

# Arctic species under threat

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## Beluga or “white” whale

Scientific name

*Delphinapterus leucas*



Status

Not listed as endangered, low population numbers do however make beluga vulnerable, and IUCN lists the Cook Inlet (Alaska) population as critically endangered.

Impacts

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Threats

- ✓ Pollution
- ✓ Sea ice loss
- ✓ Predation
- ✓ Underwater noise
- ✓ Ship strikes
- ✓ Loss of food source

- ✓ Commercial fishing
- ✓ Oil & Gas activities
- ✓ Shipping
- ✓ Climate change

This and other Arctic species are of great importance to the Indigenous People of the Arctic, as a food and materials source, and for cultural practices.

Did you know that...

...reduced sea ice cover means passages through once untouched Arctic areas are becoming more navigable, bringing new threats such as underwater noise and the potential for oil spills and ship strikes.



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