

Can whales predict disasters?

As photographer Andrew Sutton was filming whales just off the coast of Sri Lanka, warnings were given on land that a tsunami was (0) in the area. However, Andrew and his crew were totally (1) to what was about to happen, and so watched in amazement as every species of cetacean, (2) from massive blue whales to tiny spinner dolphins, disappeared within the (3) of around five minutes. (4) the humans on the boat felt nothing, the animals had obviously sensed the shocks from beneath the sea and (5) the area seconds after the earthquake had begun and minutes before the tsunami actually took place.

In a similar incident, a recent scientific report from Mexico appears to prove that a fin whale accelerated quickly away from the (6) of an underwater earthquake.



The (7) of all this are very interesting to scientists, because it suggests that sea mammals might be able to give crucial warnings a few seconds (8) to a potentially dangerous seismic activity in the same way that some animals are alleged to be able to do on land.

- 0 A forthcoming
- 1 A unaware
- 2 A ranging
- 3 A duration
- 4 A Whilst
- 5 A vanished
- 6 A point
- 7 A expectations
- 8 A approaching

- B expectant
- B unconscious
- B reaching
- B space
- B Yet
- B fled
- B setting
- B propositions
- B prior

- C imminent
- C oblivious
- C ranking
- C time
- C However
- C disappeared
- C place
- C assumptions
- C previous

- D gathering
- D ignorant
- D running
- D length
- D Despite
- D escaped
- D site
- D implications
- D leading