

MARINE MAMMALS OBSERVED IN TETIAROA



Steno bredanensis
Rough Toothed Dolphin,
Dauphin à bec étroit

Size : 2 to 2.8 m or 6.5 to 9.2 ft

Weight : 130 to 150 kg or 290 to 330 lbs

Diet : Fish and cephalopods.

Groups of 10 to 50 individuals. Can dive up to 70m (230ft) deep and hold its breath 15 min.



Stenella longirostris,
Spinner Dolphin,
Dauphin à long bec

Size : 1.3 to 2.4 m or 4.3 to 7.9 ft

Weight : 50 to 90 kg or 110 to 200 lbs

Diet : Cuttlefish, shrimp, squid, lantern fish, octopus.

Hunt at night (200-240m or 650-790 ft deep), and hold their breath 15 min. Very social animals.



Grampus griseus
Risso's Dolphin,
Dauphin de Risso

Size : 3.5 to 4.5 m or 11.5 to 14.8 ft

Weight : 300 to 500 kg or 660 to 1,100 lbs

Diet : Squid, small fish.

Groups of 2 to 20 individuals. An old Risso's Dolphin can be completely white because of depigmented scars.



Globicephala macrorhynchus
Short-finned Pilot Whale,
Globicéphale

Size : 3.5 to 6.5 m or 11.5 to 21.3 ft

Weight : 1 to 3 tonnes or 1.1 to 3.3 short tons

Social animals that form groups of 10 to 40 individuals. Matriarchal** and polygynic* relationships. Can hold their breath for 30 min up to 610 m (2000 ft) deep.



Peponocephala electra
Melon-headed Whale,
Dauphin d'électre

Size : 2.2 to 2.7 m or 7.2 to 8.9 ft

Weight : 160 to 200 kg 350 to 440 lbs

Diet : Fish and Squid. Social structure unknown. Present in the Society, Marquises, and Austral archipelagos.



Ziphius cavirostris
Cuvier-beaked Whale,
Baleine à bec de cuvier

Size : 5 to 7 m or 16.4 to 23 ft

Weight : 2 to 3 tonnes or 2.2 to 3.3 short tons

Diet : Fish and cephalopods.

Males are larger than females. This whale reproduces every year. Organized in groups of 2 to 5 individuals.



Mesoplodon densirostris,
Blainville-beaked Whale,
Baleine à bec de Blainville

Size : 4 to 6 m or 13 to 19.7 ft

Weight : 1 tonne or 1.1 short ton

Diet : Cephalopod and small fish.

Groups of 2 to 8 individuals but can reach up to a dozen. Little is known about this whale.



Megaptera novaeangliae
Humpback Whale,
Baleine à bosse

Size : 11 to 14 m or 36 to 46 ft

Weight : 20 to 40 tonnes or 22 to 44 short tons

Life expectancy : Around 60 years

Diet : krill and plankton.

Reproduces every 2 to 3 years in Polynesian waters. Generally solitary, they form temporary groups. Can jump out of the water at speeds of 35 km/h (15.5 mph).

*Polygyny :

Polygamy where one male reproduces with several females

**Matriarchy :

Authority held by the females

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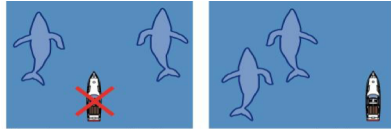
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The 5 Essential Rules

Rules on approach

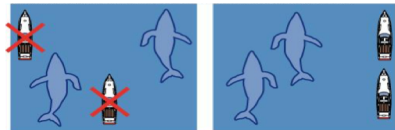
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Do not navigate IN THE MIDDLE of the group



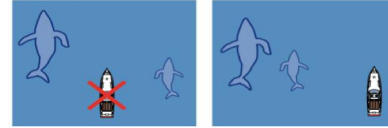
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Do not ENCIRCLE the whales



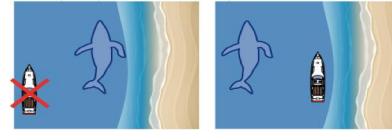
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Do not place yourself BETWEEN the mother and calf



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Do not PIN the whales against the reef



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Do not place yourself IN FRONT nor BEHIND the whales

