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News: Sperm Whales

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- The Sperm Whales are the **largest of the toothed whales and have one of the widest global distributions of any marine mammal species.**
- They are **found in temperate and tropical waters throughout the world.**
- They **have the largest brains of any animal and live in matriarchal groups of about 10.**
- They are **listed as vulnerable in the IUCN Red List, mentioned in Appendix I of CITES and included in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.**
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- Sperm whales utilise **rapid clicks underwater, resembling the sound of an exceptionally loud zipper, for communication and echolocation purposes, aiding in prey tracking.**

- These clicks are thought to constitute a "phonetic alphabet" enabling the whales to construct words and phrases.