

Some Cetacean Species of Pakistan

Cetacean Conservation

Would you like to know more
about our Cetaceans in Pakistan?

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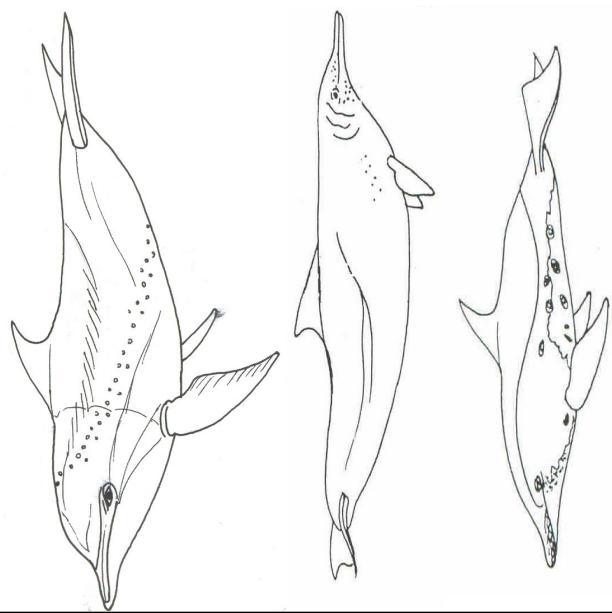
Wetland Centre Hawkes Bay/Sands spit
235 3741 or 235 3742

CEMB University of Karachi
03452 820 997 or 03334 819 937

Have you seen a Cetacean recently?
Yes, then please contact us!

Thanks,

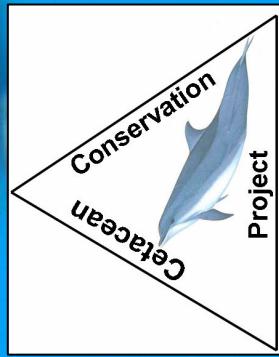
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Top to Bottom: *Tursiops truncatus* (Bottlenose dolphin), *Sousa chinensis* (Hump-backed dolphin), *Steno bredanensis* (Rough-toothed dolphin), *Delphinus delphis* (Common dolphin), *Stenella longirostris* (Spinner dolphin), *Neophocaena phocaenoides* (Finless porpoise).

Drawings: Shafista Hameed

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Spinner dolphins Photo: R Ormond

Cetacean Conservation Project

Recent evidence indicates that significant, previously unstudied populations of over 20 species of whale and dolphin occur within the Pakistani EEZ (NE Indian Ocean). The Cetacean Conservation Project (CCP) will undertake surveys urgently needed to determine their abundance, diversity, and seasonal habitat use, assess the status of their pelagic environment and document threats to their populations.

The CCP will develop management options and recommendations, helping to fulfill our National Conservation Strategy.

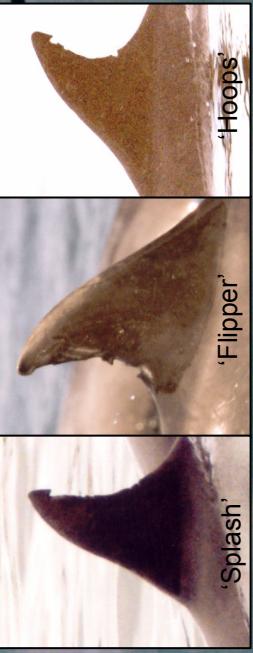
It will emphasize, through Karachi University, capacity building and training of Pakistani students, academics and fisheries officers.

Sustainability will be achieved by establishing, with WWF-Pakistan, an active national cetacean conservation group.

What are Cetaceans?

- Cetacean is the collective name for whales, dolphins, and porpoises
- They are mammals, like us, and need to breath air
- They live off the coast of Pakistan, which is part of the Indian Ocean Sanctuary (IOS)
- Cetaceans are an important part of Pakistan's marine biodiversity
- Cetaceans do have problems with their ecosystem due to pollution, being caught accidentally in nets, a lack of food, being hurt accidentally by propellers, and degradation of their habitat
- They are endangered and are listed on the IUCN Red List and CITES

We can identify individuals by their fins:



Bottlenose dolphin Photos: CRRU

Common dolphin Photo: R Culloch