

The Orca - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

[Orca resurfacing]

The killer whale, or orca, can be found in the oceans surrounding Canada.

[Orca diving]

Highly intelligent and social, killer whales usually live in family pods, and use complex sounds to communicate.

They typically eat about 100 kilograms of food each day, including fish, squid, sea lions, sharks, and even other species of whales.

[Orca diving]

Hunting can be made difficult by boat traffic and a lack of prey. And the noise generated by boats can interfere with communication and even cause separation.

[Different boats including the host in a kayak]

Considered a species at risk, the orca is under threat. Toxic chemicals in what they eat have made them some of the most contaminated marine mammals in the world.

[Water with green algae]

We all need to work together to keep our oceans clean if we want the killer whale to have a future. And that's just a start.

To learn more about orcas and how you can help protect them, visit hww.ca.