



COMMON DOLPHIN



QUICK FACTS

Scientific Name: Delphinus delphis

Population: >6 million (estimated)

Lifespan: 20-30 years (wild), up to 40 years (captivity)

Size: 1.7-2.5 m long (5.6-8.2 ft), 70-110 kg (154-243 lb)

Weight: 70-110 kg (154-243 lb)

Speed: Up to 60 km/h (37 mph)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Color:** Grey with yellow-tan patches
- **Sensory Adaptations:** Echolocation, vision
- **Limb & Tail Functionality:** Flippers, fluke

FUN FACT !

Loves bow-riding

HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION



Range: Worldwide oceans

Preferred Habitat: Warm temperate seas





DIET & NUTRITION

Primary Diet: Fish, squid
Foraging Method: Hunts in groups
Adaptations: Echolocation, agility



UNIQUE ADAPTATIONS

Echolocation: Finds prey
Social Pods: Cooperative hunting

Survival Score:
Strength: 4/10
Stealth: 5/10
Adaptability: 8/10

REPRODUCTION & LIFE CYCLE

Mating Season: Year-round
Gestation: 10-11 months
Clutch Size: 1 calf
Parental Care: Mother raises calf 1-2 years



ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

Role: Prey control, ocean health
Indicator Species: Presence indicates fish abundance
Cultural Significance: Symbol of joy

THREATS

Bycatch, pollution



CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Fishing regulations, marine parks



Call to Action: Reduce bycatch, clean oceans, spread awareness



INTERESTING FACTS

Lives in pods of 100-500

Loves surfing waves

Clicks for communication

