



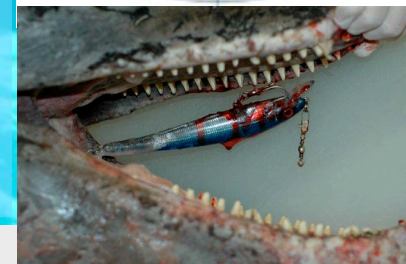
MARINE MAMMAL CODE OF CONDUCT

SOUTHERN MOÇAMBIQUE PROTECTED SPECIES

"Be Aware & Take Care"



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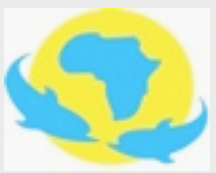


A host of marine mammals are found in the area, some our resident like our Indo Pacific Bottlenose dolphins and some are migratory like the Humpback Whale. Please respect them and follow the Code of Conduct. The aim is to reduce potential disturbances – to be used by any vessel (including non-motorized) navigating in wild life enriched areas.

- No person will chase, herd, catch, kill, harass, feed or disturb marine mammals at any time. Keep a slow, steady speed without changing course. If your vessel is approached by marine mammals to bow ride, refrain from altering course to approach them. Always approach from the side, never from directly behind or from front. Minimize noise disturbance by maintaining a slow, steady speed. Do not approach dolphins/whales with small power craft i.e. jet skis. Do not box marine mammals in, maintain a one-boat rule and always allow marine mammals an escape route.
- Unless authorized, vessels are not to approach marine mammals within 300m.
- Refrain from interference if signs of disturbance are apparent (change of directional swimming, fast 'escape' swimming or extended dive times, erratic directional surfacing). Move away immediately.
- Do not enter into the water for your own safety and that of cetaceans refrain from swimming with, touching or feeding cetaceans. Avoid mother and calf units. Do not enter into the water with newborns/calves.
- Only enter into the water with qualified personnel who have knowledge on wild marine mammal behavior.
- Keep noise levels to a minimum. No shouting or loud whistling.
- A 20-minute viewing time is to be followed. If marine mammals move off within this time, they must be left alone.
- Fishing – recreational fisherman should take great care with their tackle, 1 000's of dolphins and sea birds are lost annually in the fishing industry.

HUMAN IMPACTS ON MARINE MAMMALS

- Harassment & noise pollution from high frequency jet ski sound & boat engines. leads to possible boat strikes & habitat degradation resulting in physical displacement.
- Disease caused from commercial tourism and development resulting from affluent and pollution entering into the water.
- Accidental entanglement and ingestion of fishing gear and marine debris like fishing line, hooks and plastic could result in death.



In case of strandings, entanglements or harassment (boat registration number) incidents, please report it at the Dolphin Research Center / BeachCamp in Ponta do Ouro so the appropriate action can be taken or call 00258 82 271-6010.

Protecting our oceans for future generations. Thank you for your help!