



# The Short- Finned Pilot Whale

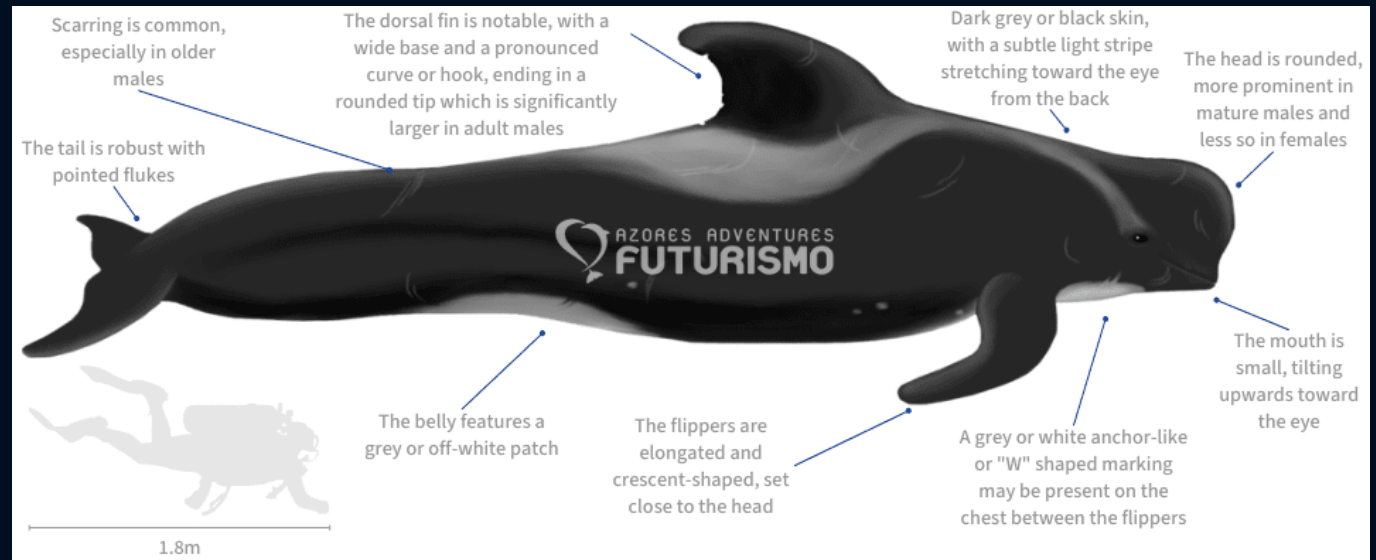
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# Introduction

- Pilot Whales fall under the dolphin heading even though they have “whale” in their name. They swim pretty much everywhere such as Asia, Oceania, South Africa, Europe and North America, sometimes even crossing over with their relatives the long finned pilot whale. Pilot whales do not like the cold waters they are typically found in warmer/ tropical areas.



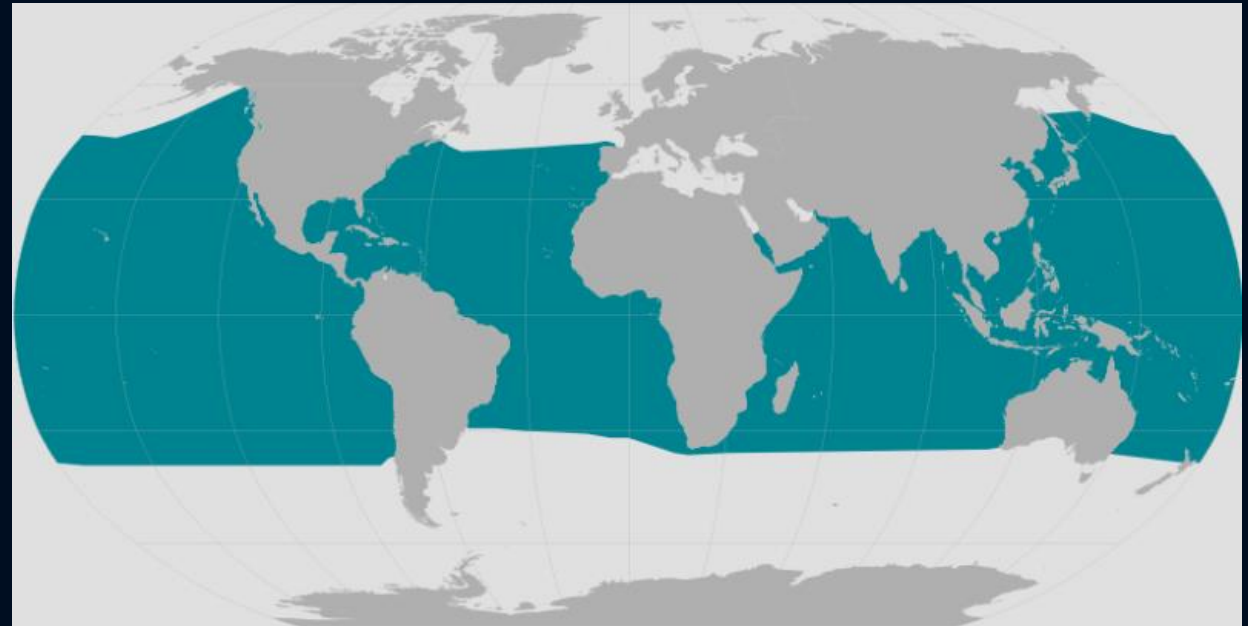
# Description



- They have a thick set dorsal or hooked fin and a bulbous shaped head, males are larger than females which leads to a bigger and more chunkier fin and head. Adult Pilot Whales are a charcoal black, but sometimes you can see them as a dark grey or brownish color. They have a light grey patch on the back of their fin, and another patch the shape of an anchor on their underbelly. Males grow to become larger than females at a maximum of 7.2 meters, females are just under 6 meters approximately 5.7 and lastly calf's get up to 1.8 meters.

# Habitat and Range

- Pilot whales prefer a deep environment, and this is typically in the highest density areas of the outer continental shelf. Where the tropical and warm waters are.
- Pilot whales range the world through multiple different countries or continents such as Oceania, Africa, North America, Asia, South America and Europe.



# Diet / Predators

- Pilot whales have a fairly simple diet, which concludes mainly of ocean fish. But they have been reported to feast on squid and octopus.
- The Short Finned Pilot Whale has a few predators that hunt them in the sea, such as Killer Whales and large Sharks but humans are also threats to these creatures.



# Fun facts:

THE SHORT FINNED PILOT WHALE ARE FOUND IN PODS OF UP TO 1000 AND AS LITTLE AS TEN.

THEY ARE OFTEN REFERRED TO AS BLACK FISH BECAUSE OF THEIR DISTINCTIVE CHARCOAL BLACK COLOR.

THEY COMMUNICATE WITH CLICKS, WHISTLES AND SQUEAKS.

- Thankyou for listening in, on my power point on the Short Finned pilot Whale, I hope you enjoyed.

