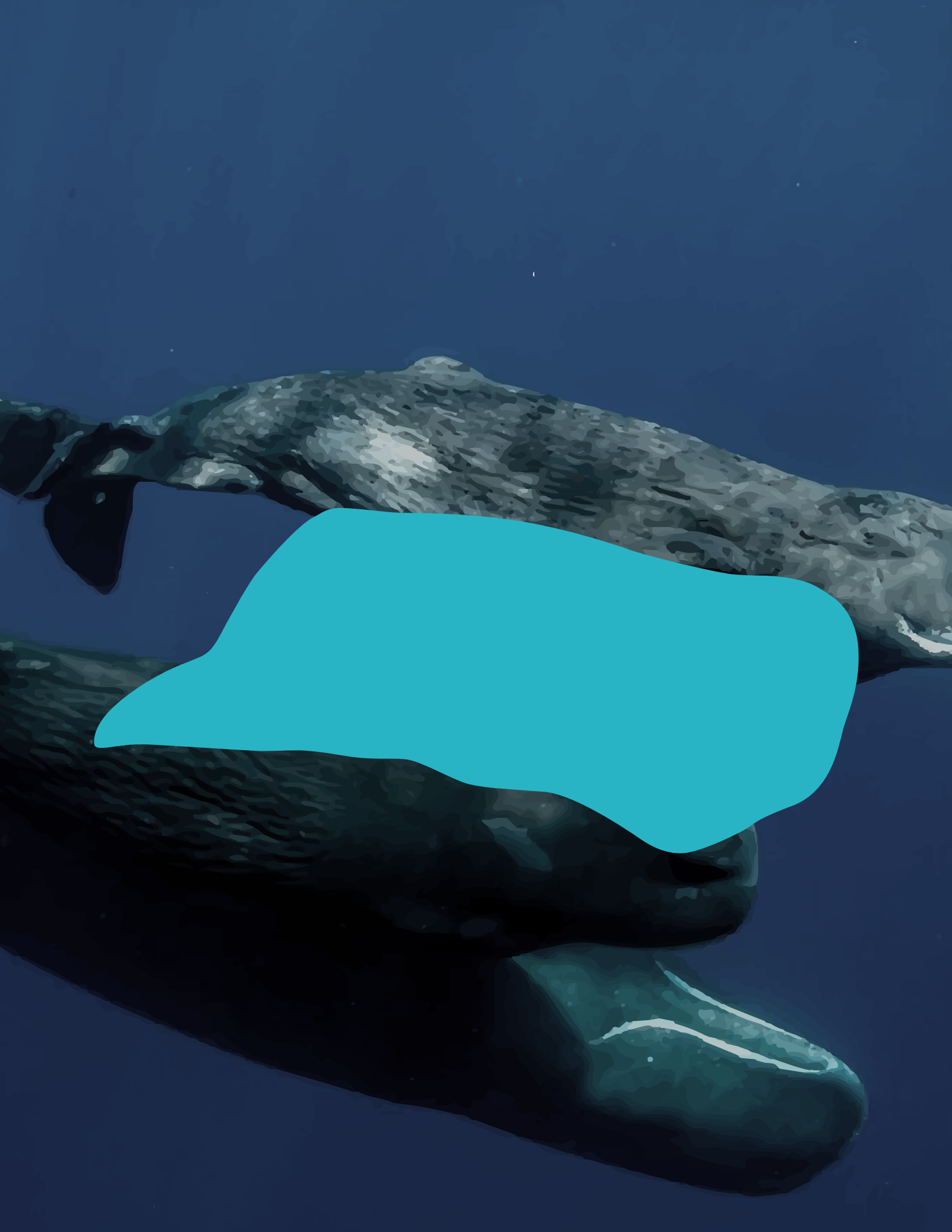
Yet, there have been **four
confirmed human fatalities by
killer whales in captivity, three
of which the now-deceased
Tilikum from SeaWorld
Orlando was responsible for.**

Still, it's best to keep a safe distance and exercise extreme caution when swimming with these magnificent creatures because they are wild animals that require constant attention!

HOW THE SPERM WHALE



GOT
ITS NAME



Before we get
right to it,

DID YOU KNOW that aside from
being the

**LARGEST
TOOTHED MAMMAL**

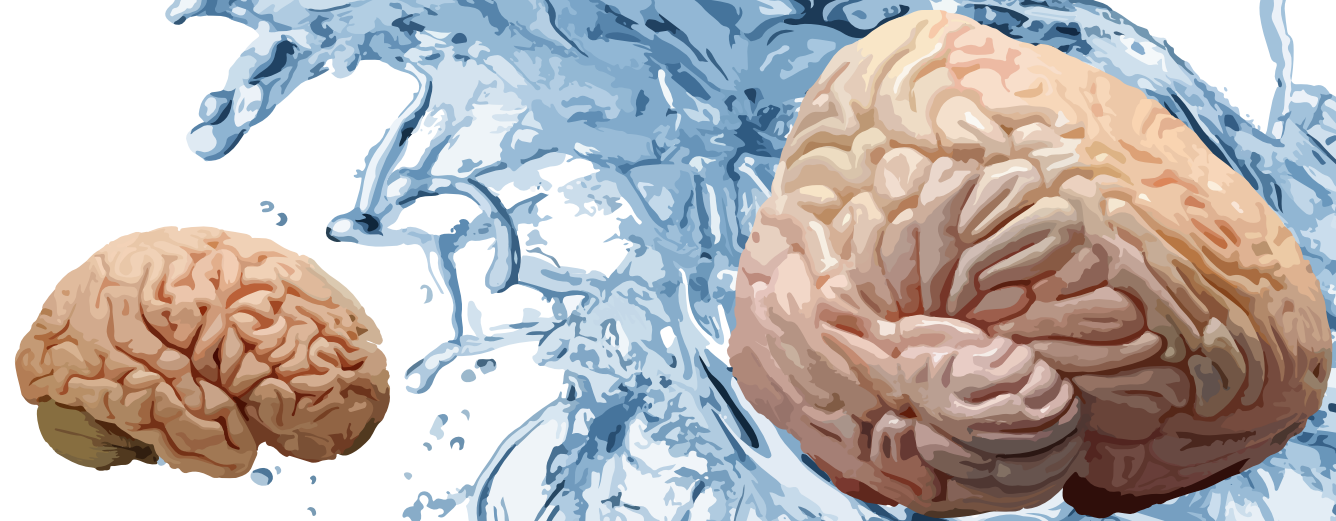


the Sperm Whale has the

**LARGEST
BRAIN** in the entire animal
kingdom?

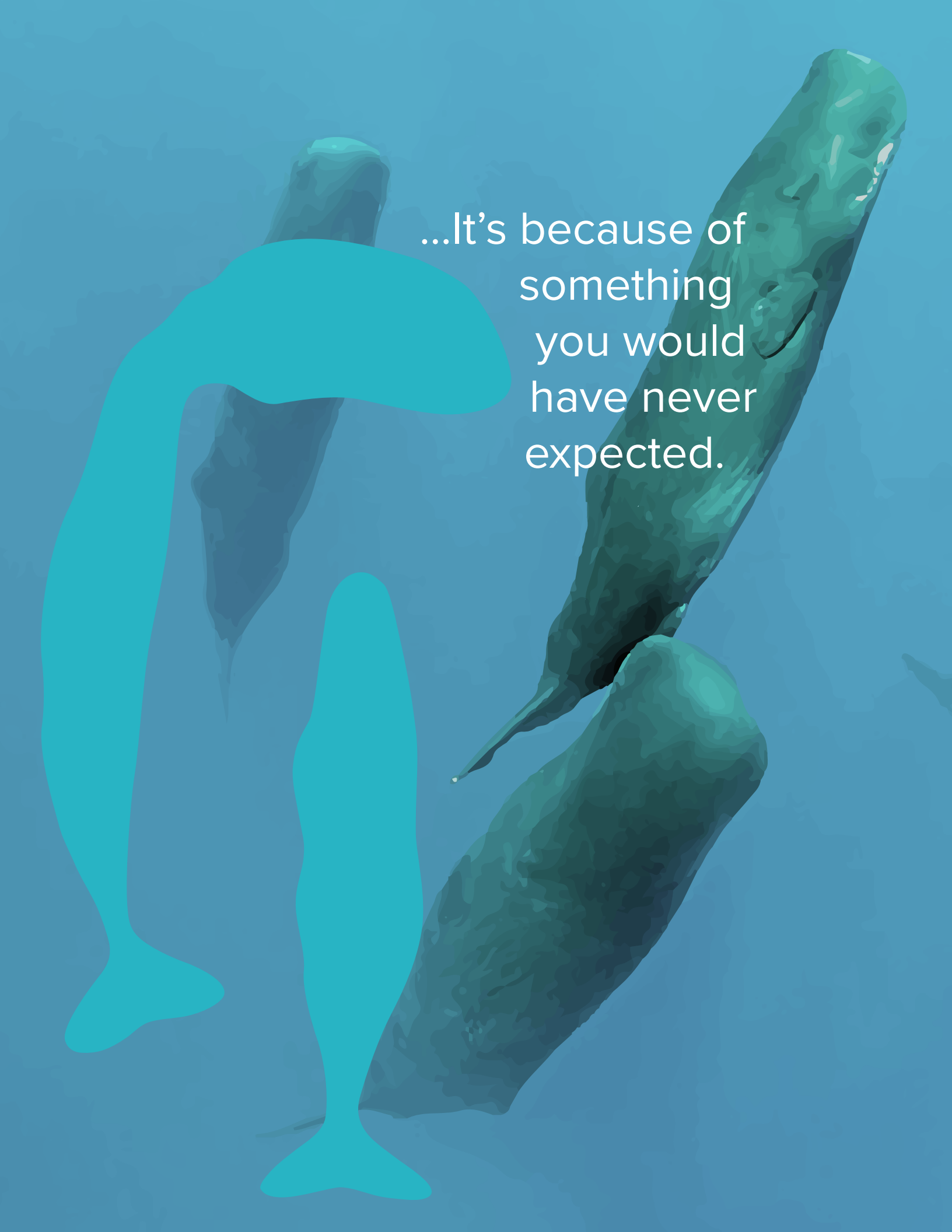
Weighing in at **nearly 20 pounds, or 7-9 kilograms**, a Sperm Whale's brain is the equivalent to

SIX HUMAN BRAINS!



And now...
the real reason as to why
Sperm Whales are called
Sperm Whales...





...It's because of something you would have never expected.

The Sperm Whale got its name after the waxy oily substance found inside its head known as **spermaceti**.

Although spermaceti got its name from its close resemblance to semen, **in no way does it relate to or contribute to the production of semen.**

Rather, it **assists with the whale's buoyancy control and echolocation.**

Spermaceti was once commonly used in the production of oil lamps, lubricants and candles.



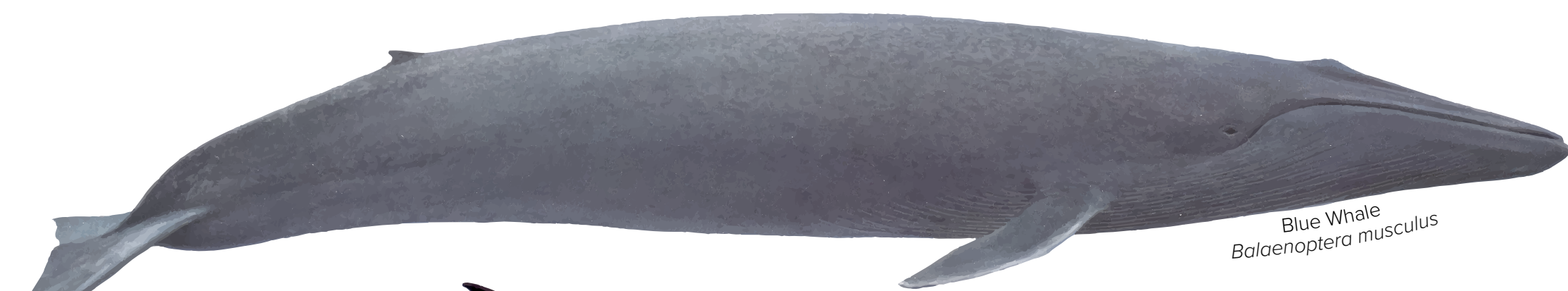
Also, sperm whales sleep vertically so that they can float near the surface which helps them replenish their oxygen supply and remain alert to potential threats.



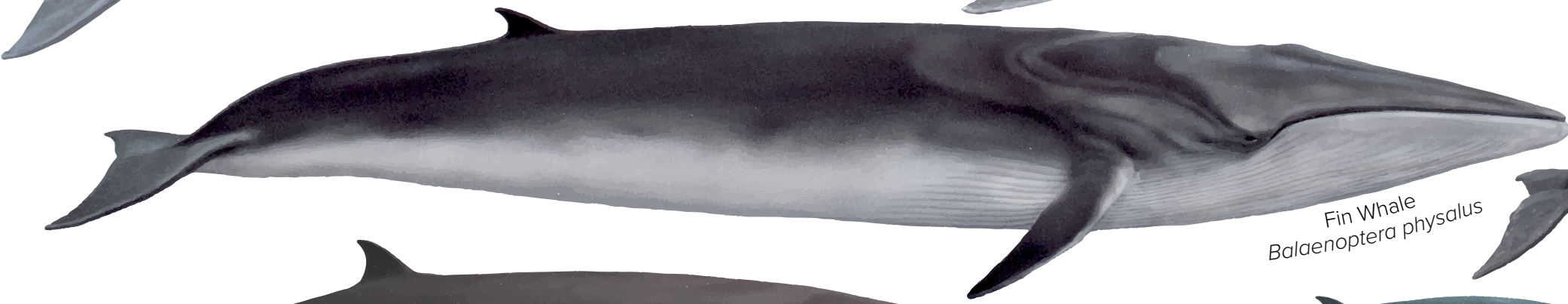


BALEEN WHALES

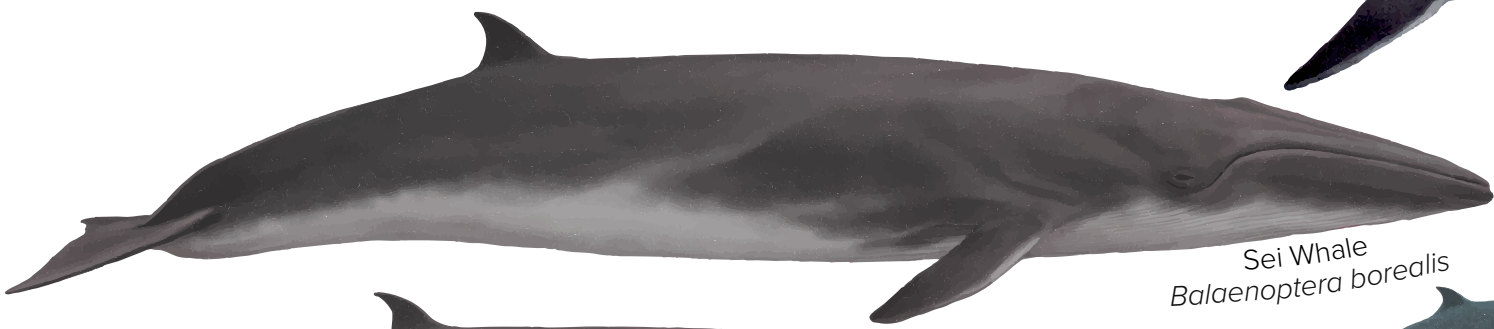
TOOTHED WHALES



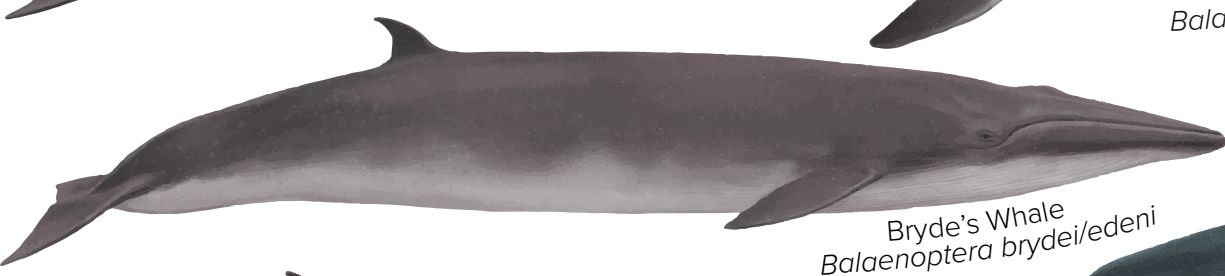
Blue Whale
Balaenoptera musculus



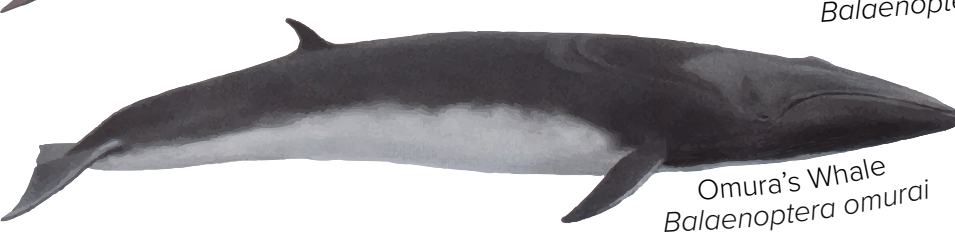
Fin Whale
Balaenoptera physalus



Sei Whale
Balaenoptera borealis



Bryde's Whale
Balaenoptera brydei/edeni



Omura's Whale
Balaenoptera omurai



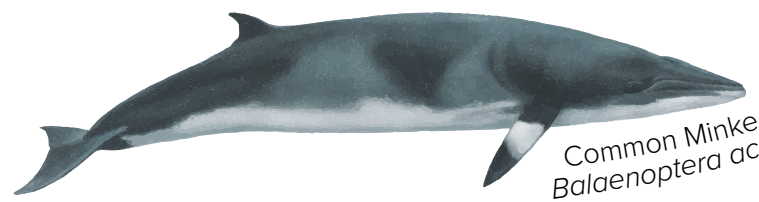
Pygmy Right Whale
Caperea marginata



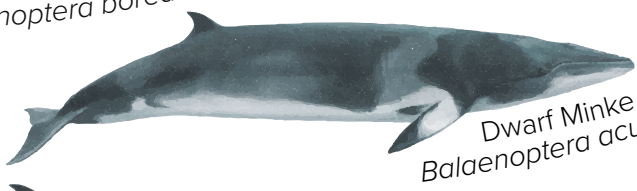
Bowhead Whale
Balaena mysticetus



Humpback Whale
Megaptera novaeangliae



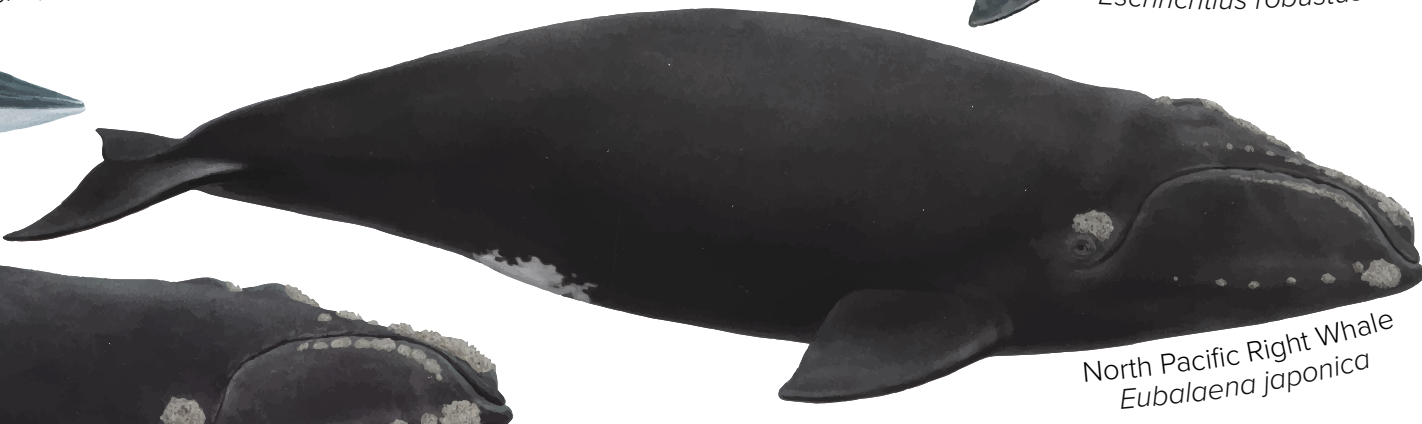
Common Minke Whale
Balaenoptera acutorostrata



Dwarf Minke Whale
Balaenoptera acutorostrata ssp.



Gray Whale
Eschrichtius robustus



North Pacific Right Whale
Eubalaena japonica



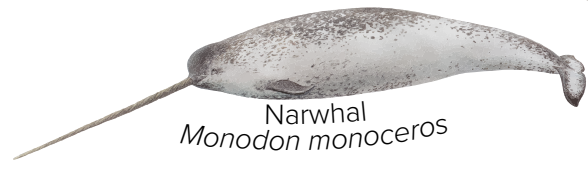
North Atlantic Right Whale
Eubalaena glacialis



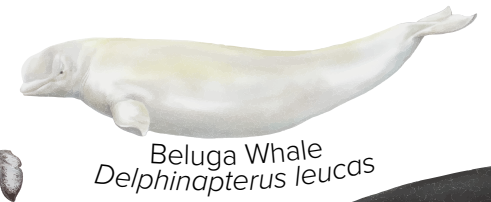
Southern Right Whale
Eubalaena australis



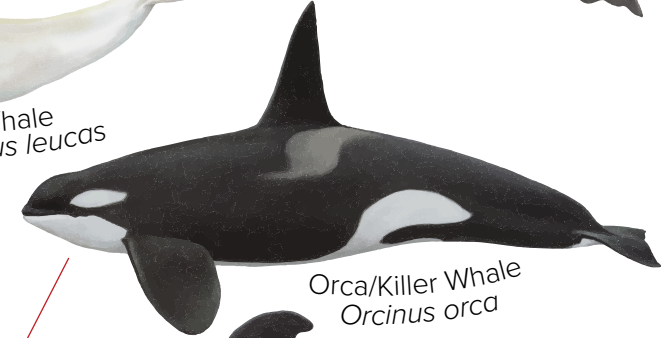
Sperm Whale
Physeter macrocephalus



Narwhal
Monodon monoceros



Beluga Whale
Delphinapterus leucas



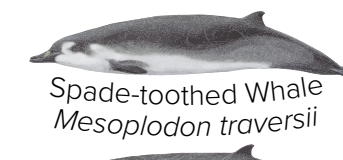
Orca/Killer Whale
Orcinus orca



Long-Finned Pilot Whale
Globicephala melas



False Killer Whale
Pseudorca crassidens



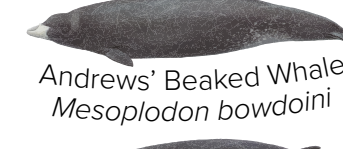
Spade-toothed Whale
Mesoplodon traversii



Sowerby's Beaked Whale
Mesoplodon bidens



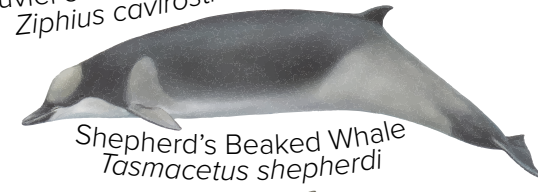
Cuvier's Beaked Whale
Ziphius cavirostris



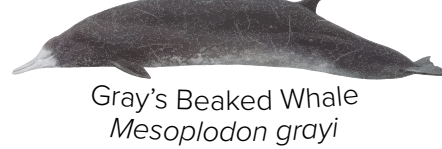
Andrews' Beaked Whale
Mesoplodon bowdoini



Deraniyagala's Beaked Whale
Mesoplodon hotaula



Shepherd's Beaked Whale
Tasmacetus shepherdi



Gray's Beaked Whale
Mesoplodon grayi



Blainville's Beaked Whale
Mesoplodon densirostris



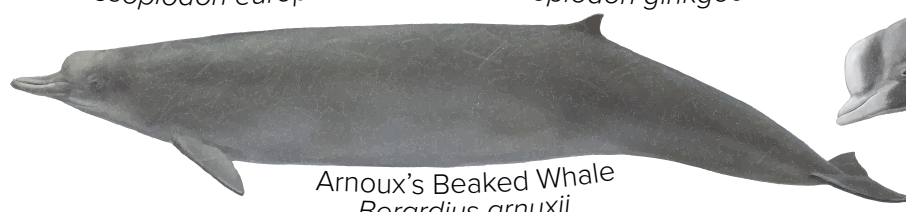
Gervais' Beaked Whale
Mesoplodon europaeus



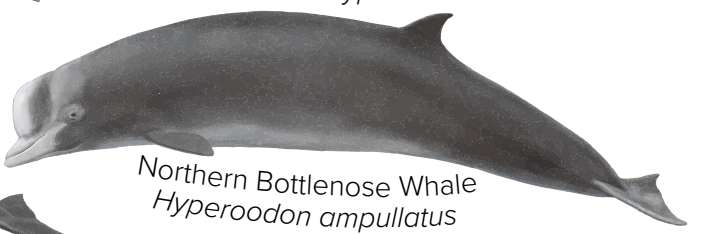
Ginkgo-toothed Beaked Whale
Mesoplodon ginkgodens



Southern Bottlenose Whale
Hyperoodon planifrons



Arnoux's Beaked Whale
Berardius arnuxii



Northern Bottlenose Whale
Hyperoodon ampullatus

The killer whale, pilot whale & false killer whale are technically members of delphinidae, or the dolphin family, even though they have the word "whale" in their names.



Baird's Beaked Whale
Berardius bairdii

not actual whales











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