

DOLPHINS & WHALES

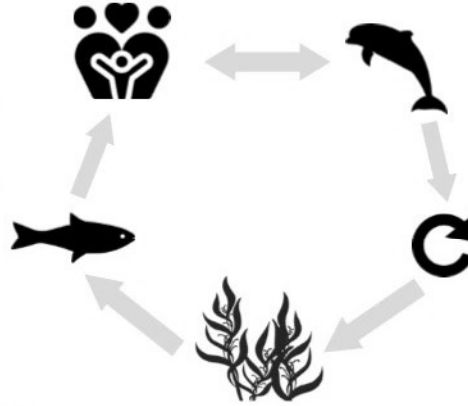


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Healthy ecosystem

Dolphins keep the living and non-living marine balance in check through energy transfer and regulation. Therefore plenty of plankton can grow to ensure a varied and wide abundance of fish, which ensures high fishing profits.



Unhealthy ecosystem

Without dolphins the marine ecosystem is unbalanced which results in a lack of plankton life. Without plants there is little fish and therefore **unprofitable**.



SPECIES UNDER THREAT



Fin whale

18,5 – 20 m, long head, light underside



Mostly threatened by anthropogenic noise, ship strikes from high speed ferries



Sperm whale

11-20 m, bid block shaped head, wrinkled skin



Mostly threatened by Entanglement, and noise



Cuvier's beaked whale

5-7 m, short beak, small fins



Mostly threatened by anthropogenic noises (seismic surveys, naval sonar)



Risso's dolphin

Big dorsal fin, scars, bulbous head
Mostly threatened by bycatch, habitat loss due to noise especially sonar



Bottlenose dolphin

2-4 m grey, defined snout
Mostly threatened by prey depletion due to commercial fishing, bycatch and prey depletion



Striped dolphin

Black striped from eye to tail
Mostly threatened by entanglement, and



Common dolphin

1,5-2,5 m, light yellow hourglass pattern laterally
Mostly threatened by prey depletion, and bycatch



Monk seal

2-2,5 m, dark coat, white stomach patch
Mostly threatened by habitat deterioration, entanglement, killing



BE SMART



Avoid bycatch



Favour less destructive methods



Respect protected areas, times, distances and laws (e.g. minimum catch sizes)



Decrease pollution and pick up trash



Recycle and reuse

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