NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary was established to protect endangered humpback whales and their habitat in Hawai‘i. To achieve this goal, the sanctuary conducts public education and scientific research in coordination with a wide variety of agencies, organizations and community groups. Hawai‘i's humpbacks constitute more than two-thirds of the entire North Pacific population. For more information, please visit our website – [http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov](http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov)

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