

ATLANTIC HUMPBACK DOLPHIN

(*Sousa teuszii*)

IUCN Red List: **Critically Endangered**

Current Population Trend: **Decreasing**

Estimated Number of Mature Individuals: **1,500**

Estimated Number in Guinea: **Unknown**

Existing breeding populations in Guinea: **Unknown**

Protected status in Guinea: **No**



Status of Atlantic humpback dolphin in Guinea

Almost nothing is known about the distribution and abundance of humpback dolphins in Guinea, but it is suspected that the country is likely to be a core range state which hosts a globally-significant proportion of this species, based on the extent of available habitat, pilot studies and anecdotal information.

The species is known to be present in the Rio Nuñez. Only a single study to date has focused on *S. teuszii* in Guinea. Weir (2015) conducted boat-based surveys in the Rio Nuñez region and produced a minimum population estimate of 47 animals using photo-identification.

Conservation Project Objectives

This project will assess the distribution and number of Atlantic humpback dolphin in Guinea and the other West African countries where it has been documented. Noting its key habitats, the study will also carefully document the threats to the species and seek to minimize these threats to help the dolphin's continued survival.

This project is being overseen by the Consortium for the Conservation of the Atlantic humpback dolphin with a local partner Biotope.

Conservation Partner:

Consortium for the Conservation of the Atlantic humpback dolphin (CCAHD) and Biotope.

