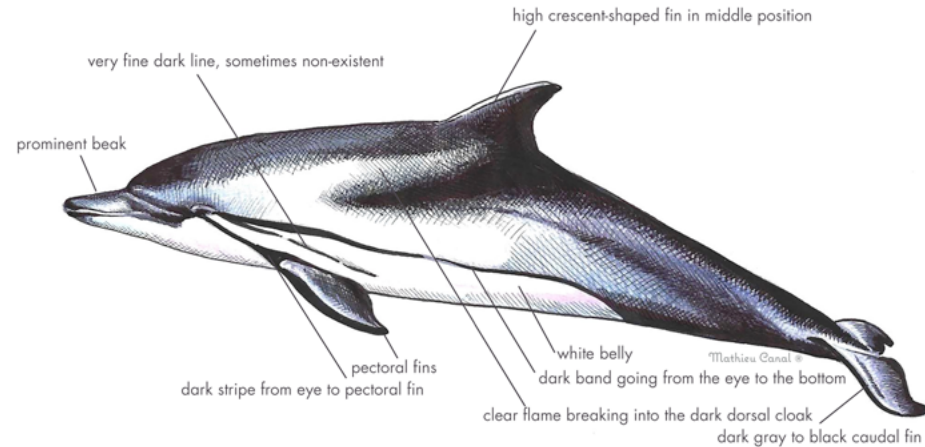


STRIPED DOLPHIN

Stenalla coeruleoalba

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Marine mammal, family Cetacea

Size: 2 to 2,50 m

Birth weight: 7 to 11 kg. **Adults :** 100 à 250 kg.

Gestation period: 12-13 months, breastfeeding period 1 to 2 years, there is a birth approximately every 2 to 3 years.

Food: they mostly hunt in the evening and at night small fish, cephalopods, and can go down to depth from 200 to 700m.

Sexual maturity: females 5 to 13 years and 7 to 15 years for males and would live to 58 years.

Distribution: worldwide, there are about 120,000 in the western Mediterranean, very present in the south of the Gulf of Lions, coastal groups and the high seas. They often move in large groups of reproducers and pregnant females. They are very agile, active and jump with or without twists.

Threats: habitat degradation and loss, hunting in Japan, driftnets, human contaminants, human activities.

Protection : the IUCN International Union for the Conservation of Nature has classified the BLUE and WHITE dolphin, in «least concern» «vulnerable in the Mediterranean».

How to meet them: since 01/01/2021, it is forbidden to intentionally approach protected cetaceans and sirenians within 100 m in marine protected areas and in marine waters under sovereignty and jurisdiction, maximum speed of 5 knots, do not cut them off, limit encounters to 15 minutes, 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.

