

The **Atlantic humpback dolphin** is one of the least understood coastal dolphin species. It is found in the **nearshore waters** of the tropical and subtropical Atlantic coast of Africa



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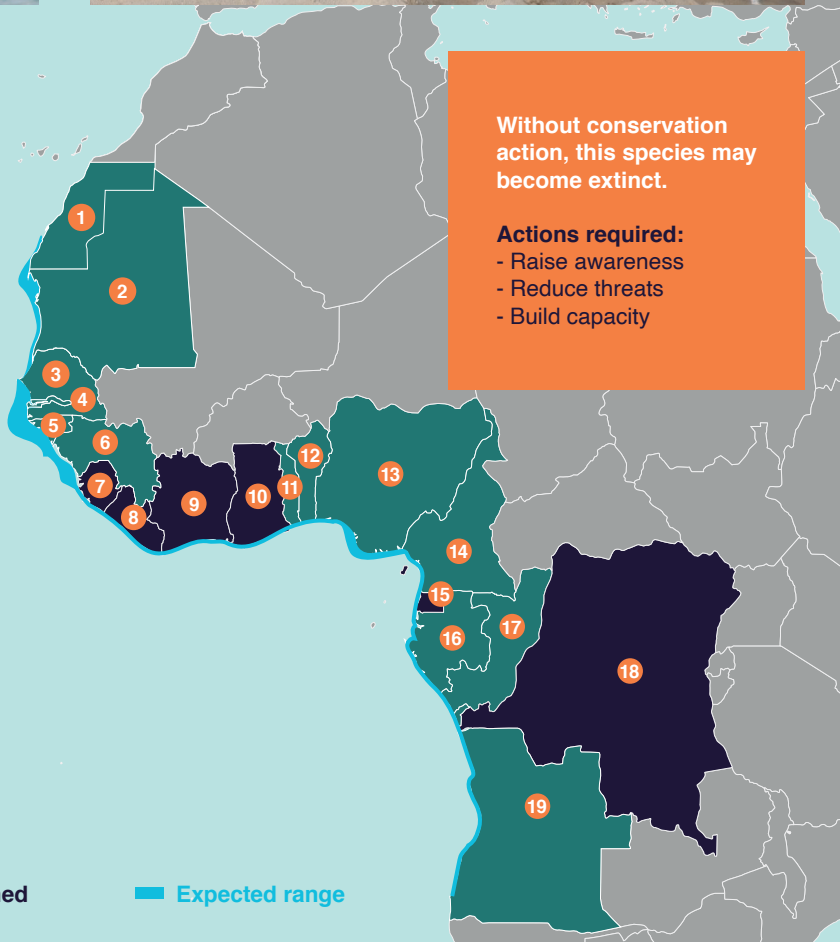
CRITICALLY ENDANGERED:
FEWER THAN 3,000
THOUGHT TO REMAIN

ATLANTIC HUMPBACK DOLPHIN (*Sousa Teuszii*)

Sightings, strandings and bycatch records confirm the species' current or recent presence in the following countries:

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| 1 Western Sahara | 11 Togo |
| 2 Mauritania | 12 Benin |
| 3 Senegal | 13 Nigeria |
| 4 The Gambia | 14 Cameroon |
| 5 Guinea-Bissau | 15 Equatorial Guinea |
| 6 Guinea | 16 Gabon |
| 7 Sierra Leone | 17 Republic of the Congo |
| 8 Liberia | 18 Democratic Republic of the Congo |
| 9 Côte d'Ivoire | 19 Angola |
| 10 Ghana | |

■ Presence confirmed ■ Presence unconfirmed ■ Expected range



Without conservation action, this species may become extinct.

Actions required:

- Raise awareness
- Reduce threats
- Build capacity

DESCRIPTION

Defining feature: a pronounced hump under the small dorsal fin

Adult males have a more pronounced dorsal hump than females

Slightly rounded forehead

A long slender beak

Maximum length of 2.8 m

Illustrations by Mark Cawardine

Bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) can occur in the same areas, but do NOT have a hump under their dorsal fin



IMMEDIATE THREATS REQUIRING ACTION

- Bycatch (incidental capture) in fishing gear
- Poaching
- Habitat loss and degradation

THREATS IN NEED OF ASSESSMENT

- Overfishing
- Disturbance from tourism
- Disturbance from noise
- Vessel strikes
- Climate change

THE CONSORTIUM FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC HUMPBACK DOLPHINS

CCAHD - Working towards the long-term sustainability of Atlantic humpback dolphin populations and their habitats through research, awareness, capacity-building and action



HOW TO HELP?

Everyone has a role to play in protecting this species. Find out how you can help. Visit www.sousateuszii.org for more information.

