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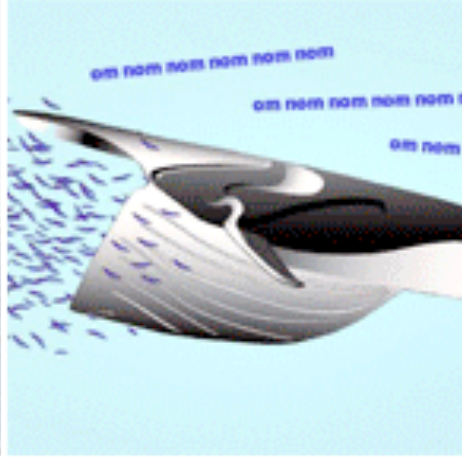
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## Whale News Events for Whale Watchers from around the world

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## **Scientists seek to ban proposal to kill whales for research**

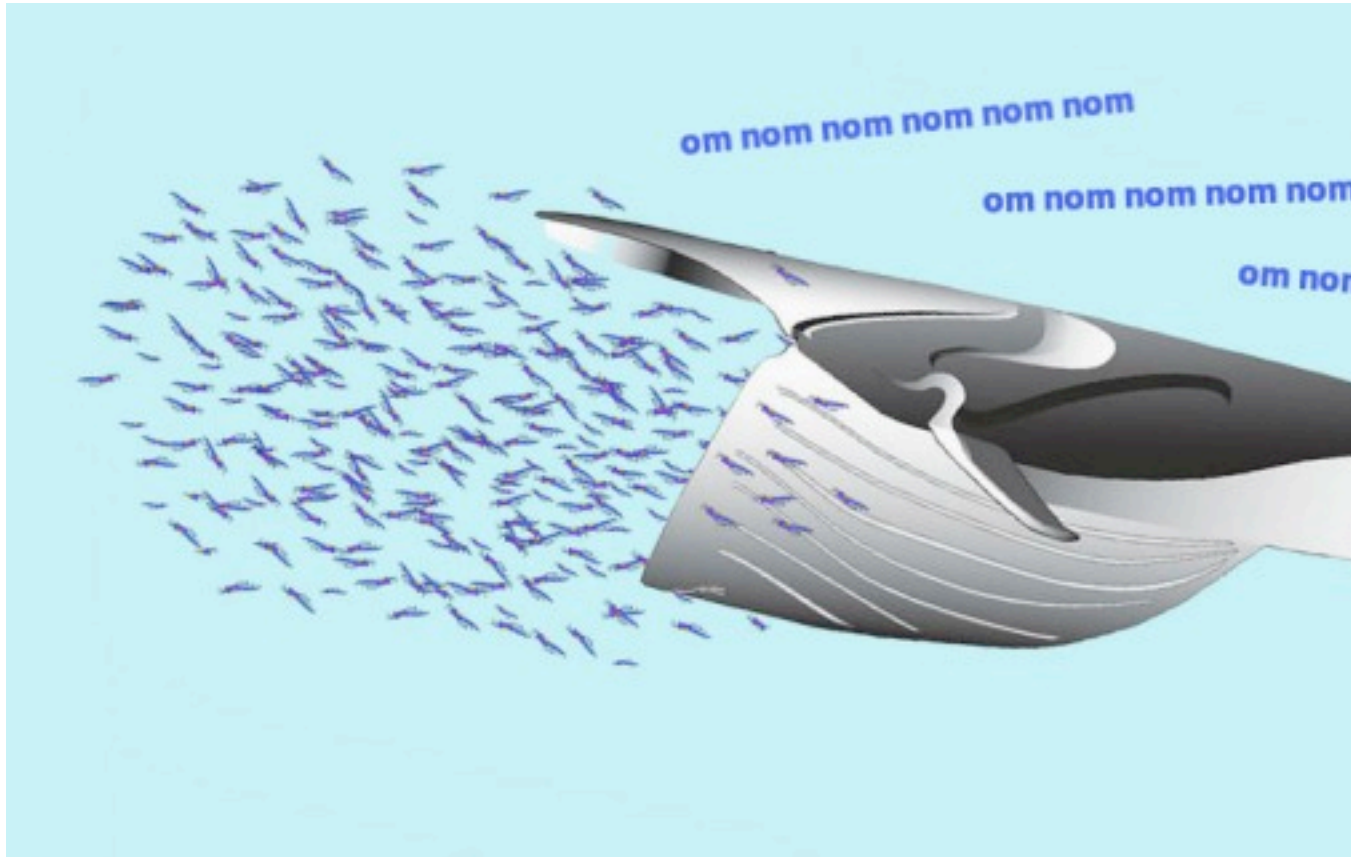
Hundreds of scientists have rallied against a new Japanese proposal to kill whales in the name of research - a plan one New Zealand marine biologist calls whaling in disguise. Last year, the International Court of Justice ordered Japan to close its "scientific" whaling program in Antarctica, but Japan submitted a 12 year plan to kill 333 Minke whales/year. "... it's whaling in the disguise as science".

More... [Scientists seek to ban proposal to kill whales for research](#)



## **Open wide and say 'ah': Secret of whale mouths revealed**

When the fin whale gets ready to eat, Earth's second-largest animal opens its mouth so wide that it can gulp an amount of water larger than the volume of its own body as it filters out meals of tiny fish and shrimp-like krill. When feeding, this whale increases its swimming speed, opens its mouth and lunges in the ocean. The force of water rushing into the mouth during "lunge feeding" turns the tongue upside down and expands the bottom of the oral cavity into a huge pouch between the body wall and the overlying skin and blubber. As it closes its mouth, the whale filters out seawater through plates in the mouth while eating huge quantities of small prey. More interesting info here... [Open wide and say "AH": Secret of whale mouths revealed](#)



## **Whales can be told apart by their voices – study**

US researchers say that they can distinguish individual whales based on the sound of the animals' voices. Suction-cap sensors were attached to the backs of 13 right whales and used to record their vocalisations, over a period of more than a decade. They concentrated on "upcalls", one of the most common noises made by this species. These are fairly low-pitched vocalisations that rise over about one or two seconds. More...[Whales can be told apart by their voices - study](#)



## **Sea Shepherd Sues Japanese Whalers**

A US-based marine conservation organization Sea Shepherd Conservation Society has filed claims against Japan's Institute for Cetacean Research. Sea Shepherd also claims that ICR is guilty of piracy for illegally killing and taking whales from the sea for commercial profit, and for engaging in violent actions against Sea Shepherd volunteers. More... [Sea Shepherd Sues Japanese Whalers](#)



### **Not just whale food**

Researchers unveil bizarre and beautiful tiny organisms that form ocean plankton. Plankton include microscopic plants and animals, fish larvae, bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms that drift in the oceans. Scientists have unveiled the most comprehensive analysis ever undertaken of the world's ocean plankton, the tiny organisms that serve as food for marine creatures such as the blue whale, but also provide half the oxygen we breathe. More... [Not just whale food](#)



## **Fins to legs to fins: Walking whales and other creatures that went back to the sea, part 1 & 2**

Whales, dolphins, seals and sea turtles are examples of marine tetrapods, an exceptional group of animals that moved from the sea to the land and back again. Each time, they made radical changes to their lifestyle, body shape, physiology and sensory systems. Changes so radical, in fact, that whales and dolphins are referred to as tetrapods—or animals with four legs—and there was such a thing as “walking whales”. The reverse migration of land animals back to the ocean began 250 million years ago.

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