

Bottlenose Dolphin



Description: This dolphin is dubbed "bottlenose" because of its short and stubby beak. The bottlenose dolphin is light grayish in color

with a high, curved dorsal or back, fin. Adults can grow from 8-12 feet long and males are usually much larger than females.

Where they are Found: World-wide in temperate and tropical waters. They are usually spotted in harbors, lagoons, estuaries and river mouths.

Diet: Dolphins sometimes group together to catch prey such as fishes, squid and crustaceans. They consume 15-30 pounds of food each day.

Status in the ocean: The bottlenose dolphin is protected in the US by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, however, they are vulnerable to pollution, boats, habitat alteration, and getting caught in fishing gear.

WOW!!! Baby dolphins, or calves, stay with their mother for 3-6 years learning how to catch fish and keep safe.