

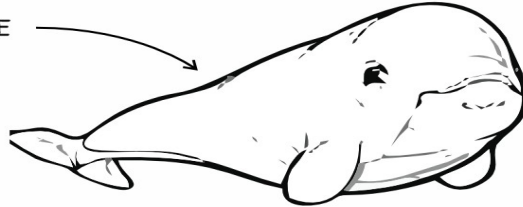
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ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Read the two texts below and answer the questions!

BELUGA WHALE



Beluga whales are the beautiful white whales of the Arctic. The word 'beluga' comes from the Russian word 'bielo' meaning white, however, these white whales are born dark gray. They can take up to eight years before they turn completely white. The belugas can swim backwards. Their dives may last up to 25 minutes and can reach a depth of 880 meters. They are endangered because of climate change, hunting, oil and gas development and pollution. Besides, polar bears and killer whales may catch belugas for food.

Where does the beluga live?

What is the color of the beluga at birth?

How long can they dive?

What causes the beluga to be endangered?

Can a beluga live peacefully with a polar bear? How?
