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Whale makes record journey
灰鲸创哺乳动物迁徙距离最长纪录

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科学家们说一条灰鲸横穿太平洋游出了单程2.25万公里的距离，创下哺乳动物迁徙距离最长的纪录。据追踪器显示，这条母灰鲸从俄罗斯海域出发一路南下至墨西哥然后又返回始发地。此研究报告发表在了《生物学报》（Biology Letters）上。以下是 Helen Briggs 的报道。

Scientists tracked the **migration** of the gray whale from one side of the North Pacific to the other and back again. The **round trip** took 172 days and **covered** 14,000 miles.

Researchers were surprised the female could **find her way** from the coast of Russia across the Bering Sea then down to **breeding grounds** off Mexico.

Conservationists say the small numbers of rare gray whales living in waters off eastern Russia may be part of a larger population travelling back and forth across the Pacific.

Questions

1. How long did it take the whale to complete its journey?
2. What surprised the researchers recording the whale's journey?
3. Who thinks the small number of gray whales may be part of a larger population?
4. Which word in the article means 'to follow the movement of someone or something'?

Vocabulary and definitions

migration	迁徙
round trip	往返行程，来回旅程
covered	完成了，游经了
find her way	找到它要去的路
breeding grounds	繁殖地
conservationists	生态环境保护者

Answers to the questions:

1. How long did it take the whale to complete its journey?
   Answer: The round journey from Russia to Mexico took the whale 172

   days.

2. What surprised the researchers recording the whale's journey?
   Answer: They were surprised that the whale could find its way from one place to the other.

3. Who thinks the small number of gray whales may be part of a larger population?
   Answer: Conservationists.

4. Which word in the article means 'to follow the movement of someone or something'?
   Answer: To track.