

# Save the Whales, Save the World



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- The primary predators of fish are not whales, but other fish. The removal of top predators (such as cetaceans) can cause major ecosystem disturbances, with negative consequences for fisheries.



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# Endangered Whales

## Blue And Fin Whales

Over 1 million whales were slaughtered in the Antarctic last century, seriously depleting 7 of the 8 species of great whales found there. In 1989, the results of an IWC whale population survey in Antarctica revealed that blue and fin whales had been depleted by between 95-99% from whaling. The blue whale population was reduced to fewer than 1,000 from an estimated quarter-million animals. Blue whales were once the mainstay of the Antarctic whaling industry. Over 30,000 were killed in a single season in 1931 and the species has never recovered.



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- **Advice:** Don't try to refer to Chinese's government. They are busy now, they won't cope with it.



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