1 The Blue Whale

The blue whale (Balaenoptera musculus) is the largest animal that has ever lived, reaching lengths up to 33 meters and weights up to 150 tons. They can live between 70-90 years.

2 Death in the Ice

In March 2014, a 30-meter blue whale was spotted in heavy pack ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence off the south coast of Newfoundland. The whale was most likely coached to death when strong winds and sea ice pushed the thick ice crystals. Two of the carcasses washed up on local beaches: one in Trout River and a second in Ross Harbour, two small communities on the west coast of Newfoundland near Gros Morne National Park.

The deaths of the blue whales represent a significant blow to the North Atlantic blue whale population, which is already at risk due to climate change and overfishing.

3 Reillustrating the Skeleton

Replacing a blue whale skeleton is a challenging and time-consuming process. The skeleton was assembled in the ROM's workshop and is now on display.

4 Backyard Composting & Degreasing

Backyard composting and degreasing is an effective way to reduce waste and improve the environment. By composting, you can turn food scraps and yard waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment.