
Not sonar

We question the statement that "some experts suspect that [military sonar] disorientated the northern bottlenose whale which got lost in the Thames in January" ("Four whales killed", 19 March). The post-mortem examination revealed the cause of death to be dehydration, from a lack of squid preceding its entry into the Thames. The examination revealed no signs of acoustic trauma.

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