

# HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



## Sanctuary Ocean Count Preliminary Data - February 24, 2024

During the February 2024 Sanctuary Ocean Count, volunteers went to their designated sites on the islands of O‘ahu, Kaua‘i, Moloka‘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. Only active site locations for the year are included. If a site is not listed it was inactive for the year. 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

#	SITE NAME	0800-0815	0830-0845	0900-0915	0930-0945	1000-1015	1030-1045	1100-1115	1130-1145	1200-1215
2	Ko‘Oolina	0/0	0/0	1/0	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0
4	Mākua Cave	1/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0
5	Ka‘ena Point-West	0/0	1/0	0/0	1/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	3/0	3/0
7	Mokule‘ia Beach Park	3/2	4/0	3/2	4/2	5/4	5/5	3/2	2/0	3/1
9	Shark’s Cove	9/1	2/0	3/0	1/0	3/0	18/10	10/1	1/0	0/0
10	Turtle Bay	--- site not utilized this month ---								
11	Lā‘ie Point	3/1	2/0	3/1	7/2	2/0	3/0	7/2	0/0	0/0
13	Kualoa Ranch (Bunkers)	3/0	2/0	3/0	3/0	4/0	0/0	--- rained out ---		
14	Pyramid Rock	7/1	14/0	11/0	5/0	8/0	9/0	3/0	7/0	3/1
15	Mōkapu Point (Monument Point Overlook)	2/0	4/0	3/3	3/1	2/1	0/0	1/0	3/0	2/0
16	Lanikai (Wailea Point)	2/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	--- rained out ---			
19	Halona Blowhole	2/0	6/0	3/0	4/0	4/1	--- rained out ---			
20	Lāna‘i Lookout	7/2	5/1	7/0	3/1	4/1	2/2	3/1	1/0	2/0
22	Spitting Caves	2/1	3/2	3/2	3/2	2/1	3/1	2/1	0/0	0/0

### Moloka‘i

Average Number of Whales per 15min Count Period: 5

#	SITE NAME	0800-0815	0830-0845	0900-0915	0930-0945	1000-1015	1030-1045	1100-1115	1130-1145	1200-1215
1	Kaiaka Rock	6/1	5/1	9/3	12/3	7/1	9/1	3/2	5/2	0/0
2	Sandy’s Lookout	5/1	2/0	3/0	3/1	0/0	1/0	--- rained out ---		

**The Last 2024 Count is Scheduled for March 30th!**

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## Kaua'i

Average Number of Whales per 15min Count Period: 3

#	SITE NAME	0800-0815	0830-0845	0900-0915	0930-0945	1000-1015	1030-1045	1100-1115	1130-1145	1200-1215
4	KPNWR - Crater Hill	N/A	1/0	1/0	1/1	3/2	2/1	3/1	2/0	2/0
5	Kapa'a Lookout	2/1	0/0	0/0	2/0	3/1	3/0	4/0	2/1	0/0
6	Ahukini State Recreation Pier	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
7	Ninini Point Lighthouse	3/0	1/0	2/0	3/1	2/0	2/0	2/0	2/0	2/0
9	Māhā'ulepū - Makawehi	1/1	5/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	2/0	0/0	1/0	0/0
10	Makahū'ena Point	4/1	4/1	6/2	6/2	4/1	4/1	0/0	0/0	2/0
11	Po'ipū Beach Park	3/0	2/0	0/0	1/0	2/0	5/1	2/0	3/0	3/1
12	Kāiwa Point	--- site not utilized this month ---								
13	Port Allen	1/0	1/0	2/0	4/0	3/0	6/0	2/0	1/0	0/0
15	Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF)	4/0	3/2	8/1	6/3	7/1	6/1	8/2	3/1	2/0

## Hawai'i

Average Number of Whales per 15min Count Period: 6

#	SITE NAME	0800-0815	0830-0845	0900-0915	0930-0945	1000-1015	1030-1045	1100-1115	1130-1145	1200-1215
4	Ho'okena Beach Park/Kauhako Bay	0/0	2/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/1	5/0
5	Hōnaunau	0/0	3/0	1/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	1/0	0/0
7	Keāhole Point / NELHA-OTEC	0/0	0/0	2/0	1/1	3/1	N/A	7/2	8/2	6/2
8	Hualālai Four Seasons - Kukio Beach	3/3	4/2	2/1	3/1	3/2	4/2	3/2	2/1	0/0
9	Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Park	21/1	24/2	22/3	18/2	16/2	22/0	20/2	25/1	24/2
10	Mile Marker 7	3/1	6/1	6/1	6/0	7/1	8/0	10/2	6/1	6/0
12	Kapa'a Beach Park	9/2	6/2	6/0	7/1	8/1	7/1	7/0	7/1	4/0
13	Old Coast Guard Road	9/0	0/0	4/0	3/0	5/0	6/0	6/0	6/1	3/0
17	Onekahakaha Beach Park	6/1	1/0	5/0	6/0	2/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
21	Hawaiian Paradise Park Cliffs	2/0	2/1	2/0	--- rained out ---					



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