

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



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Sanctuary Ocean Count Preliminary Data - March 25, 2023

During the March 2023 Sanctuary Ocean Count, volunteers went to their designated sites on the islands of O'ahu, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i to count whales and record any other species seen. The count takes place from 8:00 am to 12:15 pm the last Saturday of January, February, and March of each year.

The preliminary data below represents the number of humpback whales (adults/calves) seen during each 15-minute count period by location. The behavioral data that is collected for the project is not part of this report.

O'ahu

Average Number of Whales per 15min Count Period: **3.7**

#	SITE NAME	0800-0815	0830-0845	0900-0915	0930-0945	1000-1015	1030-1045	1100-1115	1130-1145	1200-1215
1	Ewa Beach	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
2	Ko'Olina	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/0	1/0	1/0	0/0
3	Mā'ili Point	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
4	Mākua Cave	0/0	1/0	5/1	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	6/0	2/0
5	Ka'ena Point-West	4/0	1/1	2/0	4/0	2/0	0/0	2/1	9/1	7/0
6	Ka'ena Point-North	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
7	Mokulē'ia Beach Park	1/0	3/1	3/0	55/2	5/1	3/0	3/0	5/1	4/1
8	Pua'ena Point	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
9	Shark's Cove	4/1	6/0	0/0	2/0	0/0	2/0	4/0	5/0	9/0
10	Turtle Bay	4/2	8/4	4/2	10/2	4/3	4/2	2/1	4/2	8/3
11	Lā'ie Point	1/0	7/1	2/1	10/3	2/0	2/0	3/0	2/0	2/0
12	Hau'ula Beach Park	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
13	Kualoa Ranch (Bunkers)	4/0	2/1	0/0	3/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
14	Pyramid Rock	3/0	11/1	3/1	2/1	5/0	2/1	11/1	0/0	1/1
15	Mōkapu Point (Monument Point Overlook)	2/4	2/0	10/5	8/3	5/2	7/1	4/0	8/2	15/0
16	Lanikai (Wailea Point)	1/0	0/0	1/1	6/1	2/0	2/1	2/0	5/0	0/0
17	Waimānalo Beach Park	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
18	Makapu'u Point Lighthouse	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
19	Hālonā Blowhole	5/2	6/2	3/1	4/1	2/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
20	Lāna'i Lookout	8/0	9/2	4/0	4/1	2/0	3/1	2/0	2/1	0/0
21	Hanauma Bay (Palea Point)	--- no longer an Ocean Count site ---								
22	Spitting Caves	4/1	1/0	0/0	1/0	3/1	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/0
23	Diamond Head	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
24	Magic Island	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
25	Kaka'ako	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
26	Kahe Point	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								

The 2024 Counts are Scheduled for January 27, February 24 and March 30!

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To find out more about the Sanctuary Ocean Count project or the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, please visit <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>.

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Kaua'i

Average Number of Whales per 15min Count Period: **3.4**

#	SITE NAME	0800-0815	0830-0845	0900-0915	0930-0945	1000-1015	1030-1045	1100-1115	1130-1145	1200-1215
1	Lumaha'i Overlook	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
2	Princeville	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
3	KPNWR - Kilauea Lighthouse	8/5	9/5	8/3	5/1	4/3	7/2	8/3	5/2	6/4
4	KPNWR - Crater Hill	10/3	5/2	4/2	5/0	1/0	2/1	2/0	2/1	2/2
5	Kapa'a Lookout	2/1	6/1	5/1	1/0	0/0	1/0	4/0	5/0	3/0
6	Ahukini Landing	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
7	Ninini Lighthouse	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0
8	Māhā'ulepū - Makauwahi Nature Trail	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
9	Māhā'ulepū - Makawehi	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/1	4/1	4/0	1/1
10	Makahū'ena Point	5/1	3/0	1/0	3/0	6/1	1/1	8/2	8/1	4/0
11	Po'ipū Beach Park	2/1	2/0	1/0	0/0	4/0	0/0	2/0	2/0	1/0
12	Ka'iwa Point	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
13	Port Allen	6/0	4/0	7/0	2/0	2/0	2/0	1/0	2/0	2/0
14	Waimea Canyon Drive Overlook	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
15	Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF)	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								

Hawai'i

Average Number of Whales per 15min Count Period: **1.1**

#	SITE NAME	0800-0815	0830-0845	0900-0915	0930-0945	1000-1015	1030-1045	1100-1115	1130-1145	1200-1215
1	Punalu'u Black Sand Beach Park	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
2	Ka Lae Park	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
3	Milol'i Lookout	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
4	Ho'okena Beach Park	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
5	Hōnaunau	--- site not utilized this month ---								
6	Keauhou Scenic Lookout	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
7	Keāhole Point / Natural Energy Lab (OTEC)	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
8	Hualālai (Four Seasons Resort)	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
9	Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Park	2/1	1/0	1/0	3/1	0/0	3/1	3/1	0/0	4/1
10	Mile Marker 7	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
11	Lapakahi State Park	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
12	Kapa'a Beach Park	1/0	2/0	3/0	1/0	2/0	0/0	3/1	1/0	0/0
13	Old Coast Guard Road	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
14	Upolu Point	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
15	Waipi'o Valley Lookout	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
16	Laupāhoehoe Scenic Lookout	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
17	Onekahakaha Beach Park	0/0	3/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	2/0	3/0
18	Kumukahi Lighthouse	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
19	Kehena Lookout	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
20	Ka'ena Point (Chain of Craters Road)	--- site not utilized for 2023 ---								
21	Hawaiian Paradise Park	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
22	Onomea Bay HTBG	8/0	1/0	2/0	5/0	3/0	2/0	0/0	0/0	0/0



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