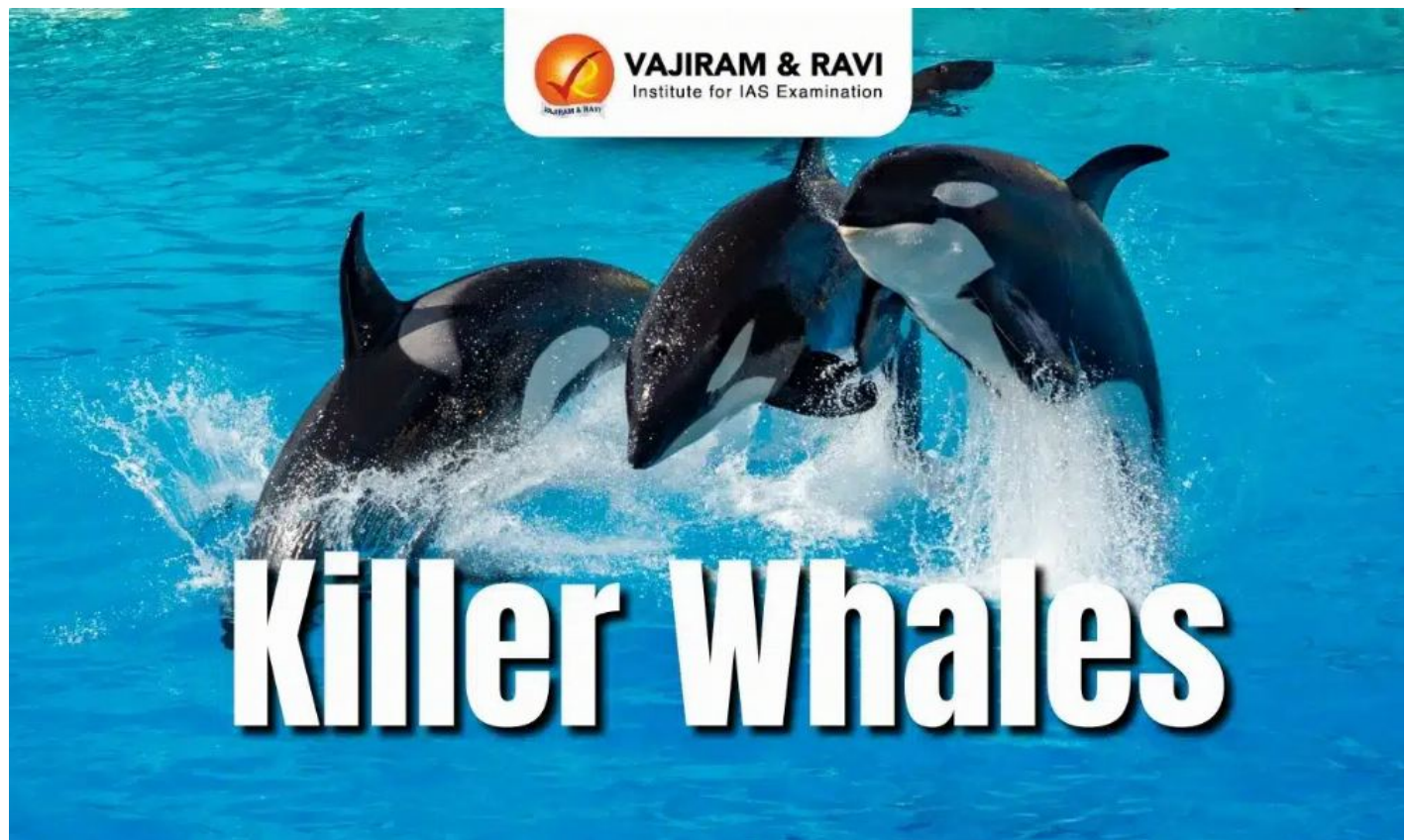


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Killer whales Latest News

A new study has found that killer whales may be exploring human behaviour by offering them whole prey and waiting for them to respond.

About Killer whales

- It is **also known as Orcas** which is found **across the world and it** is the ocean's top predator.
- It is the **largest member of the Delphinidae family**, or dolphins and are the most widely distributed of all cetaceans.
- Members of this family include all **dolphin species**, as well as other larger species, such as **long-finned pilot whales** and **short-finned pilot whales**, whose common names also contain "whale" instead of "dolphin".
- **Behavior:** Killer whales are **highly social**, and most live in **social groups called pods** (groups of maternally related individuals seen together more than half the time).
- Killer whales rely on **underwater sound to feed, communicate, and navigate**.

- **Appearance:** They are one of the most recognizable marine mammals, with their distinctive black and white bodies.
- **Habitat:** Globally, killer whales occur in a wide range of habitats, in **both open seas and coastal waters**.
- **Threats:** Killer whales are at high risk of becoming entangled in fishing gear. Also habitat loss is a major concern.
- **Conservation Status: IUCN:** Data Deficient

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