

Blue Whales Songs and Communication

Blue whales are one of the loudest animals on Earth. Their calls, moans, groans and squeals can be as loud as a jet engine. They use their sounds for communication in hunting, navigating, mating and identifying each other. The sound Blue Whales and all baleen whales create is referred to as a 'song'- probably because it can last up to 10 minutes!

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The rhythmic pulses and deep moans of the Blue Whale are so loud they could theoretically travel halfway across an ocean basin, yet the frequency of these calls is often so low that they are totally inaudible to human ears. Scientists believe their low frequency calls are probably used to communicate with other blue whales, and quite possibly with other whale species as well.

Like the rest of the body, the bones of blue whale ears are enormous – occupying a space 30cm long.

