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Dusky Dolphin

Lagenorhynchus obscurus

Lagenorhynchus obscurus is the acrobat of the southern oceans, a compact dolphin of cool coastal water off New Zealand, Peru, Argentina and southern Africa, and it leaps more, and more extravagantly,…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Delphinidae
Habitat: Coastal ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-25 years
Weight: 70-85 kg
Scientific name: Lagenorhynchus obscurus

Did you know?

- Dusky dolphins can communicate using a wide variety of whistles, clicks, and body movements, and their societies have been studied for their remarkab…
- Kaikoura's dusky dolphins hunt in water more than a kilometre deep at night by riding the vertical migration of lanternfish and squid up towards the …

What I learned

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