



# Dolphin Code of Conduct

Dolphins share the Croatian coastal waters with you. Please show understanding when you meet them.

Dolphins face severe pressures upon their environment: pollution, over-fishing and disturbance from vessels.

Inshore craft can affect the animals by interference and stress caused from the high frequency sounds made by the vessel's motor.

## Please observe the code of conduct:

- Don't chase the dolphins or drive your boat directly towards them
- If you wish to approach the dolphins, do it very slowly, keeping parallel to their course and avoid sudden changes of direction or speed which could confuse or disorientate them.
- It's better to give them the choice of approaching you. The motor should be maintained in neutral or switched off.
- Don't make sudden noises, especially with the engine as these could alarm the animals.
- Ensure that no more than one boat is within 100 metres from the dolphins, or three boats within 200 m.
- Don't stay with the dolphins for more than 30 minutes
- For your safety and theirs avoid diving or swimming with them, never offer them food or try to touch them.
- Leave the area accelerating gradually when the boat is more than 100m from the animals
- Don't throw litter overboard or leave it on the beach; plastic bags can accidentally be swallowed by the dolphins, causing their death.

