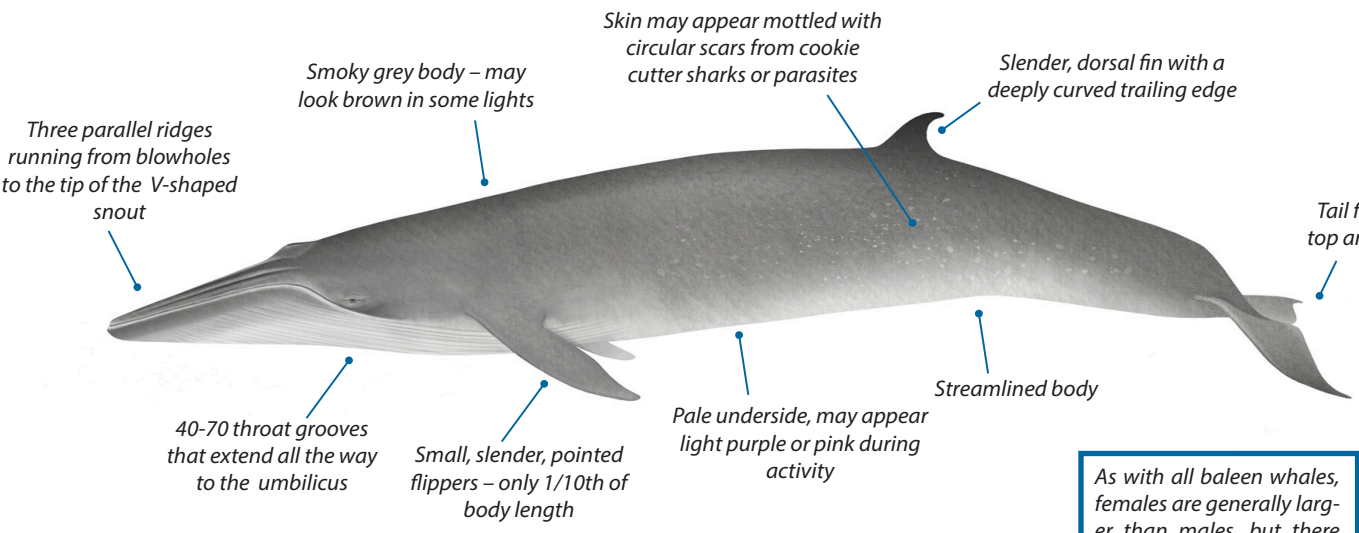


Bryde's whale (*Balaenoptera edeni*)

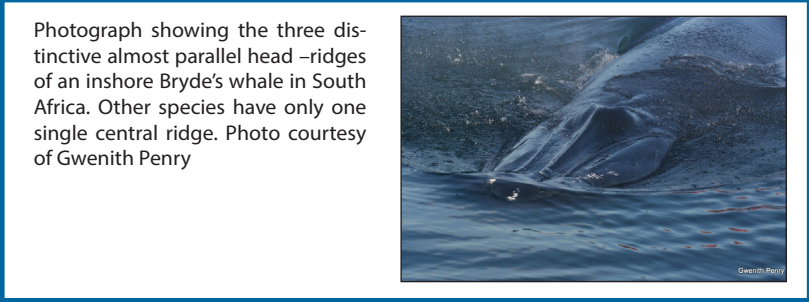
Distribution: Almost world wide (see map below and full list of countries in the detailed species account online at: <https://www.handbook.iwc.int/en/species/brydes-whale>)

Adult length: up to 15.5m (female)
 Adult weight: approximately 20,000kg (female)
 Newborn: 4m /680kg





As with all baleen whales, females are generally larger than males, but there is no way to distinguish them at sea.

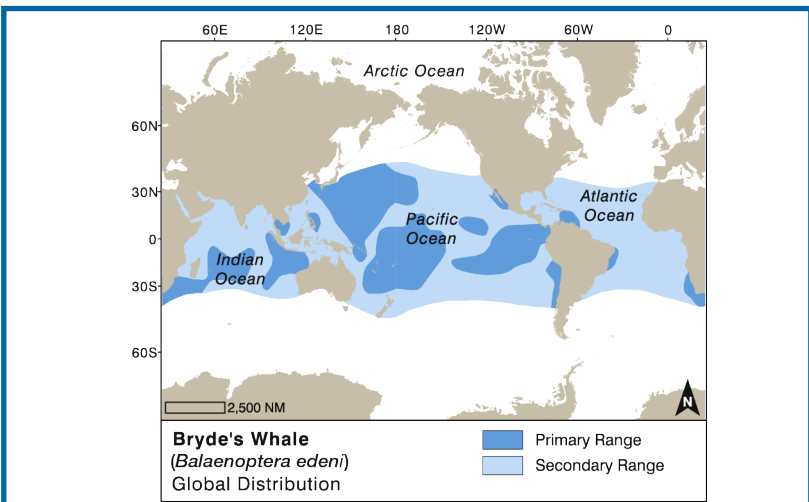
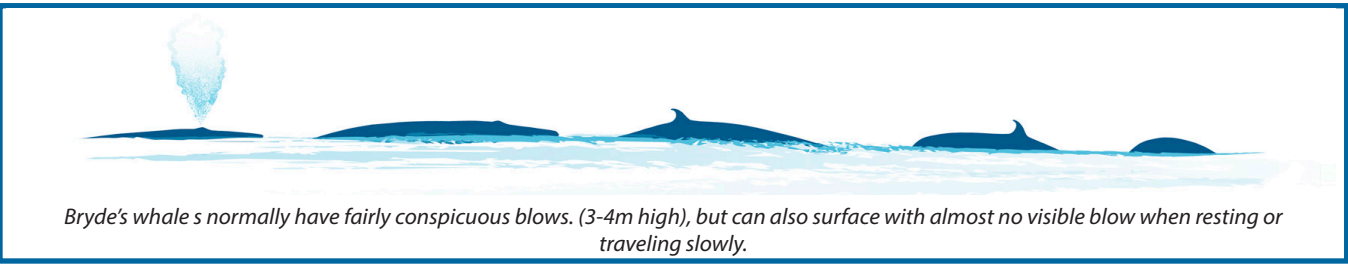
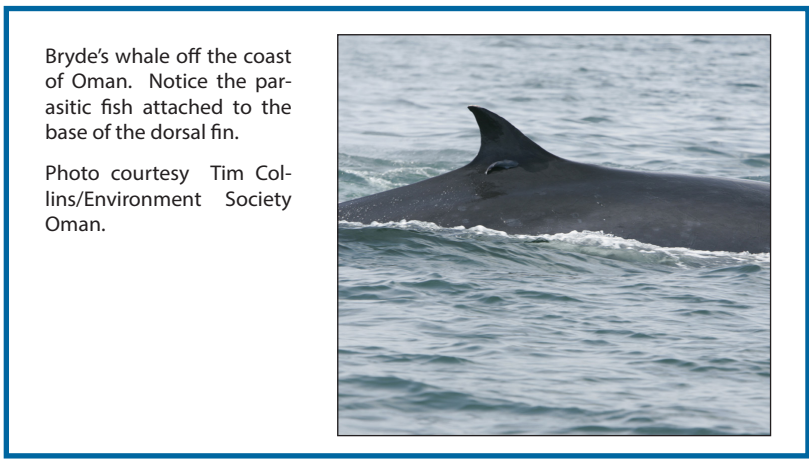
Threats: Entanglement, habitat loss
 Habitat: Continental shelf
 Diet: Small schooling fish
 IUCN Conservation status: **Data Deficient**



Fun Facts

 Bryde's whales are named after Johan Bryde, a Norwegian whaler working in South Africa. The name should be pronounced "Broodah's".

 Bryde's whales and sei whales are difficult to distinguish and were often confused at sea and even in whaling records for many years.



Bryde's whale global distribution. Adapted by Nina Lisowski from Jefferson, T.A., Webber, M.A. and Pitman, R.L. (2015). "Marine Mammals of the World: A Comprehensive Guide to Their Identification," 2nd ed. Elsevier, San Diego, CA. Copyright Elsevier: <http://www.elsevier.com>

Bryde's whales are also known as 'tropical whales' due to their distribution in tropical and temperate areas between 40° south and 40° North. There are two recognised subspecies of Bryde's whales with partially overlapping ranges: Eden's whale (*Balaenoptera edeni edeni*), and Bryde's whale (*B. e. brydei*).

