

Code of Conduct

Based on the guidelines provided by the Croatian State Institute for Nature Protection (DZZP)

The welfare of the whales and dolphins you are watching in the wild should always come first. Responsible behavior and an awareness that you are only a guest in their realm are vital. Your correct behavior is an important contribution to ensure that the dolphins can survive in the Adriatic Sea and that your encounter does not create additional stress and harassment to the animals. Be patient and disturb the marine mammals as little as possible:

All species of the cetaceans which are found in the Adriatic Sea are strictly protected under the Ordinance on the proclamation of wild species protected and strictly protected (OG 7/06 and OG 99/09) and a number of international regulations that have been signed by Croatia.

- Do not chase the dolphins or drive your boat directly towards them;
- If you wish to approach the dolphins, do it very slowly, keeping parallel to their course and avoid sudden changes of direction or speed which could confuse or disorientate them;
- It is better to give them the choice of approaching you. The motor should be maintained in neutral or switched off;
- Do not make sudden noises, especially with the engine as these could alarm the animals;
- Ensure that no more than one boat is within 100 meters from the dolphins, or three boats within 200 m;
- Do not stay with the dolphins for more than 30 minutes;
- For your safety and theirs avoid diving or swimming with them, never offer them food or try to touch them;
- Leave the area accelerating gradually when the boat is more than 100 m from the animals;
- Do not throw litter overboard or leave it on the beach; plastic bags can accidentally be swallowed by the dolphins, causing their death.

Please help! Every donation counts to bring our project to save the last Adriatic dolphins to fruition!

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