

FOSTERING REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Click [here](#) to return to the introduction.



CCAHD

Consortium for the Conservation
of the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin

STAKEHOLDERS WORKING TO PROTECT DOLPHINS FROM EXTINCTION ARE STRONGER TOGETHER.

Atlantic humpback dolphins (*Sousa teuszii*) are found only on the west coast of Africa. Their possible range includes 19 countries. However, within that range, very few dedicated studies have been conducted on any species of dolphins and further training is needed to increase the pool of qualified and experienced cetacean scientists.

The CCAHD fosters exchange of experience, expertise and resources between partners who currently represent Intergovernmental organisations, NGOs and academic organisations as well as national and local NGOs, universities and government research institutes. By pooling resources and experience, CCAHD partners can work much more effectively, building on existing strengths with partners learning with and from each other, gaining skills and experience that enable more qualified people to study and protect Atlantic humpback dolphins.



The CCAHD has several strategies to foster regional collaboration and capacity building:

- The CCAHD Website serves as a focal point for disseminating information about the species, ongoing projects, news, and resources for the general public and the research community. This website is complemented by Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts accessible to CCAHD partners and the wider public. The website and social media accounts are maintained by part-time paid professionals contracted through the Secretariat.
- 10 thematic working groups harness the expertise of both international and range country partners to focus on specific topics such as outreach and capacity building, field surveys, genetics, strandings and health, interview surveys, acoustic surveys, bycatch, coastal development and fundraising. These groups, open to all of CCAHDs 90+ partners are convened by volunteers and are coordinated and supported by the Secretariat.
- CCAHD partners provide both formal and informal mentoring and advice to young range-country scientists pursuing higher degrees specializing in cetacean research and conservation.
- Webinars and in person workshops allow CCAHD partners to showcase their work and transfer important skills and knowledge to others.

- The CCAHD Foundation's Secretariat maintains a Google Group mailing list, coordinates working groups, webinars, fundraising and all aspects of internal and external communication. It also ensures synergy between CCAHD efforts and those of partner organisations on a regional and global scale.

International organisations



Donors

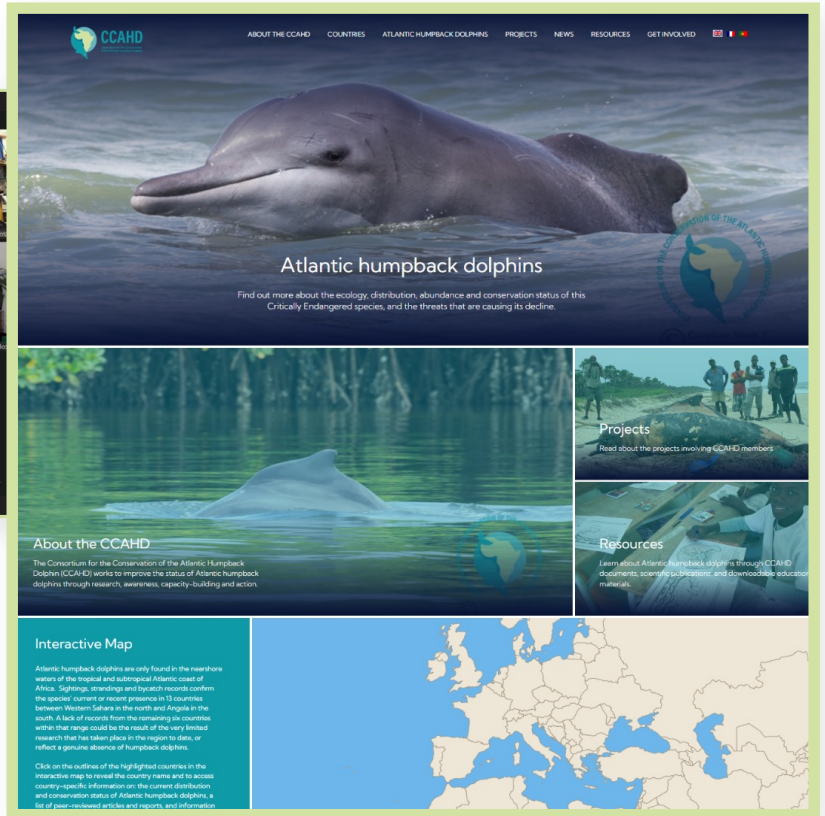


International and range country partners





An online meeting of the CCAHD Working Group on outreach and capacity building in May 2022. All content on the CCAHD website (<https://www.sousateuszii.org/>) is available in the three main official languages spoken in the region, and provides an essential means of disseminating information and resources.



The CCAHD's five-year plan identifies 375,000 Euros being needed to support central coordination and capacity building objectives over that period. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, will make a difference!

- **100-500 Euros** can help to purchase an annual subscription to virtual meeting software and/or professional translation software used to support internal and external communication.
- **1,000-5,000 Euros** can fund a part-time social media coordinator for one year.
- **10,000-50,000 Euros** could fund core secretariat staff and overhead costs, essential to maintaining momentum and coordination within the Consortium or an in-person meeting of regional partners.
- **50,000-100,000 Euros** can fund one or more scholarships for range country scientists wishing to pursue formal qualifications (e.g MSc or PhD) in cetacean research and conservation.

[CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code to make a donation, or get in touch with the CCAHD Secretariat at infoccahd@gmail.com to learn more.

