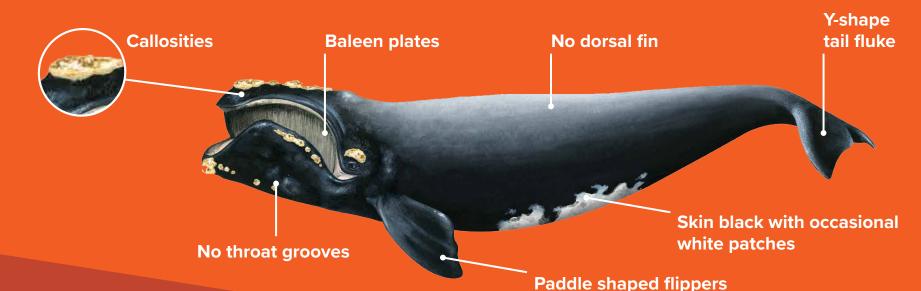
# North Atlantic Right Whale

V-shaped blow





One of the most endangered whale species in the world!

- Listed as Endangered under the *Species at Risk Act.*
- Population estimated at about 336 individuals left in the world in October 2021.

## **QUICK FACTS**

- Callosity patterns are unique and allow scientists to identify individuals. They appear yellow or cream color due to the infestation of whale lice.
- Blubber can be as thick as 20 cm, which is about the length of an adult man's hand.
- Adults weigh about 60,000–70,000 kg.
- Adults can reach up to 17 meters in length.



64 674 674 (Th ™ Ion hal

(That's about as long as one and a half school buses!) DIET

They feed on copepods, a small crustacean approximately the size of a grain of rice.

## WHAT IS BEING DONE?

• **PROTECTION:** The Government of Canada has established management measures

Where North Atlantic Right Whales can commonly be found in North America

to protect North Atlantic Right Whales.

- **DETECTION:** Aircraft and ships are used for visual observations and underwater acoustic technology is used to identify whale calls.
- **RESEARCH:** Scientists use photographs to identify individual North Atlantic Right Whales to study their health and migration patterns.
- **RESCUE:** The Government of Canada and other teams work together to rescue North Atlantic Right Whales if one is in distress in Canadian waters.

#### THREATS

- Vessel strikes
- Fishing gear entanglements

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Report whales you see by email: XMARWhaleSightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca



Fisheries and Oceans Pê Canada Ca

Pêches et Océans Canada

