



## Hawaiian Adventure: Virtual Reality Fact Sheet

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A turtle relaxes while fish feed upon its shell at a cleaning station. Photo: Matt McIntosh/NOAA



The Napali Coast is on the island of Kauai. Photo: Nick Zachar/NOAA



A humpback whale swims peacefully. Photo: NOAA

1. Humpback whales (koholā in Hawaiian) migrate annually to the equator in winters to mate, give birth, and raise their young in the warmer waters.
2. Humpback whales make many sounds to communicate and socialize with its pod (other whales it travels with).
3. Whitetip reef sharks (manō) are nocturnal and hunt along the seafloor.
4. The Hawaiian Islands are formed by a volcanic hot spot that pushes up lava and as it cools new islands in the Pacific are formed.
5. Green sea turtles (honu) are the largest hard-shelled sea turtle. They are about 3–4 feet long and weigh up to 350 pounds.
6. Green sea turtles are the only herbivorous sea turtle, meaning they eat only plants. These turtles eat mainly algae and seagrass.
7. Sharks and sea turtles are recognized as ancestors within Native Hawaiian culture.
8. Cleaner fish and shrimp eat bacteria, parasites, and algae off larger organisms at cleaning stations. The act is beneficial for both animals.