



Hi My Name is Flo!
Florence's Official
Unofficial Mascot!

Color me! Don't forget about
the background!

2021

Whale Go Boom Trail

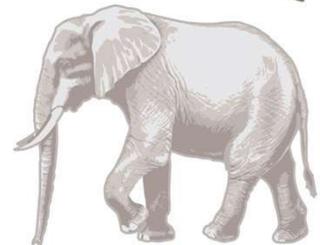
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Probably the most famous sperm whale, besides Florence's Exploding Whale, was Moby Dick, the great white whale from Herman Melville's classic novel of the same name.

WOW! Look how **BIG** Sperm Whales are compared to the Elephant!



sperm whale
(*Physeter catodon*)
length up to 19 m (62 ft)



3 metres
9 feet

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In the Indian Ocean, a group of more than 30 adult sperm whales are sleeping at a depth of 15 meters. They stand like this without moving for minutes or hours. All are females, and all the calves are at the surface while parents are sleeping.
(National Geographic)

nationalgeographic.com

Sperm Whale

Physeter macrocephalus



Protected Status

ESA ENDANGERED

Throughout Its Range

CITES APPENDIX I

Throughout Its Range

MMPA PROTECTED

Throughout Its Range

MMPA DEPLETED

Throughout Its Range

Quick Facts

WEIGHT	15 tons (females) to 45 tons (males)
LIFESPAN	Up to 60 years
LENGTH	40 feet (females) to 52 feet (males)
THREATS	Climate change, Entanglement in fishing gear, Marine debris, Ocean noise, Oil spills and contaminants, Vessel strikes
REGION	Alaska, New England/Mid-Atlantic, Pacific Islands, Southeast, West Coast

Population Status

Commercial whaling from 1800 to the 1980s greatly decreased sperm whale populations worldwide. The International Whaling Commission placed a moratorium on commercial whaling in 1986. The species is still recovering, and its numbers are likely increasing.
(fisheries.noaa.gov/species/sperm-whale)

Sperm Whale Facts

- Sperm whales have the biggest brains on earth; their brain is five times heavier than that of humans.
- The sperm whale is named after spermaceti, a waxy substance found in their body.
- Sperm whales fertilize the ocean with their feces which is usually consumed by phytoplankton when floating upwards
- A sperm whale's heart weighs 125 kg which is the same as the weight of two average adult human
- The highest sound pressure level recorded by an animal was from a sperm whale, which took place off northern Norway's copy.
- Sperm whales can grow to a maximum of 52 feet and weight of 90,000 pounds (40 metric tons)
- Sperm whales live up to 70 years.
- Sperm whales stay under the water for more than 1 hour at a time. (theanimalista.com)

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