

# BOTTLE-NOSE DOLPHIN

- India has many species of marine mammals, Bottle-nose Dolphins are found across different oceans and live in large family pods. They are curious and intelligent animals that are known to even play games.
- Their nostril is on top of their head known as a blowhole like other cetaceans, and they use echolocation to hunt fish, crustaceans, rays, buried in the sand. They have very strong family bonds, love to ride waves created by boats and ships.

## DESCRIPTION

Scientific Name: *Tursiops sp.*

Length: 1.8-4 m

Habitat: Marine

Distribution: Found in across the oceans

Diet: Fishes, cephalopods, and occasional crustaceans



## IMPORTANCE

- This species is an excellently evolved apex predator that works well in teams and crucial to the ecosystem.

## FUN FACT

Brilliant minds!  
Dolphins are known to have problem solving intelligence and use very unique strategies like air bubbles to scare fish and hunt them as a team!

## AUDIO

Panicker et al. 2019

## THREATS

Unregulated fishing, by catch, prey base depletion, resource competition with fisherfolk, and climate crisis

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