

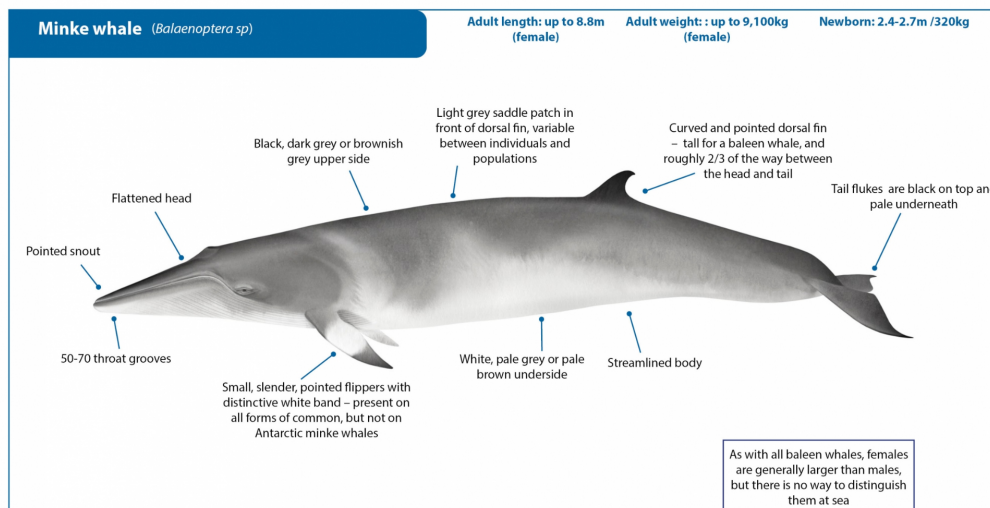


## Hearing Abilities of Minke Whales

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Recent research has revealed that **minke whales** can detect high-frequency sounds up to **90 kilohertz (kHz)**, a significant finding that enhances our understanding of these marine mammals.

- The study reveals minke whales are more affected by ocean noise pollution than previously thought, with shipping, naval sonar, and industrial activities increasing marine noise levels.
  - Anthropogenic noise can interfere with marine mammals' communication, foraging behaviour, and navigation abilities.
  - **Current regulations may insufficiently protect baleen whales**, as their hearing ranges were previously underestimated. This new data calls for a reevaluation of marine noise pollution policies.
- **Minke Whales: Minke Whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*)** are the **smallest member of the rorqual whale family**, which includes other **baleen whales**. It can reach a maximum length of about **10.7 meters**.
- **Conservation status:**
  - **Common minke whale:**
    - **IUCN:** Least concern
    - **CMS:** Appendix II
    - **CITES:** Appendix I (threatened with extinction)
  - **Antarctic minke whale:**
    - **IUCN:** Data Deficient
    - **CMS:** Appendix II



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