#### Whale museum and visitor centre



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# **IMBITUBA WHALE MUSEUM**

The Imbituba Whale Museum, opened in September 2003, is located on Porto Beach in the historic "Barração Manoel Rosa." named after one of the last local whalers. The museum is the result of a partnership between the Right Whale Project, the City Hall, business owners, and PETROBRAS. Listed as a Municipal Historic Heritage Site, the museum recounts the history of whaling and its protection, with exhibitions of artifacts, maps, and illustrations. It is the only museum in South America to chronicle the slaughter of whales by foreign fleets in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is currently administered by the Imbituba City Hall.



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WHERE ARE THERE WHALES?

#### WHALE MUSEUM



The Imbituba Whale Museum, located on Porto beach and housed in the historic building called "Barracão Manoel Rosa" in honor of one of the last whalers of Imbituba and an active promoter of public education about the history of hunting and conservation of right whales, was inaugurated in September 2003 and is the result of a partnership between the Projeto Baleia Franca, the Municipal Government of Imbituba and many businesspeople from the region who joined forces with PETROBRAS to make the historic reconstruction of the building and the installation of the exhibitions possible.

Listed as a Municipal Historic Heritage Site, the last whaling station in southern Brazil, which closed in 1973, was restored to house the Museum, which tells the story of the whale slaughter and the struggle for their protection. Its interior evokes the dark period of the slaughter through maps and illustrations obtained from historical archives and other museums, as well as several preserved artifacts. It also houses interpretive panels that guide visitors through the history of whales' difficult coexistence with humans.





The only one of its kind in South America, the Imbituba Whale Museum also tells the little-known story of the slaughter of whales in Brazil by foreign whaling fleets in the 18th and 19th centuries, with the highlight of this exhibition being the model of the US sailing whaling ship Charles Morgan, a masterpiece by naval modeler Luiz Lauro Pereira Jr, who lives in nearby Laguna.

The Museum is currently managed by the Imbituba City Hall.

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Excursions and school groups must make prior reservations by telephone: (48) 3255-2374 and 3255-8377 (Imbituba Tourism Department). [vc\_media\_grid\_element\_width="2" grid\_id="vc\_gid:1523249304237-d79cbg56-f463-3" include="11385:11386"]









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### VISITOR CENTER

National Right Whale Conservation Center



The National Right Whale Conservation Center is the operational headquarters of the Australis Institute, the Southern Right Whale Project (ProFRANCA), and the support base for the Santos Basin Beach Monitoring Project (PMP-BS). It is also our Visitor Center, where we welcome the community and visitors from Brazil and around the world.

The CV, as we affectionately call it, is located in Imbituba, Santa Catarina, on Itapirubá Norte beach, one of the most beloved coves in Brazil, also visited by right whales. The building was constructed in 2003 with funding from Petrobras and support from Cerâmica Itagres, FunDive, and Intelbras, on land donated by the Itapirubá community, for which we will be eternally grateful.



In 2020, thanks to sponsorship from Petrobras and the Federal Government, through the Petrobras Socioenvironmental Program, we began the process of revitalizing the facilities, from structural renovations to the building, such as the construction of access ramps for people with disabilities, to the renovation of the interpretive panels, materials where we conduct guided tours explaining everything about the biological characteristics of the right whale, the history of the institution and the project, and all of our research work for the conservation of the right whale started more than 40 years ago.

In August 2021, we reopened the **Australis Space**, attached to the visitor center, a museum of the region's marine fauna that features **skeletons of several species**, taxidermied animals, and a unique attraction: the **skeleton of an adult right whale measuring 14 meters** in length, the only adult specimen of the species on display for



visitors on the Brazilian coast.

Our visitor center also features a video room, a whale-watching deck, a souvenir and gift shop, a life-size replica of a baby right whale, and a variety of biological materials and educational models of the species on display. Our facilities also include an administrative office, rooms for our researchers, research laboratories, and a meeting room.

To better manage attendance and forecast attendance, we offer a scheduling system for small groups of up to 10 people seeking a more comprehensive and technical experience. Schools and universities with larger classes can be booked by phone. We also welcome individuals and families passing through the area without an appointment.

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