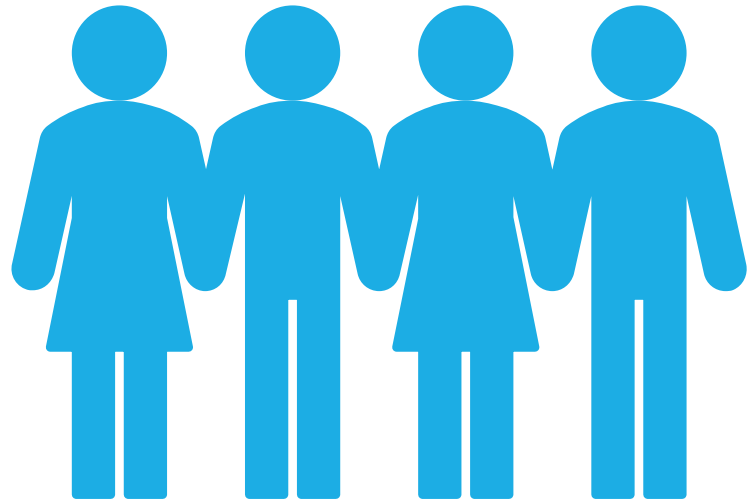


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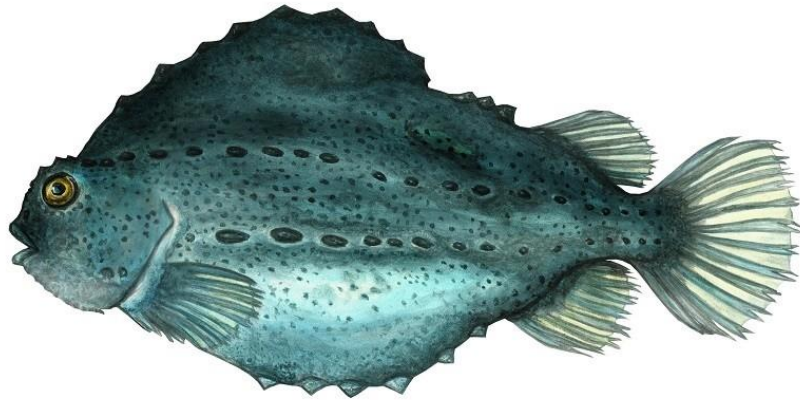
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Ongoing Engagement

Engagement on the Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation

- A policy framework is under development to improve the protection and recovery of aquatic species at risk across Canada using multi-species, place-, and threat-based strategies where beneficial.
- The Framework has been drafted based on feedback received in 2022
 - We are seeking input on guiding principles, considerations and recommendations for the application of multi-species approaches to conservation.
- Wave 3 Engagement Period: May – November 30th, 2023
- Link to engagement materials and questionnaire:
 - [Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation | Talk Fish Habitat - Canada.ca](#)



Engagement on the potential listing of Lumpfish and Harbour Porpoise

- DFO is engaging externally on the potential listing of Lumpfish and Harbour Porpoise on the List of Wildlife Species at Risk under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA)
 - we would like to hear your opinion, comments and suggestions regarding the possible ecological, cultural and economic impacts of listing or not listing this species under SARA.
- Consultation period: September 27th – December 22nd, 2023
- Links to consultation materials and surveys:
 - [Lumpfish - Canada.ca](#)
 - [Harbour Porpoise \(Northwest Atlantic population\) - Canada.ca](#)



Communication Materials

Have you returned your Species at Risk logbook?

Reporting all interactions—including no interactions—is a mandatory condition of commercial fishing licenses.



Avez-vous rendu votre journal de bord des espèces en péril ?

Le signalement de toutes les interactions – y compris l'absence d'interaction – est une condition obligatoire des permis de pêche commerciale.



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SAR Logbooks & New signs

- The Species at Risk Program would like to remind fishers that it is mandatory to return their species at risk logbook at the end of each fishing season. Including if no interactions occurred.
- This information is used to track the recovery of White Sharks, Leatherback Sea Turtles, and Northern and Spotted Wolffish.
- Incidental interactions with any of the species on the SAR Logbook while carrying out any fishing activity under licences with this condition are permitted or exempted with the requirement to monitor.
- **Can submit by mail or email!**

DFO.GLFSARA-LEPGLF.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca


Available ID Cards

- Cards for:
 - Blue Whale →
 - Fin Whale
 - North Atlantic Right Whale
 - Leatherback Sea Turtle
 - White Shark
- Electronic versions of the ID cards are available at:


[Species at Risk in Canada ID cards \(ingeniumcanada.org\)](http://ingeniumcanada.org)

Endangered Blue Whales feed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Help protect them!


Report Blue Whale Sightings




Broad, flat head in front of blowholes



Extremely small dorsal fin





Broad, triangular fluke



Report Blue Whale sightings to:

Live and free-swimming		Fisheries and Oceans Canada	1-844-800-8568 or XMARWhaleSightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
	NB, NS, PEI	Marine Animal Response Society	1-866-567-6277 or VHF Channel 16
Entangled, injured, or dead	QC	Quebec Marine Mammal Emergency Response Network	1-877-722-5346
	NL	Whale Release and Strandings	1-888-895-3003

Please provide: ✓ Contact information (voluntary) ✓ Date, time, and lat/long coordinates of sighting ✓ Number of whales observed
 ✓ Photos and/or videos.

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Photos: Mingen Island Cetacean Study (MICS) Illustration: Hicham Iloussamen

Fin Whale and North Atlantic Right Whale

Fin Whales are listed as Special Concern and feed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Help protect them!

Report **Fin Whale** Sightings



White lower jaw and baleen on the right side of the head


Relatively small dorsal fin of variable shape

Light gray or white V-shape mark behind blowholes



Report Fin Whale sightings to:

Live and free-swimming		Fisheries and Oceans Canada	1-844-800-8568 or XMARWhaleSightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
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Endangered North Atlantic Right Whales feed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Help protect them!

Report **North Atlantic Right Whale** Sightings



V-shaped blow

Y-shaped black tail (raised when diving)


Large white patches on head

No dorsal fin



Report North Atlantic Right Whale sightings to:

Live and free-swimming		Fisheries and Oceans Canada	1-844-800-8568 or XMARWhaleSightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
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Leatherback Sea Turtle and White Shark

Plastic can resemble jellyfish and leatherbacks sometimes mistake it for food.

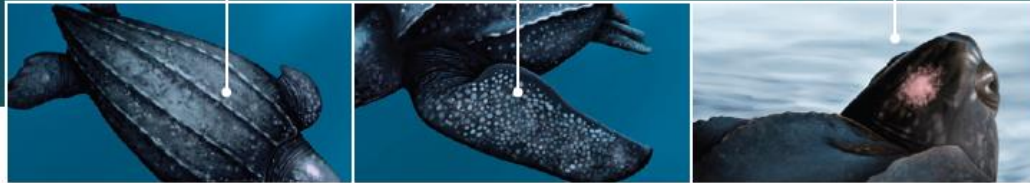
Report **Leatherback Sea Turtle** Sightings



Teardrop shaped leathery shell with seven dorsal ridges

Large paddle-shaped front flippers

Bluish-black in colour with scattered white blotches and a pink spot on head



Report Leatherback Sea Turtle sightings at:

Gulf/Maritimes	Canadian Sea Turtle Network	1-888-729-4667, or http://seaturtle.ca
NL	Whale Release & Strandings	1-888-895-3003, or whalesightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
QC	Amphibia-Nature	1-877-UneLuth (1-877-863-5884), or amphibia-nature.org
Please provide: ✓ Contact information (voluntary) ✓ Date, time and lat/long coordinates of sighting ✓ Number of turtles observed ✓ Photos and/or videos		

White Sharks are apex predators which help keep ocean ecosystems in balance.

Report **White Shark** Sightings



Dark-coloured and pointed dorsal fin

Five gill slits at the side of the head

Symmetrical and deeply forked caudal fin

Sharp colour contrast between the top (grey or black) and underside (white)



Report White Shark sightings or incidents to Fisheries and Oceans Canada at:

Phone	NB, NS, PEI	1-844-400-7870
Email	NB, NS, PEI, QC	shark.mar@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Twitter	NL	@DFO_NL #NLSHarks
Online	NB, NS, PEI	https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/sharks/report-mar-eng.html
Please provide: ✓ Contact information (voluntary) ✓ Date, time, and lat/long coordinates of sighting ✓ Number of sharks observed ✓ Photos and/or videos		