

DEVELOPING A CETACEAN IDENTIFICATION GUIDE FOR THE PACIFIC OCEAN

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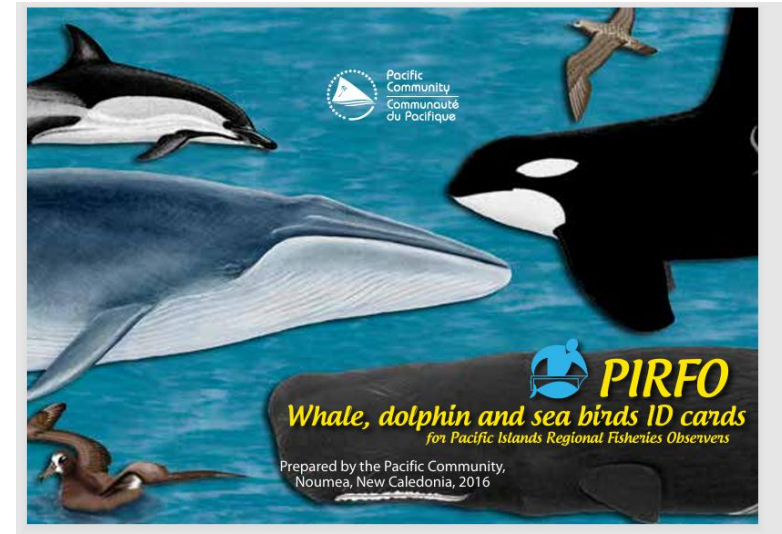
Objectives

- Develop a practical, illustrated Cetacean Identification Guide tailored to the fisheries and cetacean species of the Pacific Ocean.
 - Will support reporting interactions accurately and the effective implementation of CMM 2024-07
 - Will support fisheries observers, vessel crew, and relevant stakeholders in identifying cetacean species encountered during fishing operations.

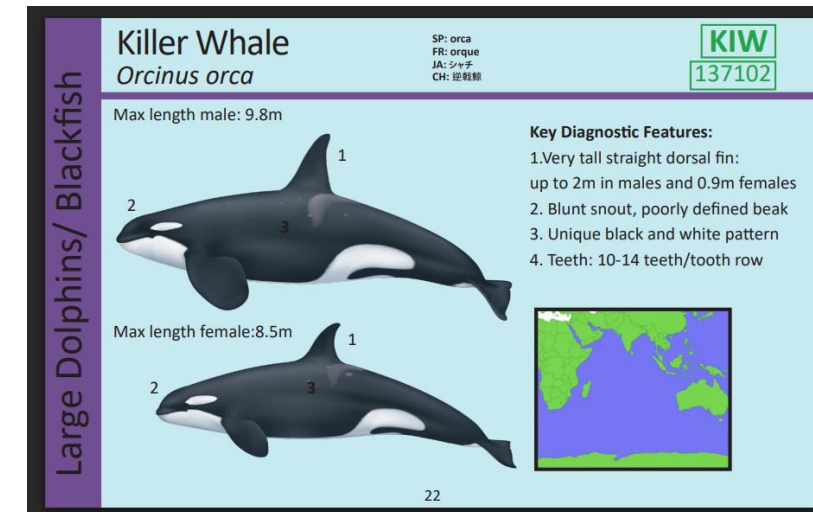


Form of Results

- Species: Whales, dolphins and porpoises distributed across the Pacific, focusing on the temperate/tropic areas.
- **Information:** Species scientific name, common name in English, range, physical characteristics and size to help in the identification process, differences from similar species.
- **Images** to include per species: Morphometrics, size comparison to humans, blow and fluke shape, and range map.



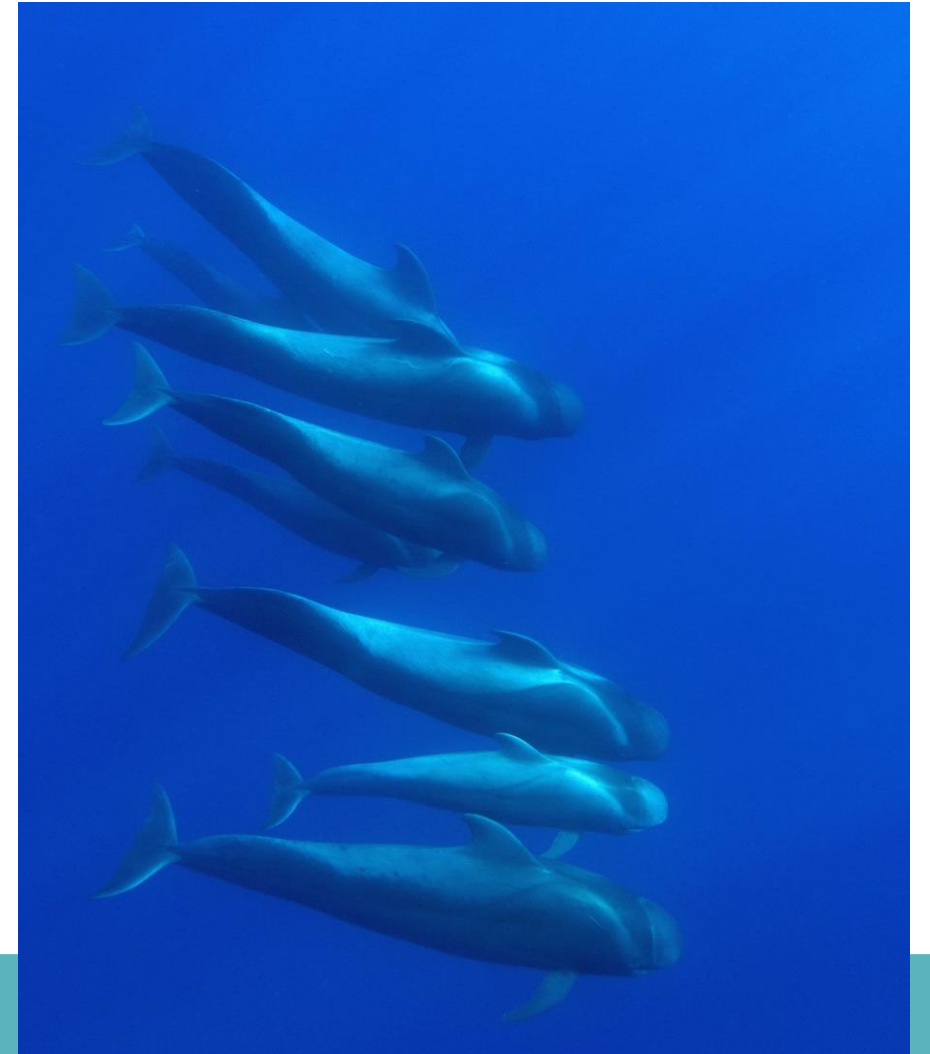
SPC Pacific Islands Pocket Guide



IOTC Cetacean ID Guide

Methods

- The guide will be developed collaboratively between IWC, SPC, and WCPFC. Copyright and usage rights will be shared or jointly agreed to ensure the product is openly accessible, legally sound, and supports wide dissemination and uptake across the region
- No funds will be requested from WCPFC or member countries. The IWC, through the FAO-GEF Common Oceans Tuna II project, will fund the development of the Cetacean Guide.





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**THANKS
QUESTIONS?**