

There has also been a significant increase in the beaching of so-injured mammals, showing clear evidence of acoustic trauma – massive internal bleeding/internal injury – due to naval training exercises in the past decade. The total number of injured marine mammals due to such activities is estimated to be more than a quarter million!

Example:



This Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*) was a victim of the 2000 Bahamas stranding event (@ location G in pix below), in which 17 individuals from several whale species stranded after naval exercises involving the use of active sonar.

