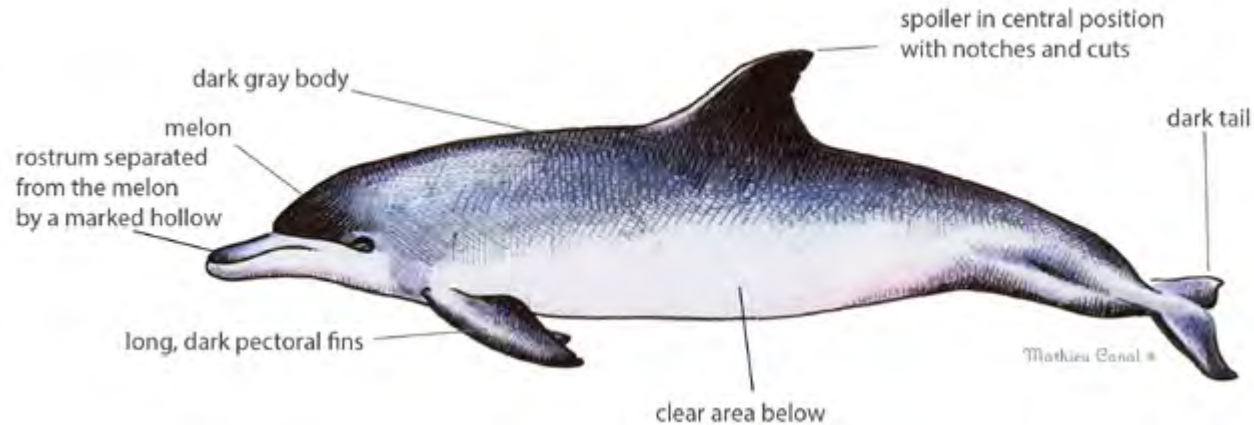


bottlenose dolphin

Tursiops truncatus

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Marine mammal, family Cetacea, sous-ordre Odontocètes, family Delphinidae

Size: 2,50 to 4 m

Weight: 150 to 600 kg

Birth weight: 14 to 20 kg

Gestation period: 12 months, breastfeeding period 12 to 18 months, there is a birth every 2 to 3 years

Food: squid, fish, crustaceans, it can consume around 5kg of mackerel per day

Sexual maturity: females 5 to 13 years and 8 to 15 years for males

Distribution: worldwide, very present in the south of the "Golfe du Lion", coastal groups and high seas

Threats: degradation and loss of habitat, accidental captures, human-caused contaminants, human activities

Protection : the bottlenose dolphin is on the red list of endangered species IUCN

How to meet them: approaching less than 100 m is strictly prohibited, maximum speed of 5 knots, do not cut them off, limit encounters to 1/4 hour, respect the characteristic signs: tail clicks, air bubbles, which signify DANGER. Do not feed them, no fishing lines, do not attempt to swim with dolphins.