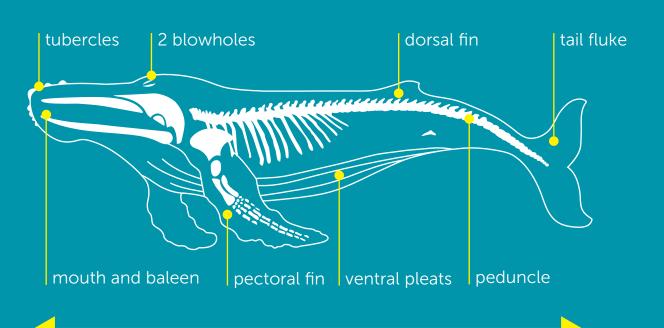
## WHALES TODAY

## **HUMPBACK WHALE**

Megaptera novaeangliae

STATUS: least concern

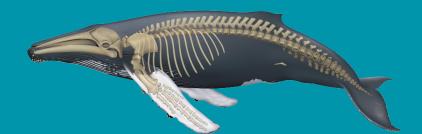


LENGTH: 42-48 ft/ 13-15 m



POPULATION: 140,000

\* estimate as of 2018



## **FACTS**



found in all ocean basins



males produce complex 'songs' that can last 20 minutes



longest flippers of any species



some populations use a feeding method known as bubble netting



can identify individuals by patterns on underside of flukes

## **THREATS**



entanglement



ship strike



marine debris



noise pollution



toxins

