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ANTARCTIC BLUE WHALES

Antarctic Blue Whales (*Balaenoptera musculus intermedia*) feed almost exclusively on krill - they can eat up to 40 million in one day. They are the **loudest** animal on the planet and can be heard from over 1000 km away!

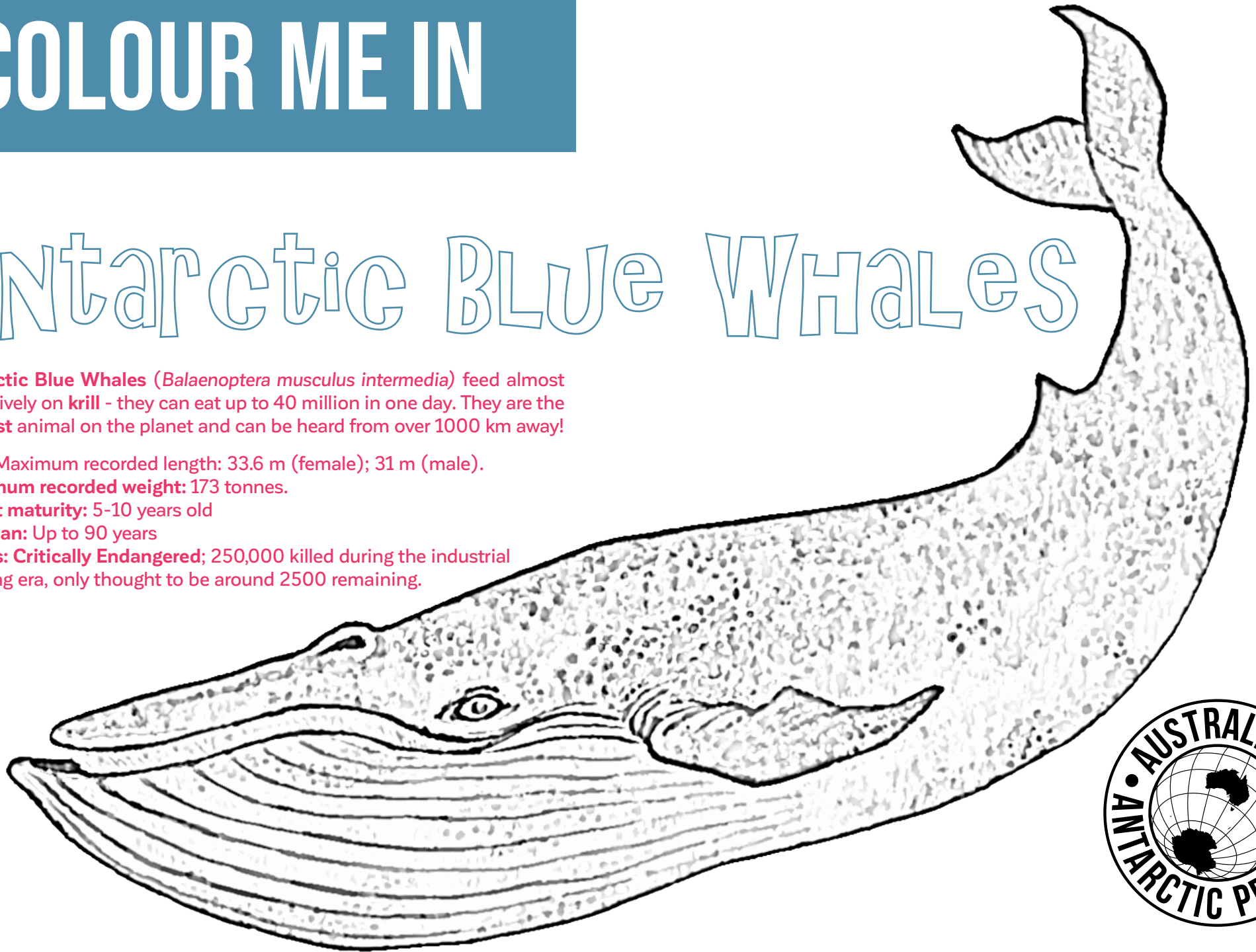
Size: Maximum recorded length: 33.6 m (female); 31 m (male).

Maximum recorded weight: 173 tonnes.

Age at maturity: 5-10 years old

Lifespan: Up to 90 years

Status: **Critically Endangered**; 250,000 killed during the industrial whaling era, only thought to be around 2500 remaining.



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