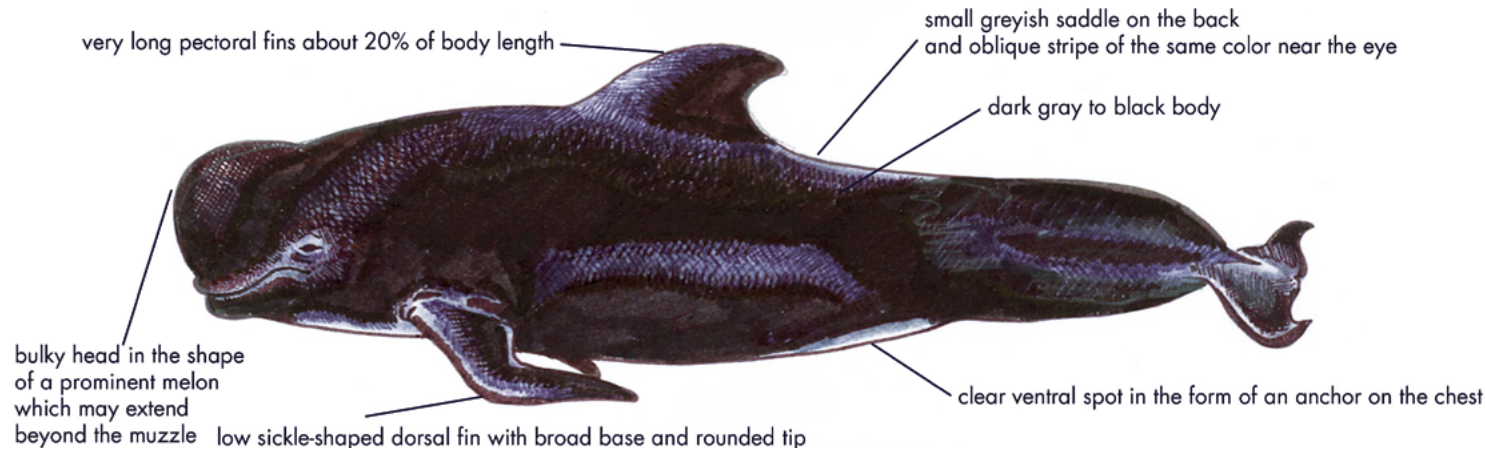


# PILOT WHALE

## Globicephala melas

To observe is to protect, The Peoples of the Sea will thank you for that



Marine mammal, class Mammals, order Cetacea, suborder Odontocetes, family Delphinidae

Size: 4 to 7.50 m

Weight: 1 to 3 tonnes

Birth weight: 75 to 100 kg

Gestation period: 12 to 16 months, breastfeeding period 12 to 18 months, there is a birth every 3 to 5 years

Diet: cephalopods especially squid and small fish

Sexual maturity: females 8 to 12 years for males. Lifespan: 50 to 70 ans

Distribution: worldwide in all cold seas. It prefers deep water close to the coast. Southern Gulf of Lion.

Threats: still hunted in the Faroe Islands, accidental captures: driftnets, longlines, contaminants of human origin DDT, PCB ...

Protection: minor concern in the IUCN statute International Union for Conservation of Nature

**How to observe them: since 01/01/2021, in France 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 1/4 of an hour, respect the characteristic signs: tail snapping, air bubbles, which mean DISTURBANCE. Do not feed them, no fishing lines, do not try to swim with pilot whales