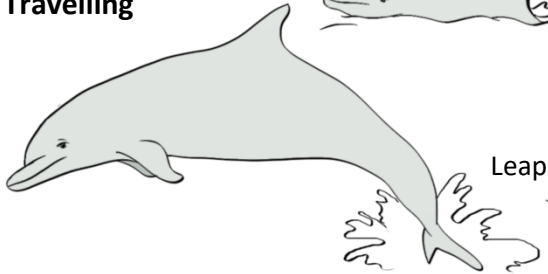


# DOLPHIN BEHAVIOUR GUIDE

Dolphins display many different behaviours in the wild. Dolphins live in a very dynamic and diverse environment and have developed many adaptations in order to survive. The behaviours that you see dolphins exhibit in the wild are essential for their survival.

**Travelling**



**Leap**



**Fluke-Up Dive**



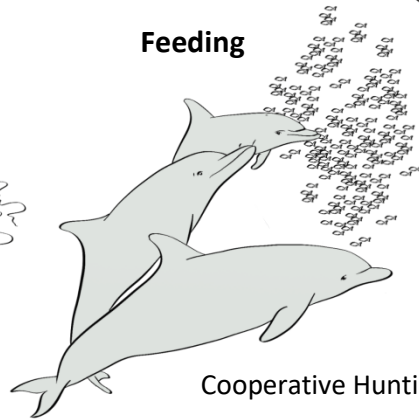
**Surfing**

**Spy Hop**



**Tail Slap**

**Feeding**



**Cooperative Hunting**

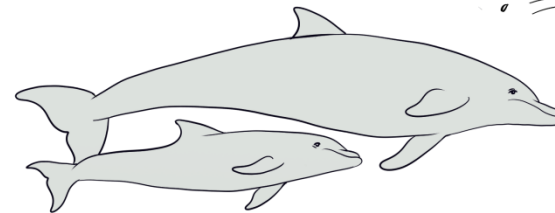
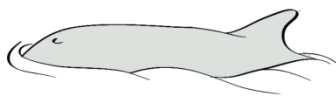
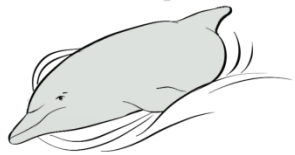
**Socialising**



**Playing with Seaweed**

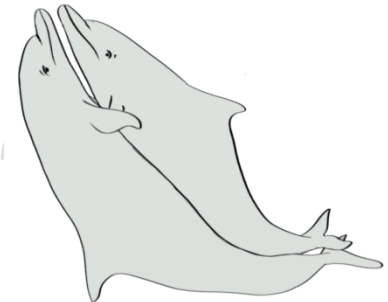


**Resting**



**Maternal Care**

**Mating**



Bottlenose dolphins live in complex fission-fusion societies that are often sexually-segregated. Their social systems provide for protection from predators, improvement in foraging success, reproduction and caring for offspring. Bottlenose dolphins feed on a variety of fish species in estuarine and coastal waters. They use a number of different foraging strategies to capture different prey species. Some are captured more successfully using cooperative feeding techniques and others as individuals. Bottlenose dolphins often rest at the surface or just submerged in the water column. They can often be seen in larger groups slowly moving within a small area.

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