

# Beachgoers Threatened By A Potential Whale of An Unexploded Bomb

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**Motpellier Beach, France** Authorities are concerned that a 15-ton dead whale that washed ashore could explode at anytime due to gases forming inside the carcass as it decays. One option under consideration to control the threat is to conduct an "open detonation" procedure using commercial demolition explosives. In this scenario, the whale carcass would be first towed out to sea a safe distance from the beach before rigging explosives to destroy the carcass.



It is unclear what killed the whale but scientists are studying samples of its skin, muscles, and fat to determine a cause of death.