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Anatomy of Whales



Whales range in size from the 2.6 metres (8.5 ft) and b) dwarf sperm whale to the 34 metres (112 ft) and 190 metric tons (210 short tons). Overall, they tend to dwarf other cetartiodactyls; the blue whale is the largest creature on earth. Several species have female-biased sexual dimorphism, with the females being larger than the males. One exception is with the sperm whale, which has males larger than the females.

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All whales have a thick layer of blubber (Ford 1985, p.3). In the tropics, the blubber can be as thick as 11 inches. This blubber can help with buoyancy (blubber is helpful for a 100-ton whale), protection to some extent as predators would have a hard time getting through a thick layer of fat, and energy for fasting when migrating to the equator; the primary usage for blubber is insulation from the harsh climate. It can constitute as much as 50% of a whale's body weight. Calves are born with only a thin layer of blubber, but some species compensate for this with thick lanugos.

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Whales have a two-to-three-chambered-stomach that is similar in structure to terrestrial carnivores. Mysticetes contain a proventriculus as an extension of the oesophagus; this contains stones that grind up food. They also have fundic and pyloric chambers (Cook and Wisner 1963).

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Locomotion

flippers on the front, and a tail fin. These flippers contain four digits.

Although whales do not possess fully developed hind limbs, some, such as the manatee, possess discrete rudimentary appendages, which may contain feet and digits. Unlike most swimmers in comparison to seals, who typically cruise at 5–15 kn (9–28 km/h), the fin whale, in comparison, can travel at speeds up to 47 kilometres per hour. The sperm whale can reach speeds of 35 kilometres per hour (22 mph). The fusing of the neck

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vertebrae, while increasing stability when swimming at high speeds, decreases flexibility; they can't turn their head. When swimming, whales rely on their tail fin propel them through the water. Flipper movement is continuous. Whales swim by moving their tail fin and lower body up and down, propelling themselves through vertical movement, while their flippers are mainly used for steering. Some species log out of the water, which may allow them to travel faster. Their skeletal anatomy allows them to be incredibly fast swimmers. Most species have a dorsal fin.

Whales have several adaptations for diving to great depths. In addition to their streamlined bodies, they can slow down their heart rate to conserve oxygen, blood is rerouted from tissue tolerant of water pressure to the heart and brain among other organs, and hemoglobin and myoglobin store oxygen in body tissue; they have twice the concentration of myoglobin than hemoglobin.

Senses

Whale Ear



The whale ear has specific adaptations to the marine environment. In humans, the middle ear works as an impedance equalizer between the outside air's low impedance and the cochlear impedance. In aquatic mammals, such as whales, there is no great difference between the outside and inner environments. Instead of sound passing through the outer ear to the middle ear, whales receive sound through the throat, from which it passes through a low-impedance fatty tissue layer to the inner ear. The whale ear is acoustically isolated from the skull by air-filled sinus pockets, which allow for greater directional hearing underwater.

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Eyesight

The whale eye is relatively small for its size, yet they do retain a good degree of eyesight. As well as this, the eyes of a whale are placed on the sides of its head, so their vision consists of

two fields, rather than a binocular view like humans have. When belugas surface, their lens and cornea correct the nearsightedness that results from the refraction of light; they contain both rod and cone cells, meaning they can see in both dim and bright light, but they have far more rod cells than they do cone cells.

Visual pigments

A Level 3 heading should be indented 0.5" from the left margin, italicized, and lower case (except for the first word). Whales lack short wavelength sensitive visual pigments in their cone cells indicating a reduced capacity for color vision than most mammals. Most whales have slightly flattened enlarged pupils (which shrink as they surface to prevent damage), slightly flattened and a tapetum lucidum; these adaptations allow for large amounts of light to pass through the eye and, therefore, a very clear image of the surrounding area. In water, whales can see 10.7 metres (35 ft) ahead of itself, but, of course, they have a smaller range above

water. They also have glands on the eyelids and outer corneal layer that act as protection for the cornea.

Conclusion

Conclusion restates the problem the paper addresses and can offer areas for further research.

Whales are a widely distributed and diverse group of fully aquatic marine mammals. They comprise the extant families Cetotheriidae (whose only living member is the pygmy right whale), Balaenopteridae (the rorquals), Balaenidae (right whales), Eschrichtiidae (the gray whale), Monodontidae (belugas and narwhals), Physeteridae (the sperm whale), Kogiidae (the dwarf and pygmy sperm whale), and Ziphiidae (the beaked whales). There are 40 extant species of whales. The two suborders of whales, Mysticeti and Odontoceti, are thought to have split up around 34 million years ago. Whales belong to the clade Cetartiodactyla and their closest living relative is the hippo having diverged about 40 million years ago.



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