

## Beluga Whale Research Questions

Name of the beluga whale population you are studying: \_\_\_\_\_

### General research on beluga whales

1. How did the beluga get its name? Does it have any other nicknames? What do they mean?
2. How do you identify a beluga whale?
3. Where do belugas live?
4. What do beluga whales eat?
5. What are their predators?
6. What role do belugas play in the Arctic ecosystem? Draw a food web to explain their role.
7. What adaptations do belugas have that have enabled them to survive the harsh conditions of the Arctic?
8. Other interesting facts about beluga whales:

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### Research specific to your population

1. What is the current number of belugas in the population? Is the population stable? Explain.
2. Do they migrate? If so, what are their migration patterns?
3. Give a brief history of the population. If possible, create a timeline of events and population history.
4. How are belugas connected to the human community? Is there any history of commercial hunting or subsistence hunting?
5. What are the threats to their population?
6. Is there a main cause in the decline of their population? If yes, what?
7. Have they been listed or are they currently listed as endangered, as threatened or as a species at risk?
8. What is being done to protect the population?
9. What can you do to help protect belugas and our environment?