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**HUMPBACK
WHALES**

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DEFENSE

Adult humpback whales have few enemies. Killer whales and large sharks will attack **calves** or weak adults. A humpback whale calf is helpless. It depends on its mother to keep **predators** away.

Swimming away from danger is the humpback's best defense. Although the humpback is a slow whale, it can swim up to 12 miles (19 kilometers) per hour.

In the early 1900s, **whalers** nearly killed all the humpbacks. Now, hunting laws protect them.



***The humpback's best defense is swimming from danger.
Humpbacks can swim up to 12 miles (19 km) per hour.***