



MAKE THE DIFFERENCE AND ASK SHIPPING AND CRUISE INDUSTRIES TO TAKE ACTION AND BE MORE SUSTAINABLE

Ship Strikes



collisions between cetaceans and vessels

Animals can be injured or killed and vessels can sustain damage.

MOST REPORTS OF COLLISIONS BETWEEN WHALES AND VESSELS INVOLVE LARGE WHALES, BUT ALL SPECIES CAN BE AFFECTED.



Collisions with large vessels often go unnoticed and unreported.

MAIN THREATS

CARGOS



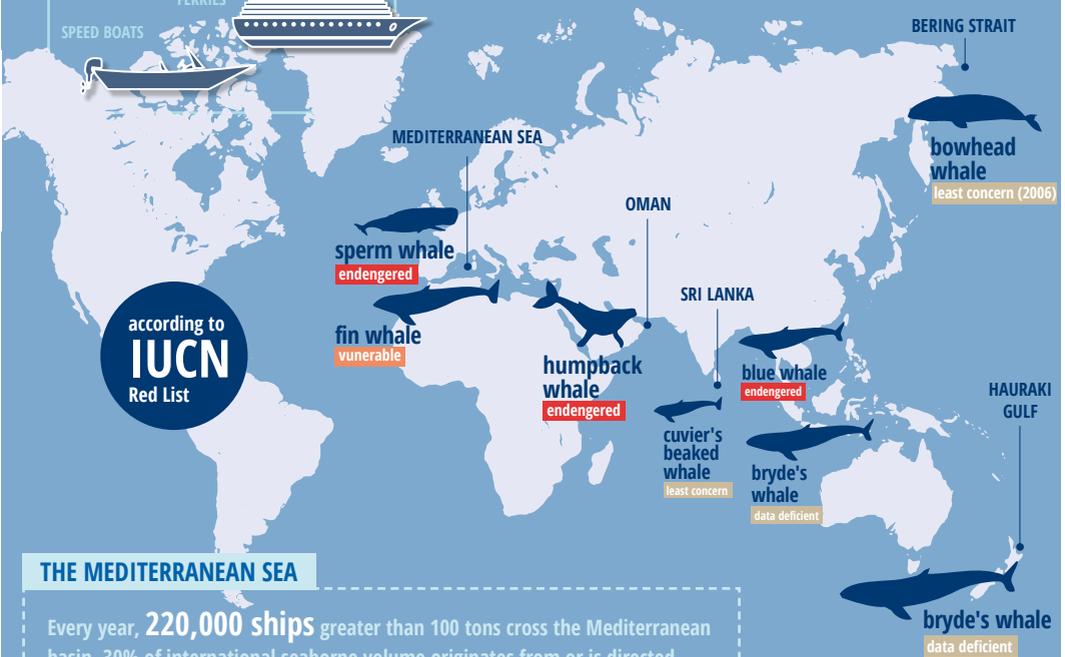
FERRIES



SPEED BOATS



MOST AFFECTED AREAS GLOBALLY



THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Every year, **220,000 ships** greater than 100 tons cross the Mediterranean basin. 30% of international seaborne volume originates from or is directed towards 300 Mediterranean ports. The most threatened whale species are two: **fin whales** and **sperm whales**.

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Friend of the Sea main mission is the conservation of marine habitat



Certified Sustainable Shipping

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According to Friend of the Sea Sustainable Shipping Program, ship owners should:

- Have in place an on-board full-time marine mammal observation program to cover the area in front of the vessels (120° minimum), including at night.
- Allow Friend of the Sea to access real time data on company vessels and nearby marine mammals on online platform.
- Share real time observations and make them available to all ships in the area and for statistical purposes.
- Have a procedure in place to react to and avoid nearby marine mammals.



Friend of the Sea (FOS) is an international certification scheme for products from sustainable fisheries and aquaculture. In 10 years, around 900 companies in 100 countries have relied on FOS to assess the sustainable origin of their seafood. Audits are based on the best up-to-date data and run by accredited independent certification bodies. FOS also supports projects of preservation and protection of the environment and marine habitats. Moreover, it is constantly engaged in awareness campaigns to make more and more people conscious of the importance of consuming only certified sustainable seafood.

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