



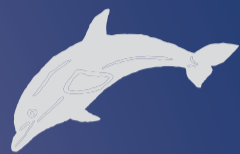
2007
Year of the Dolphin



Year of the Dolphin 2007!

Cooperating to Conserve Dolphins: Explore the World of Dolphins!

Join the Campaign and Visit Us: www.yod2007.org



'The Year of the Dolphin 2007'


aims to unite nations, conservation networks, communities and individuals to celebrate dolphins and to support their conservation. The campaign will raise public awareness of the threats faced by these fascinating marine mammals. This now includes climate change. The Year of the Dolphin will help governments, NGOs and others to take prudent measures to help deal with these threats.


Coordinated by the CMS Secretariat, the Year of the Dolphin focuses on the following core themes: research, educating the general public, conserving dolphin habitats, promoting safe dolphin-watching in the wild and reducing incidental capture of dolphins in fishing operations.

What you can do to protect dolphins:


 **JOIN THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN:** organise and host events to raise awareness and funds for dolphin conservation;


 **REGISTER YOUR OWN EVENT:** individuals, NGOs and conservation networks are invited to promote the Year of the Dolphin, publicise it in the media and organise relevant events. You are welcome to register your own event on our website or support a dolphin conservation project as your organisation's contribution to the campaign;

 **ENSURE A FUTURE:** develop and apply best practices to ensure the long-term survival of these marine mammals, while involving local communities who would benefit;

 **SAVE HABITATS:** identify important areas for dolphins and lobby for their protection within a site network;

 **REDUCE MORTALITY:** encourage sustainable use of dolphin resources, and apply practices that reduce incidental death of dolphins in fishing operations;

 **ADOPT A DOLPHIN:** when accessing this link www.yod2007.org you can adopt a dolphin. Each animal has its own unique character and you can choose which one you want to adopt;

 **STUDY DOLPHINS:** support or take part in scientific research to better understand how best to conserve these highly migratory animals;

 **STUDY OR WATCH DOLPHINS:** ... go on whale watching trips, taking care not to disturb dolphins, and provide jobs and income to local communities.

The following founding partners launched the Year of the Dolphin campaign



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