

Are fewer sperm whales hanging out in Kaikoura?



Male sperm whales feed off the coast of Kaikoura, NZ.

We track individuals with a hydrophone (underwater microphone) and take photos of their flukes.

This data can be used to estimate population size.

They are giants of the ocean and their decline could impact the rest of the marine ecosystem.



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