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Sketch of a Blue Whale (Enlarged to Scale: 23 meters, 154 tons)

Polished stainless steel tubing,
used galvanized steel scaffolding, hardware
18,104 x 18,108 x 3000 mm

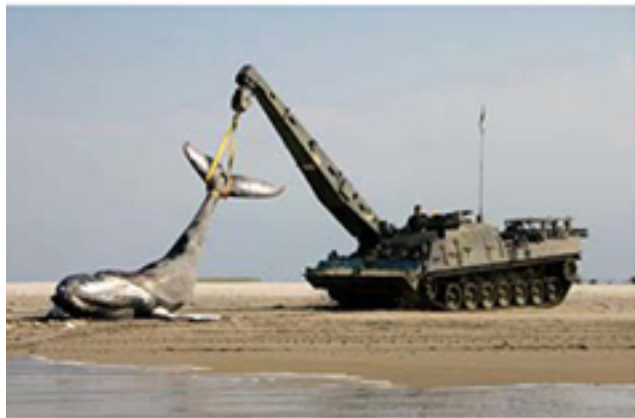
Installation at Cass Sculpture Foundation,
West Sussex, UK



Comparison between whale scale and human scale



Measuring over 110' long, Blue Whales are the largest animals to have ever roamed the face of the planet

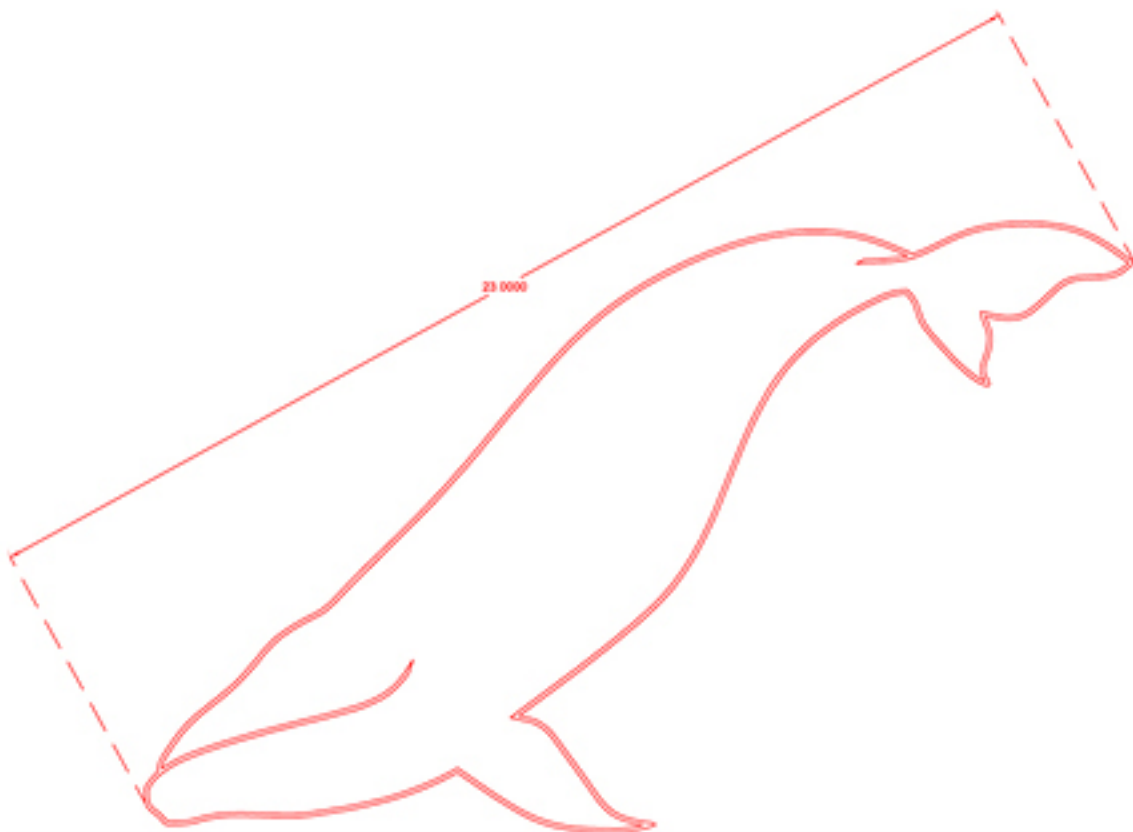
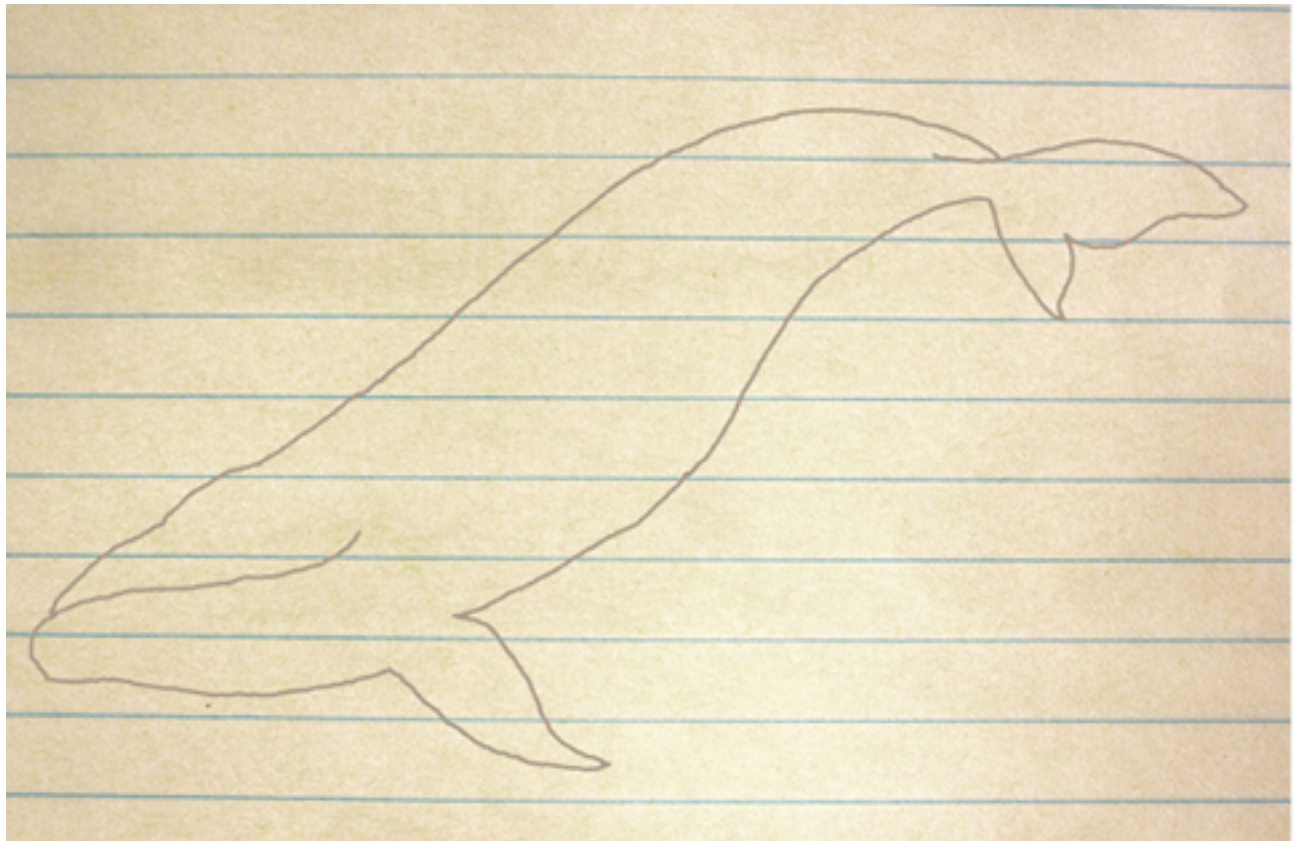


In the earth's 3 billion year history of cellular life, the blue whale is the largest animal ever known to have roamed its surface, and it coexists with us still to this day. The whale is a scale of life that competes with the scale of our own infrastructures.

Considering our ability to lord dominion over all life, the blue whale, in its dwarfing scale, places our individual relationship to the natural environment back into a perspective of humbled celebration.

In this piece, the confluence of different scales simultaneously (between the hand drawn, the sculptural, and the monumental size of a real blue whale, as well as the surrounding landscape) points to an immediate relationship between the viewers themselves and the reality of the natural world just beyond our front doors.

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press release



(Top) Sketch of a blue whale - 5x7 inches
(Bottom) Sketch enlarged schematically
to 23 meters, the full size of an average adult



Stainless steel tubing, used for fencing and railing around pools and nautical equipment. This 3" diameter polished stainless steel tubing is used to render the outline of the sketch of a blue whale.

