



Design your own **whale fluke hat!**

You could win a prize by entering our **What a Fluke!** Competition!

Just submit a photo or a video (no longer than 1 minute) via our website: maritimemuseum.co.nz/events/what-a-fluke

Or you can post it to instagram or facebook and tag us: **@nzmaritimemuseum**

What's with all these whales?

February 20th is World Whale Day! This year, WWF has created *Whale Tales*: an outdoor arts trail in Tāmaki Makaurau, inspired by the Hauraki Gulf's 'forgotten whale' - the Bryde's.

Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana is home to Bryde's whales, but plastic pollution, overfishing, out-of-balance ecosystems and more is threatening their survival. Now, there are only 135 left in our waters, and they will disappear forever unless something is done now.

Whale Tales is designed to raise awareness around our marine environment, with funds raised going towards restoring the ecosystem of the Hauraki Gulf and helping save the Bryde's whale. You can donate or find out more at whaletales2022.org



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Instructions

1. Cut out two whale flukes and two strips for your headband.
2. Decorate your whale flukes and head band. Use paint, pens, collage, whatever you feel like. Go big—as a whale!
3. Staple your headband together so it fits snugly around your head.
4. Staple along the top of the whale flukes.
5. Staple the bottoms of the tails to the band, one at the front and one at the back.
6. Now you are dressed to krill! Work those flukes!

Five whale-sized facts!

1. Did you know that Bryde's whale is actually pronounced BROOdus whale!
2. Bryde's whales grow to approximately 12-15 metres long and can weigh around 40,000 kilograms (more than 2 buses combined).
3. The Hauraki Gulf is one of the few regions worldwide where Bryde's whales remain resident year-round.
4. They have baleen plates (comb-like structures) equipped with coarse bristles in their mouths. These plates, made of keratin (the same as human hair and fingernails,) act like a filter which collects food from the water as the whale ingests it during feeding. They dine on krill, plankton, and small fish.
5. The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park is a nursery. This is an important area for mothers and their calves.