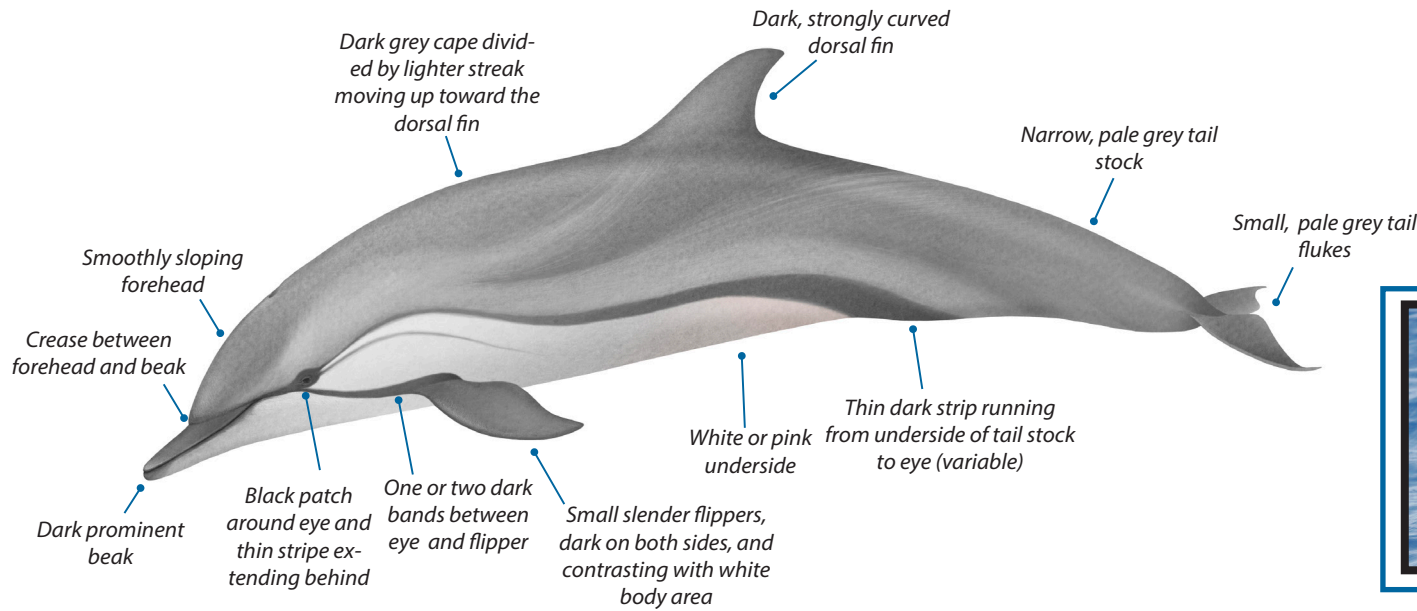




Striped dolphin (*Eschrichtius robustus*)

Distribution: Coastal areas of the North Pacific (see map below and full list of countries in the detailed species account online at: <https://www.handbook.iwc.int/en/species/striped-dolphin>)

Adult length: 2.56m (male)
Adult weight: up to 156 kg (male)
Newborn: 93-100cm /unknown



Threats: Bycatch
Habitat: continental shelf, offshore
Diet: small schooling fish, squid

IUCN Conservation status: **Least concern**
Mediterranean subpopulation: **Vulnerable**



Striped Dolphin.
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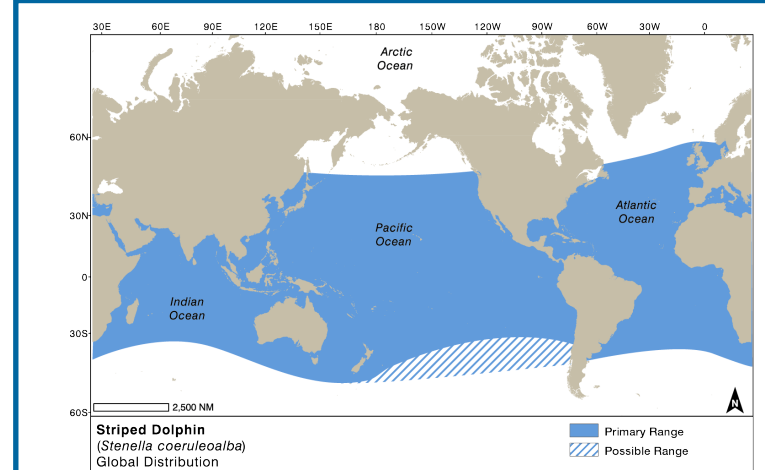
Fun Facts

- Striped dolphins are known to segregate into different schools by age class: all juveniles; all adults; or mixed groups with mothers and calves.
- Striped dolphins perform a manoeuvre called 'roto-tailing' where they twist their tail in full rotations as they leap high out of the water.

Striped dolphin in Greece, notice the stripes extending from the eye to the flipper. Photo courtesy Chris Johnson



Striped dolphin in Greece, engaged in energetic acrobatic behaviour, typical of the species. Photo courtesy Chris Johnson



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Striped dolphin distribution: The species is found in the Pacific, Indian, and Atlantic Oceans and many of the adjacent seas, including the Mediterranean. It ranges further into temperate waters than spinner, spotted, or clymene dolphins, and is generally found between latitudes of 50° North and 40° South.