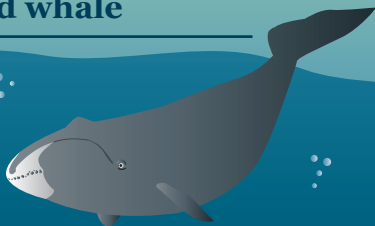


Arctic species under threat

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Bowhead whale



Balaena mysticetus

Scientific name



Status

Of the five populations, three are listed by IUCN as endangered, one as vulnerable, and one as "lower risk, conservation dependent". The United States' Endangered Species Act, lists bowhead whales as endangered throughout the range.

Impacts

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Threats

- ✓ Pollution
- ✓ Predation
- ✓ Sea ice loss
- ✓ Underwater noise
- ✓ Ship strikes

- ✓ Entanglement
- ✓ 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...

...this truly Arctic Species feeds on zooplankton and can live up to 200 years! Its survival is closely linked to the formation and movement of the sea ice. With ice habitat at risk from a changing climate, bowhead whales face new and increased threats.



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