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**НАБЛЮДЕНИЕ СЕРОГО КИТА (*ESCHRICHTIUS ROBUSTUS*)
В МОРЕ ЛАПТЕВЫХ**

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OBSERVATION OF THE GRAY WHALE (*ESCHRICHTIUS ROBUSTUS*) IN THE LAPTEV SEA

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In the fall of 2011, two gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) were observed to the west of the Novosibirskiye Islands archipelago during a scientific expedition on the Research Vessel “Mikhail Somov”. This is the first scientifically confirmed sighting of gray whales in the Laptev Sea. The range of the presence of this species in the Arctic shelf seas is extended more than 500 km to the west. In the near future, an areal expansion due to the climate changes in the Arctic is suggested.