

Marine Mammal Behavior Laboratory: Photos and Sound Clips

Have a glance at some field photos and have a listen to some of the marine mammals that the Tyack Laboratory records.

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What is that Sound?

Tagged Odontocetes produced regular click trains often punctuated by a brief pause or rapidly accelerating series of clicks, called a 'buzz' or a 'creak'.

- Regular Clicks: a long train of regularly spaced clicks lasting for minutes during deep dives.
- Buzz or Creaks: closely spaced clicks with the rate of clicking accelerating over the course of the creak, which is an indicator of a foraging phase of a dive.
- Codas: a pattern of three to twenty clicks, often made in exchanges with other whales.

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In the News! The work we do...

[The Deepest Divers](#): D-tags give scientists in-depth records of whales in the depths. [Oceanus](#), July 3, 2007

[Playing Tag with Whales](#): Engineers overcome nightmarish specifications to create a dream instrument. [Oceanus](#), March 16, 2005

[Run Deep, But Not Silent](#) : A new tagging device lets scientists 'go along for the ride' into the underwater world of whales. [Oceanus](#), March 16, 2005

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"TAG ON" a sperm whale in the Gulf of Mexico. (WHOI, NMFS Permit #981-1707, GOM03)



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Tagging a Northern Right Whale in the Bay of Fundy. (WHOI, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Research Licence #000018, BOF05)



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A tagger's view of tagging a Northern Right Whale in the Bay of Fundy. (WHOI, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Research Licence #000018, BOF05)



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Tagging of a beaked whale in the Ligurian Sea using a hand held pole. (F. Pongiglione, NMFS Permit #981-1707, Zifius05)

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