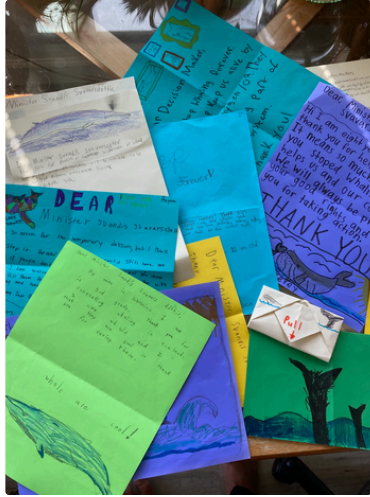
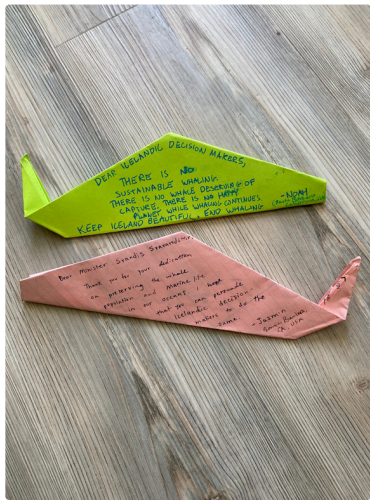


Let's create Origami Fin Whales & Art Letters to end whaling in Iceland

Get creative and join our "Iceland Without Whaling" campaign! Participate by sending an origami fin whale and/or an art letter to the following recipients:



- 1 Urge the Icelandic Minister of Environment, Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson, to support the proposed law to ban whaling in Iceland permanently.
- 2 Encourage Minister of Food, Fisheries and Agriculture, Bjarkey Gunnarsdóttir to be vigilant and suspend the current whaling permit if there is sufficient proof of violations of Article 5 of the regulations and Iceland's Animal Welfare Act.



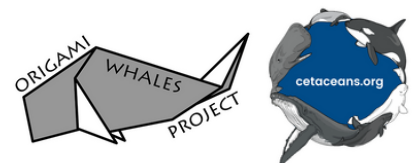
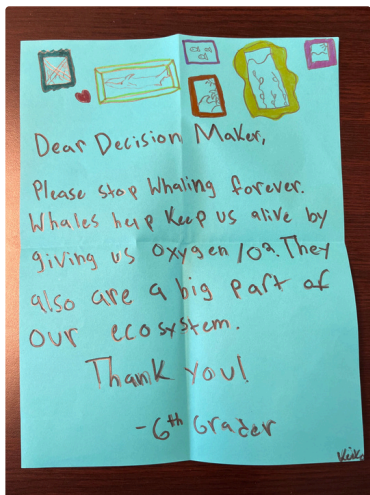
Instructions:

- 1 Fold and decorate your origami fin whale/and or create an art letter.
- 2 Include your name, city, and country on your origami fin whale or art letter.
- 3 Send your origami fin whale or art letter to:

Minister Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson
Borgartún 26 - 105 Reykjavík, Iceland

Minister Bjarkey Olsen Gunnarsdóttir
Borgartún 26 - 105 Reykjavík, Iceland

Please ensure all origami whales and art letters arrive in Iceland by September 4th 2024.



Reasons why whaling should end

Below are some points you might like to include on your origami fin whale and/or art letter.

If you're writing to the **Icelandic Minister of Environment, Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson:**

- Whales are climate legends! On average, each great whale sequesters (removes) 33 tons of CO₂, taking that carbon out of the atmosphere for centuries.
- Whales are the glue that holds an ecosystem together, and because of this, they are worth far more. They are an ongoing resource and critical species that help maintain the health of our oceans.

If you're writing to **Minister of Food, Fisheries and Agriculture, Bjarkey Gunnarsdóttir:**

- Whaling is an inhumane practice, with whales sadly taking a long time to die and suffering.





Fin whale facts

Scientific name: *Balaenoptera physalus*



Fin whales are twice as long as a school bus!

The second-largest animal on Earth after the blue whale

They can swim 5x faster than an olympic swimmer

Habitat:	Open ocean
Location:	They prefer cooler waters, but distributed across all major oceans
Lifespan	Around 100 years
Size:	75 -85ft / 25m - 27m with the females being larger than males
Weight:	70-120 tons / 70,000 -120,000kg
Colour:	Grey, brown, black with pale white bellies
Diet:	Krill and small schooling fish
Predators:	Humans and orca in some regions
Top speed:	47kmph /30mph
Conservation status:	Vulnerable