It is about the loss of biodiversity due to human activities, here whales threatened by global shipping. As ocean traffic keeps rising, robust measures are needed.

A Californian project was launched in 2020 to protect the endangered species thanks to technological devices such as microphone-equipped buoys to detect the whales and GPS to spot ships over speeding.

Although the results can’t easily be assessed, the number of collisions has fallen, and the techniques are copied worldwide.

However, solutions can’t only be technical; speed limits should be made compulsory and marine protected areas should be set up. Still, busy ports are deadly for whales. Despite all this, whale defenders are hopeful.

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