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# **NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE**



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With an estimated total population size of 350, the North Atlantic Right Whale is the world's most endangered large whale. Named by early whalers as the "right whale" to kill, this species was an easy target as it often stayed near the coast, was slow moving and floated when dead.

Even though these whales have been protected from whaling since 1935, their population has shown no significant signs of recovery. It has been suggested that this may be due to a number of factors including:

- Deaths caused by collisions with ships
- Deaths caused by fishing gear entanglements
  - Degradation & loss of habitat
- Inbreeding due to low population numbers
  - Low reproductive rates

Combined, these have left the Right Whale in a very compromised position.

## **YOU CAN HELP!**

When you adopt a Right Whale, your tax deductible adoption fee helps us work towards solutions for these problems.



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## **YOU CAN HELP SAVE THE RIGHT WHALES.**

You can help save the North Atlantic Right Whale by adopting an individual whale, a mother/calf pair or a whole family!

Your tax deductible "adoption fee" will go directly towards funding Right Whale research, conservation and education programs.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO BUILD CUSTOMIZED ADOPTION PROGRAMS FOR CLASS PROJECTS UPON REQUEST.**

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## **GRAND MANAN WHALE & SEABIRD RESEARCH STATION**

The Grand Manan Whale & Seabird Research Station (GMWSRS) is a registered charity incorporated in 1981 by its founder, the late Dr. David Gaskin. We are dedicated to research and education which promote conservation of the marine environment. Our researchers study seabirds and marine mammals in the lower Bay of Fundy; and develop & deliver education and stewardship programs through a natural history museum, invited lectures, publications, specific projects, a website and outdoor exhibits.

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