



CCAHD

Consortium for the Conservation
of the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin



THESE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED
DOLPHINS MAY DISAPPEAR
BEFORE WE EVEN KNEW WHERE
THEY WERE

The Atlantic humpback dolphin balances on the brink of extinction. Unique to the west coast of Africa, fewer than 3000 remain in the entire range. Please consider supporting our efforts to protect this species through research, awareness, capacity building, and decisive action.



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OVERVIEW
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THE ATLANTIC HUMPBACK DOLPHIN IS ONE OF THE THREE MOST ENDANGERED DOLPHIN SPECIES IN THE WORLD.

Found only in the shallow nearshore coastal waters of the west coast of Africa, fewer than 3000 individuals are thought to remain in a 7000 km long range.

This limited habitat is characterized by high levels of small-scale artisanal fishing and large-scale coastal development to support ever-growing human populations. Entanglement in fishing gear and habitat loss due to port construction and coastal development in the region are driving this species toward extinction.

The Consortium for the Conservation of the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (CCAHD) is working to save the species from extinction. With over 90 partners consisting of international scientists and conservation organisations as well as scientists, NGOs, and government agencies from 15 of the 19 countries within the species' range, **the CCAHD focuses on protecting populations and their habitats through research, awareness, capacity-building and action.**

Six pillars of action allow us to tackle urgent conservation needs from multiple angles.



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1) ADDRESSING KNOWLEDGE GAPS

Governments and industries require convincing scientific data before they put protective measures in place, and these data are lacking in most parts of the species' range. The CCAHD is mapping where the dolphins are and which areas need to be protected from man-made threats.



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2) EMPOWERING COASTAL COMMUNITIES TO BECOME CONSERVATION PARTNERS

Fishers and their families are well placed to share and collect data on dolphin sightings, strandings, and bycatch. By providing them with the right resources, they can help to design and implement effective means to reduce threats.



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3) REDUCING FISHERIES BYCATCH

Most small-scale artisanal fishers use gill nets that result in bycatch of turtles, sharks, rays and dolphins. Collaboration between scientists, sociologists, and fishing communities is required to develop alternative fishing gears and practices that will reduce dolphin bycatch without reducing incomes or food security.



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4) SUPPORTING MANAGERS AND DECISION MAKERS

Communication, capacity building, and engagement are essential to ensure that these government and industry stakeholders understand why dolphins are threatened and can enshrine protective measures in policies and laws that can be implemented and enforced.



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5) FOSTERING REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING


The CCAHD provides a forum for exchange of tools, resources, information and inspiration. A well-resourced Secretariat is needed to support the flow of communication through email, the [CCAHD trilingual website](#), [social media](#), webinars and face-to-face meetings.



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6) ASSESSING POPULATION HEALTH AND GENETICS

We need to understand whether individual populations are healthy or affected by disease, genetic isolation, or environmental as well as direct human threats. An international network of experts in dolphin health and genetics is on hand to work with local scientists to make these assessments through non-invasive techniques.




THE CCAHD HAS DEVELOPED A 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN THAT PROVIDES MORE DETAIL AND INSIGHT INTO HOW THESE ELEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE THE SPECIES' CHANCES OF SURVIVAL. THE CCAHD IS ALSO GOVERNED BY A FINANCIAL POLICY AND A DUE DILIGENCE POLICY THAT ENSURE THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR WORK.

Over 3 million Euros are needed to support the CCAHD's ambitious 5-year plan. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, can make a difference!

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- **10-100 Euros** can facilitate the printing of the children's book 'Keita and the Dolphins' or other educational materials used in community outreach.
 - **500-1000 Euros** can help a range country scientist attend a regional meeting or conference to gain valuable knowledge.
 - **2,000-10,000 Euros** can support local or national awareness-raising workshops for coastal communities, government or industry stakeholders.
 - **20,000-50,000 Euros** can enable a boat-based survey to be organised in an area where dolphins are known to occur, but no reliable studies have been conducted.

Donations in kind are also welcomed, & can include things like:

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- Cameras or other specialist equipment for research and monitoring.
 - Boats, cars, and fuel for marine surveys and transportation to and from survey sites.
 - Flights for international travel and accommodation to field study sites and/or meetings and conferences.
 - Services to support CCAHD operations and outreach, including graphic design, printing, professional translations, etc.

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