

Get Involved!

Report your sightings:

To report your sightings of cetaceans in Falklands waters please e-mail whales@conservation.org.fk

Remember to provide as much information as possible including the date and time, location, species and group size. All photos are helpful too!

Your records will help protect and conserve cetaceans.

Report a stranding:

If you have seen a stranding please report this to the FIG Environment Unit as soon as possible. Include any photos as well as a location and any other details you remember.

Still have questions?

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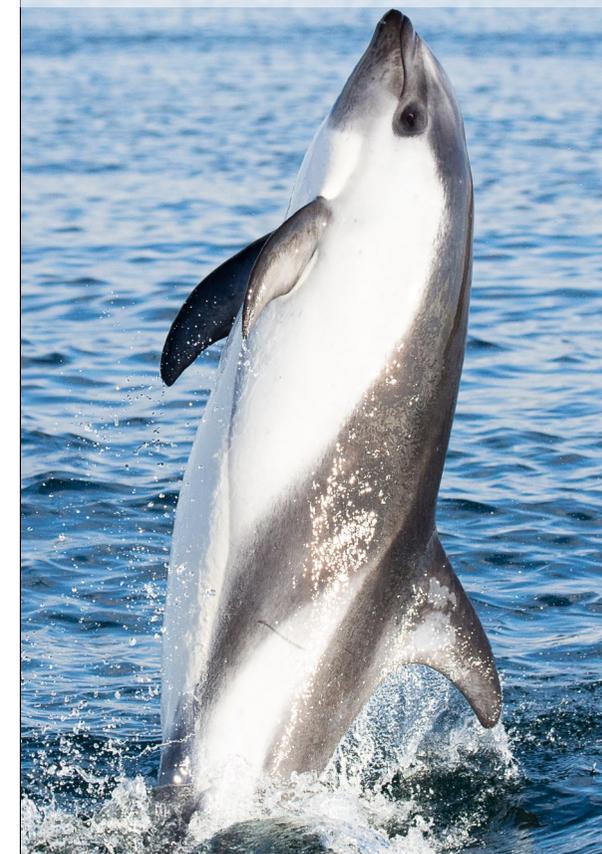


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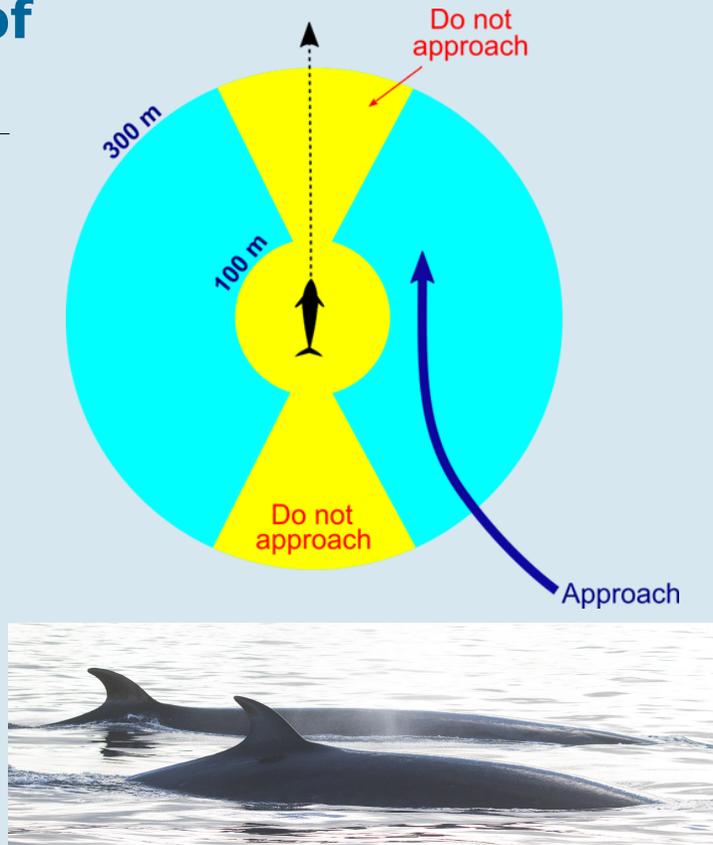
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Cetacean Code of Conduct

The Falkland Islands are home to over 20 different species of cetacean (whales, dolphins and porpoises) who come to our waters to rest, breed and feed. Here is what you can do when you are out on the water to protect them!



Whale and Dolphin Watching:

- ✓ **SLOW DOWN:** reduce speed to 6 knots when closer than 300 m away from animals.
- ✓ **APPROACHING:** Don't approach from directly behind or in front of the animal but move in at an angle from the side. Don't cut across their travel path.
- ✓ **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE:**
 - 50 m for dolphins
 - 100 m for whales
 - 200 m for animals with calves.
- ✓ **BE CONSISTENT:** keep a constant speed and direction.
- ✓ **LIMIT YOUR TIME:** Do not spend more than 30 minutes in the proximity to a single group of cetaceans.
- ✓ **IN HARBOURS:** watch out for dolphins when maneuvering.

REMEMBER:

- ✓ Do not attempt to touch or feed wild animals.
- ✓ There should be no more than 2 vessels within a 300 m radius of any cetaceans.
- ✓ Consider switching off your echo-sounders to reduce noise.
- ✓ Don't attempt to go swimming with whales.



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