

The Truth Behind Exploding Whales Is Ugly

The largest creatures on earth have a tendency to blow up when washed ashore, which can be rather nasty.



A bloated whale washed ashore in Namibia. Image credits: Free pictures for conservation /CCsearch, CC BY-NC-SA 2.0

This video of an exploding whale was captured in the Faroe Islands back in 2013. As a marine biologist started cutting into the whale which was dead for about 2 days, a vicious explosion erupted from the remains, spraying blood and guts, nearly injuring the biologist. The blast was so powerful that the flensing knife was ripped from his hands and stood in the wall of the house across from the flensing plane.

The video contains graphic footage.

Most often when a whale dies, it sinks to the bottom of the ocean where it becomes a bountiful source

