

# THE ARABIAN SEA HUMPBACK WHALE

## ADVISORY NOTICE

The Arabian Sea Humpback Whale is one of the most endangered whale populations in the world, thought to number less than 100 individuals within Oman.

These whales have been isolated in the Northern India Ocean for over 70,000 years. Uniquely, calving and feeding occur within the same waters. The breeding season is between January and May with a peak in March, but whales may be present year round.

### PDC Whale Management and Mitigation Plan

PDC operates a whale management programme to help reduce the risk of mortality and disturbance to whales from port activities, especially the risk of ship strikes. The programme seeks to minimise impacts through a 'Detect-Report-Respond' system operated by trained personnel.

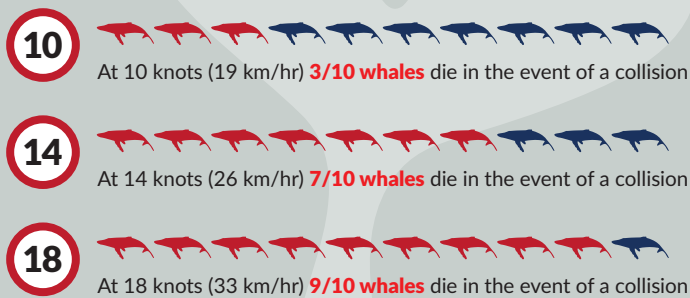
Report all whale sightings and seek further advice from Port Control.



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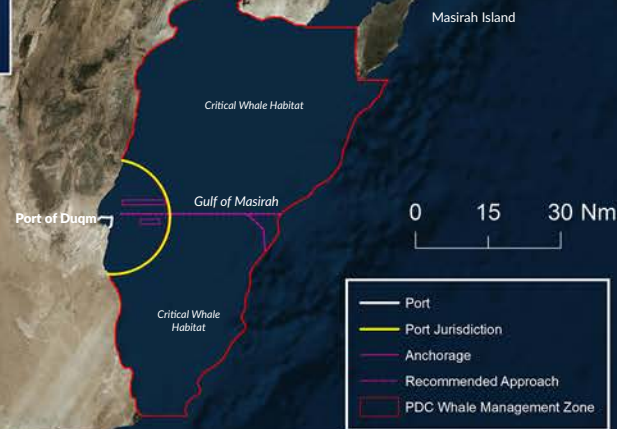
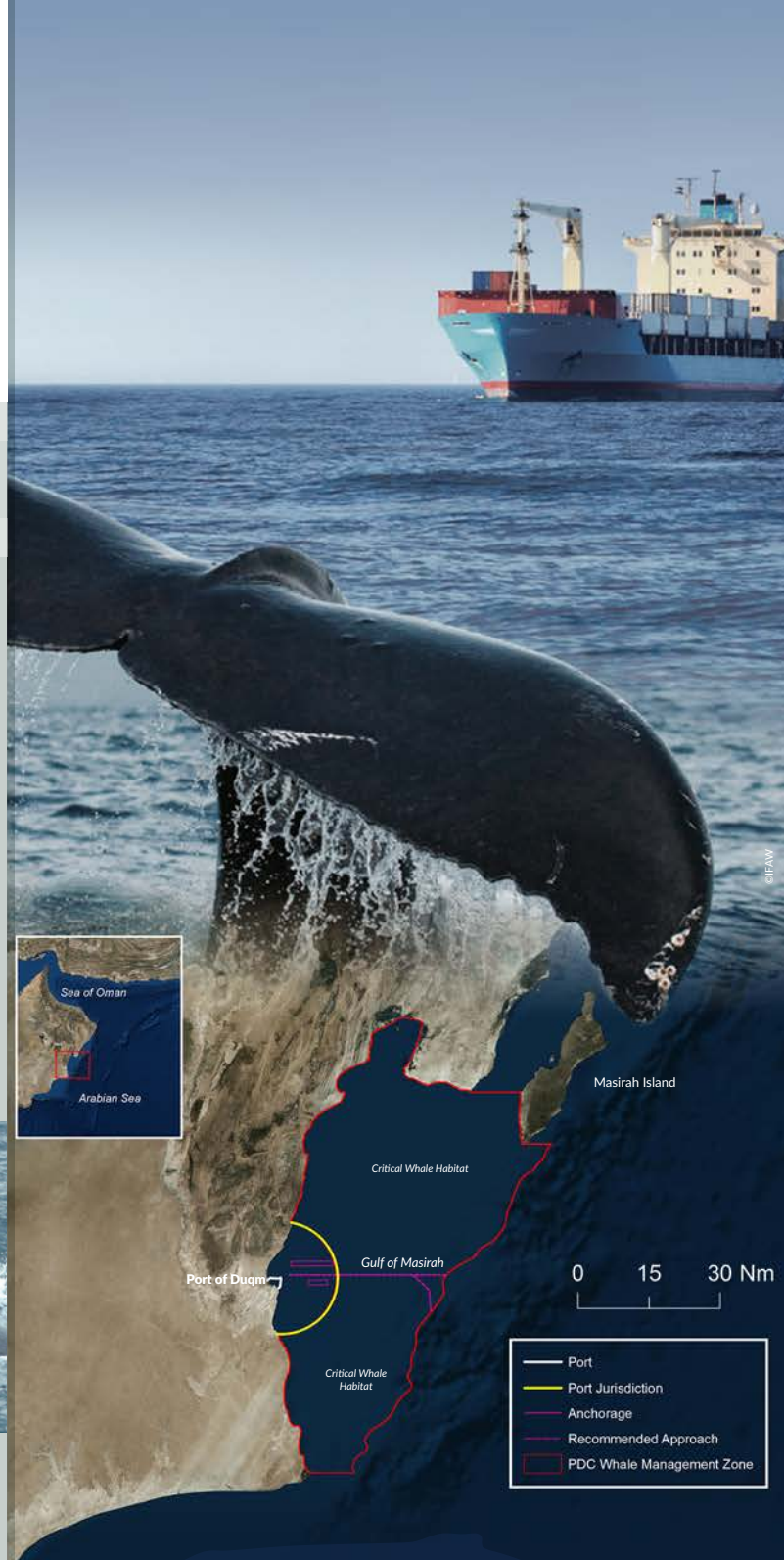
## Speed and Strike Risk

Effects of ship speed on whale fatality rates



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**SHIP STRIKES CAN BE FATAL!**



## Critical Whale Habitat

Keep speed to <10kts

Keep a continuous watch

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Report sightings VHF Ch14

Avoid whales 1km for vessels <300Gt 2km for vessels >300Gt

5OES WHALE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

