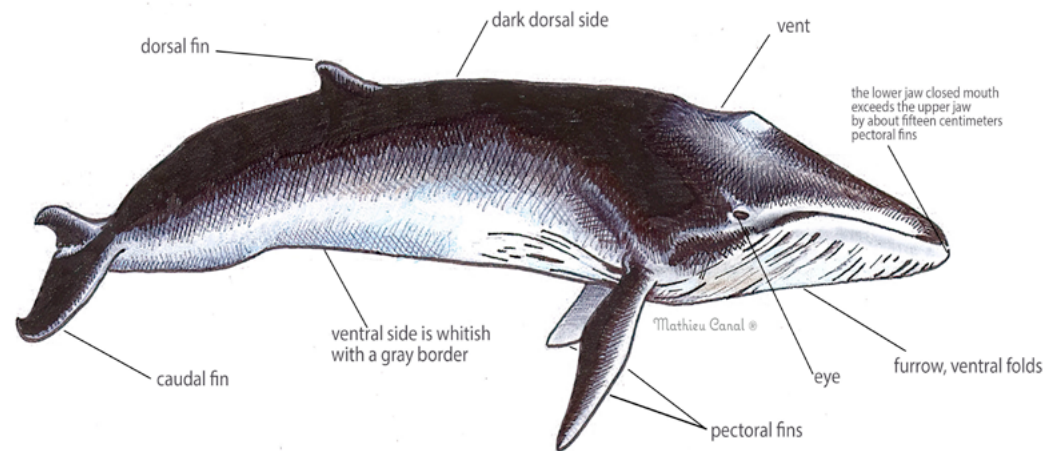


FIN WHALE

Balaenoptera physalus

To observe is to protect, The Peoples of the Sea will thank you for that



Marine Mammal, Class Mammals, Suborder Mysticeti, Family Balaenopteridae

Size : 6.50 m at birth, from 18 to 25 m adults

Weight : 30 to 70 tons

Gestation period : about 11 months, lactation 6-7 months,

Food : krill and fish such as herring, sardines, sandeels, capelin

Sexual maturity : female sexual maturity: 8-9 years, males 6-7 years Lifespan : 60 à 90 ans

Distribution : is divided into 3 populations located respectively in the Mediterranean, in the North Atlantic, and in the North Pacific. 2,000 to 3,000 in the Mediterranean.

Protection : collisions with ships responsible for more than 20% of fin whale deaths in the Mediterranean. Aboriginal hunting in Denmark the fin whale is classified in the category of species «in danger of extinction» IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature)

How to meet them : Since 01/01/2021, in France it is forbidden to intentionally approach protected cetaceans and sirenians within 100 m in marine protected areas and in marine waters under sovereignty and under jurisdiction, maximum speed of 5 knots, don't cut them off, limit encounters to 1/4 hour, don't force the approach. Maintain a speed of 2 to 5 knots and keep your distance.