

» **Only those who know and understand nature is willing to protect and take care of it.** «

In our organization we work mainly with **volunteers** and depend on **donations**, which we **use for our projects in a targeted manner**. We deliberately keep our administrative apparatus small, so that the money is used entirely for the benefit of our projects.

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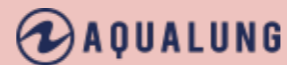
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Dolphins are unique marine mammals and meeting them in the wild is an unforgettable experience. Despite all the fascination, dolphin populations worldwide are being decimated by humans.

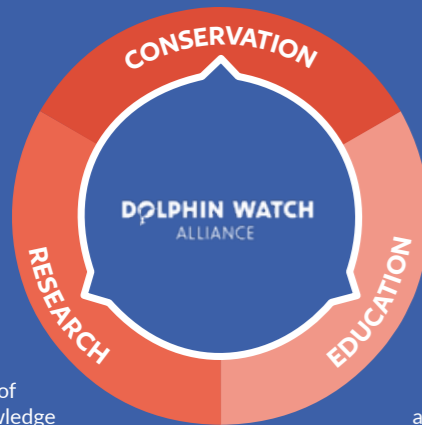
The **Dolphin Watch Alliance** is a non-profit organization that supports international projects for the **research and protection of wild dolphins**, ethically and financially. The association was founded out of enthusiasm for the animals and the desire to actively contribute to their conservation. The name of our association means nothing else than **observing and watching dolphins together, wanting to take care of them.**

Our goal is not only to conduct research but also to **provide comprehensive information about dolphins** and to guarantee protection of the animals.

DOLPHIN WATCH RESEARCH PROJECT

The Red Sea is one of the most biodiverse places on earth and offers a breath-taking environment for our **research**. We conduct our research **both above and underwater**, which gives us the opportunity to see the animals up close for longer periods of time. Through this unique combination, we can achieve meaningful research results and thus contribute to the **protection of the animals**. All activities and projects of the Dolphin Watch Alliance are based on these **years of observations**. Newly gained knowledge is immediately incorporated into our own projects and shared with our many cooperation partners.

Protection measures for the dolphins and their marine environment



Development of scientific knowledge to implement effective protection

Presentation and distribution of scientific findings to the public

CONSERVATION

Wildlife tourism is a billion-dollar industry and tour offerings are highly variable. We actively support **sustainable guided tours** that **reduce the burden on wildlife and the environment**. Due to the increasing demand for sustainable dolphin tours and our associated educational work, we are able to **raise awareness of the problem** at the same time.

HURGHADA, EGYPT

Hurghada is a unique place to see dolphins in the wild. One of the challenges of marine tourism is to balance **profitability, protection and conservation of habitats**. Unfortunately, the welfare of the animals is rarely the top priority during most tours. Uncontrolled dolphin tourism poses **immense stress** on wild populations and has **devastating consequences for the environment**. Such circumstances cause dolphins to change their behaviour, communication and group structures. Repeated harassment during dormancy periods can lead to sleep deprivation and malnutrition of the calves. To **minimize negative long-term effects** for the dolphins of Hurghada, regulation of dolphin tourism is essential. Appropriate protection measures must be established and enforced in cooperation with the local authorities.

CARE FOR DOLPHINS

By sharing our research with as many people as possible, we are creating an **active awareness** for the protection of animals and nature. In our **Care for Dolphins** education program, we work intensively with local organizations, responsible authorities, and decision-makers in the tourism industry. This close exchange enables us to continuously get closer to our goal of a **sustainable dolphin tourism** sector. The more people follow the **Code of Conduct**, the sooner the official dolphin sanctuaries can be used as a resting place and additionally be expanded.



THE RIGHT TOUR OPERATOR FOR YOU

Choose a responsible tour operator by carefully comparing different offers.

A responsible tour operator will ensure that their tours have as little impact as possible on the dolphins and the environment. The **welfare of the animals** is always the top priority and the **guidelines** for responsible handling are being followed. A reputable operator knows that a **sighting** of wild animals **cannot be guaranteed** and will provide you with extensive **information about the behavioural guidelines**, the animals and their environment. They support research, environmental protection and reduce their own environmental impact. Actively contribute to the welfare of local dolphins by finding out about the guidelines of the specific country. Information is available on the website of the International Whaling Commission (www.iwc.int). If you notice that the operator of your tour is not following the guidelines, **do not be afraid to speak up**. Share good or bad behaviour on online platforms and include evidence with photos or videos. In addition, inform local environmental and tourism authorities.