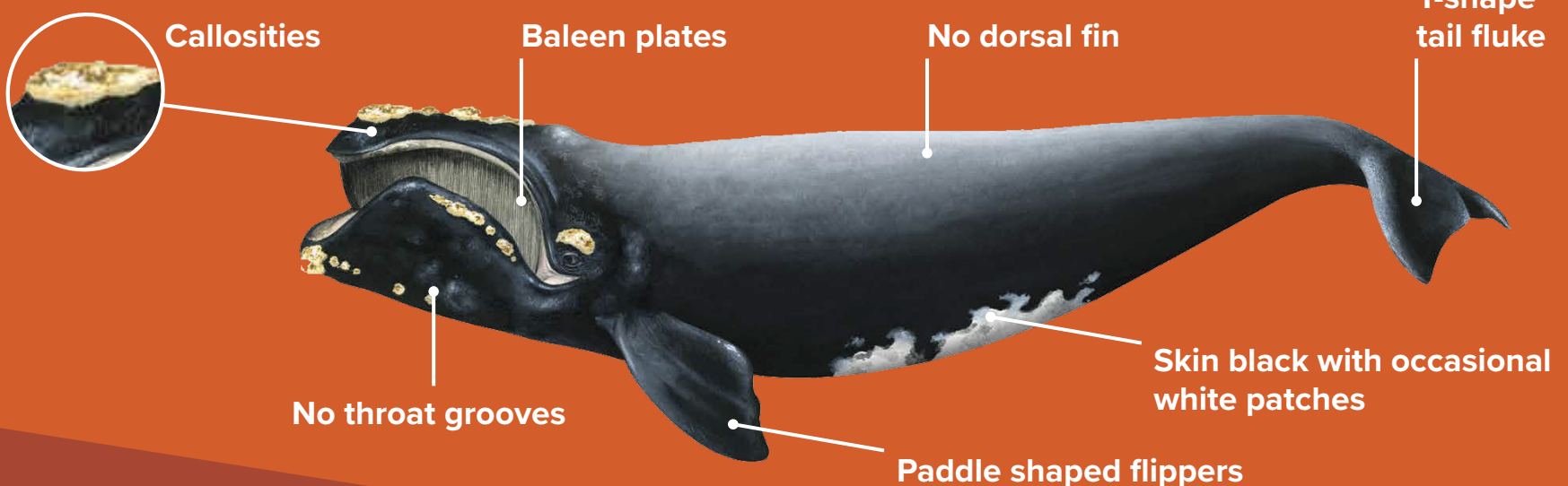


North Atlantic Right Whale

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 6000–7000 kg.
- Adults can reach up to 17 meters in length.



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

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

- **PROTECTION:** The Government of Canada has established management measures 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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Report whales you see by calling Fisheries and Oceans Canada at 1 844 800-8568



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DIET

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



THREATS

- Vessel strikes
- Fishing gear entanglements