

# Giants in the Ocean



## *Blue Whale Facts*

The largest creature ever to have lived on Earth, even bigger than the dinosaurs and it lives in our oceans NOW !

- Tongue the size of an elephant, heart the size of a car, blood vessels you could swim through.
- Can grow to 200 tonnes in weight, live for up to 90 years, and grow as long as 30 metres.
- It's a mammal not a fish – it's warm blooded, and just like humans it gives birth to live young, and the females have mammary milk glands

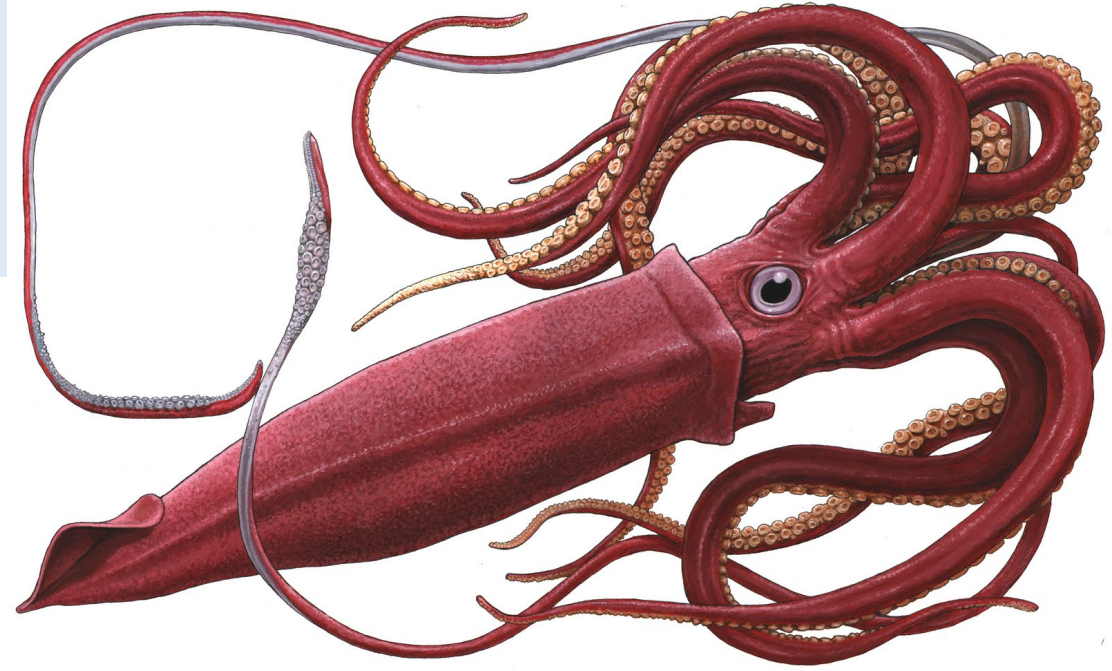
## Whale Shark Facts

- Largest living Fish – 18m
- Evidence of existence from 60 million years ago
- Lives to about 70 years old
- Habitat: Deep, warm waters - worldwide
- Filter Feeder. Swims with its huge mouth gaping open, filtering tiny plankton, algae and krill
- The Whale Shark can circulate water through its gills, at a speed of up to 1.7 litres per second



# Giant Squid Facts

- A member of the Octopus family
- This creature is a cephalopod not a fish
- It lives in the dark deep ocean
- Its eyes grow as big as beach balls
- It uses large tentacles covered with powerful suckers to catch its prey



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