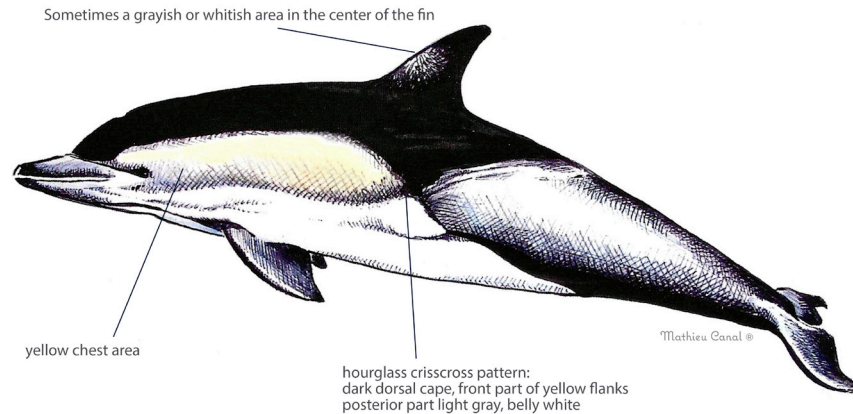


COMMON DOLPHIN

Delphinus delphis

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



Marine mammal, class Mammals, order Cetacea, suborder Delphinidae, species *Delphinus delphis*

Size : 0.80m at birth, from 1.6 m to 2.40 m

Poids : 150 à 200 kg

Gestation period : 11 to 12 months, breastfeeding period at least 10 months, there is one birth every 3.

Food : anchovies, sardines, mackerel, cephalopods, squid

Sexual maturity : females 2 to 7 years for males 3 to 12 years. Lifespan : 35 ans

Distribution : cosmopolitan species. It is present in all the seas of both hemispheres with water temperatures ranging from 10 to 28 °C, including the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. Usually he avoids the polar regions.

Threats : still hunted today in Japan, Norway, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea for its meat and oil

Protection : minor concern in the statute of the IUCN International Union for the Conservation of Nature, It should also be noted that the overfishing of stocks of sardines deprives them of their basic food resources.

How to meet 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 off their route, limit encounters to 1/4 of an hour, respect the signs: tail snapping, air bubbles, which mean DISTURBANCE. Do not feed them, no fishing lines, do not attempt to swim with common dolphins.