

List of Marine Mammal Species and Subspecies

The [Committee on Taxonomy](#), chaired by Bill Perrin, produces the official SMM list of marine mammal species and subspecies. Consensus on some issues is not possible; this is reflected in the footnotes.

This list is updated at least annually, reflecting the continuing flux in marine mammal taxonomy. This version was updated in October 2014.

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This list includes living and recently extinct (within historical times) species and subspecies, named and unnamed. It is meant to reflect prevailing usage and recent revisions published in the peer-reviewed literature. The Committee omits some described species and subspecies because of concern about their biological distinctness; reservations are given below. Author(s) and year of description of the species follow the Latin species name; when these are enclosed in parentheses, the species was originally described in a different genus. Classification and scientific names follow Rice (1998), with adjustments reflecting more recent literature. Common names are arbitrary and change with time and place; one or two currently frequently used names in English and/or a range language are given here. Additional English common names and common names in French, Spanish, Russian and other languages are available at www.marinespecies.org/cetacea/. Species and subspecies are listed in alphabetical order within families.

Three recent papers suggest that new species- or subspecies-level taxonomic actions may be proposed shortly, for the fin whale (Archer et al. 2013), Bryde’s whale (Rosel and Wilcox 2014) and the South Asian river dolphin (Braulik et al. 2014). These will be addressed in future updates of the list.

Based on molecular and morphological data, the cetaceans fall firmly within the artiodactyl clade (Geisler and Uhen, 2005), and therefore we include them in the order Cetartiodactyla, with Cetacea, Mysticeti and Odontoceti provisionally as unranked taxa (recognizing that the classification within Cetartiodactyla remains partially unresolved -- e.g., see Spaulding et al., 2009, Price et al., 2005; Agnarsson and May-Collado, 2008). Below the rank of order, we list only families, species and subspecies, omitting superfamilies, subfamilies and taxa of other ranks.

For pinnipeds we previously followed Berta and Churchill (2012). To avoid issues of paraphyly, these authors proposed that based on molecular and morphological data the genus *Arctocephalus* be limited to *Arctocephalus pusillus*, the type species of the genus *Arctocephalus*, and transferred the remaining 'Arctocephalus' species (i.e. *A. australis*, *A. galapagoensis*, *A. gazelle*, *A. philippii* and *A. tropicalis*) to *Arctophoca* Peters, 1866. However, Nyakatura and Bininda-Emonds (2012) compiled a new supertree of the

Carnivora and concluded that this usage of *Arctophoca* may be premature because of remaining uncertainty about phylogenetic relationships, and we return provisionally to use of *Arctocephalus* for all the southern fur seals.

Four subspecies of *A. australis* were formerly listed here: *A. a. australis*, *A. a. forsteri*, *A. a. gracilis* and *A. a. un-named*. However, Oliveira and Brownell (2014) synonymized *A. a. gracilis* with *A. a. australis*. The super-tree analysis by Nyakatura and Bininda-Emonds (2012) accords with the phylogenetic analysis of Higdon (2007), suggesting that the New Zealand fur seal should be recognized as a full species, *A. forsteri*. Two subspecies of *A. philippii* are thought to be biologically distinct: *A. p. philippii* and *A. p. townsendi*, although small sample sizes and a small number of genes sampled are concerns. Two subspecies of *Eumetopias* are supported largely on genetic data, which is also the case for recognition of California, Japanese and Galapagos sea lions as separate species. Brunner (2004) advised use of *Otaria byronia* (Blainville, 1820) over *O. flavescens* (Shaw, 1800).

Lindqvist et al. (2009) concluded that a purported third subspecies of the walrus *Odobenus rosmarus laptevi* is not warranted.

Recent genetic analyses indicate that *Phoca vitulina concolor* is paraphyletic and this along with lack of morphological differentiation suggests that the western Atlantic subspecies is not supportable; *P. v. vitulina* is considered here to apply to all Atlantic harbor seals. Within the North Pacific, until the subspecies limits of various populations are assessed only a single subspecies is recognized, *Phoca vitulina richardii*. Placement of the ringed seal, Caspian seal and Baikal seal has alternated between the genera *Phoca* and *Pusa*. We accept Rice's (1998) use of *Pusa* as the correct classification." Scheel et al. (2014) found the Caribbean and Hawaiian monk seals to be more closely related molecularly and morphologically to each other than either is to the Mediterranean monk seal and created the new genus *Neomonachus* for the two species.

Derocher and Stirling (1998) argued convincingly that patterns of variation in the polar bear do not support recognition of subspecies, and they have been deleted here. The use of *Lontra* rather than *Lutra* for the marine otter follows Larivière (1998) in recognizing the otters of North and South America as a monophyletic taxon distinct from the otters of Eurasia.

In the mysticete cetaceans, molecular evidence strongly supports the recognition of three separate phylogenetic species of right whales (Rosenbaum et al., 2000; Gaines et al., 2005). In addition, the genus *Eubalaena* (rather than *Balaena* as in Rice, 1998) is retained for the right whales as recommended by the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC, 2002).

Caperea marginata may be a member of the family Cetotheriidae (Fordyce and Marx 2012). *Neobalaenidae* is retained here provisionally.

Jackson et al. (2014) have recognized three subspecies of the humpback whale based on mtDNA and DNA relationships and distribution: *Megaptera novaeangliae kuzira* (North Pacific), *M. n. novaeangliae* (North Atlantic) and *M. n. australis* (Southern Hemisphere).

All Bryde's whales are provisionally considered to comprise a single species, *Balaenoptera edeni*, following the usage of the IWC (IWC 2002, 2008) and Kato and Perrin (2009). Some workers recognize *B. edeni* as including only the small-form coastal Bryde's whales of the western Pacific and Indian Oceans, using *B. brydei* for the globally distributed larger more oceanic form (Sasaki et al., 2006). Kato and Perrin (2009) and Kershaw et al. (2013) considered these more likely to be distinct at the subspecific level (although arguably at the species level), and they are included here provisionally as such. *Balaenoptera omurai* was described by Wada et al. (2003). It was previously confounded with the Bryde's whale and has been confirmed as having a separate and ancient lineage (Sasaki et al. 2006).

Clarke (2004) proposed recognition of a pygmy form of the fin whale as a subspecies, based on distribution, size and coloration. He resurrected the synonym *patachonica* Burmeister, 1865 to apply to the subspecies: *B. physalus patachonica*.

Branch et al. (2007) recognized the Chilean blue whale as an un-named subspecies of *B. musculus*.

In the odontocetes, *Mesoplodon traversii* (spade-toothed whale) has been recognized as the senior synonym for *M. bahamondi* (Bahamonde's beaked whale) (van Helden et al., 2002). The first complete specimen was recently described from a stranding on the North Island of New Zealand (Thompson et al. 2012). *Mesoplodon perrini* was described by in 2002 (Dalebout et al., 2002). Dalebout et al. (2014) resurrected *Mesoplodon hotaula* Deraniyagala, 1963, a species closely similar to *M. ginkgodens*.

The species *Inia boliviensis* d'Orbigny 1834 of the Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, Beni and Pando areas of the Bolivian Amazon basin overlaps with other *Inia* in all morphological characters (da Silva, 1994; Ruiz-García et al., 2006). It putatively has been reproductively isolated by a long series of rapids for an estimated 3.1 million years (Hollatz et al., 2011), and two independent lines of genetic evidence, from mtDNA and nuclear introns (Banguera-Hinestroza et al., 2008; Ruiz-García et al., 2008), suggest that they are on separate evolutionary trajectories and deserve recognition as phylogenetic species. However, Gravena et al. (2014), with much better sampling of the Madeira River system above and below the Teotonio Rapids (the proposed barrier to movement of individuals and gene flow) found that these rapids did not appear to obstruct movement of mtDNA. Thus, the conclusion that the Bolivian *Inia* above the Teotonio Rapids possessed unique mtDNA (a major line of evidence for recognizing species-level distinctness of *I. boliviensis*) does not appear to be supported by more extensive sampling. Another new species, *Inia araguaiaensis*, was described by Hrbek et al. (2014). However, this study only examined samples from two extremes of the distribution of *Inia* so is it unclear if the molecular differences observed represented real species-level separation or were due to sampling from two locations separated by a large distance. Diagnostic osteological

differences were also reported. However, because this was based on the examination of very few specimens (only 2 for the new species and only 9 for *I. geoffrensis*), the authors' conclusions are very concerning. In light of these arguments, the two species here remain unlisted provisionally.

Robineau et al. (2007) described the subspecies *Cephalorhynchus commersonii kerguelenensis*, and A. Baker et al. (2002) described *C. hectori maui*. The tucuxi has been split into the freshwater *Sotalia fluviatilis* (retaining the common name tucuxi) and the marine Guiana dolphin *S. guianensis* (see Caballero et al. 2007).

Based on a combined analysis of genetic and morphological data, Mendez et al. (2013) proposed to recognize four species of *Sousa* (the humpback dolphins): the previously here-listed *S. teuszii* and *S. chinensis* plus *S. plumbea* and a new un-named species from northern Australia that was originally proposed by Frère et al. (2008, 2011) based on molecular data. A drawback of the phylogenetic analyses by Mendez et al. (2013) is that there was only one sample from the area of supposed sympatry of *S. plumbea* and *S. chinensis* and very low coverage of the Indo-Malay region (n=5). The two species are listed here provisionally, pending the outcome of further analysis including more samples from those areas. The new species from Australia has now been given the name *Sousa sahulensis* (Jefferson and Rosenbaum 2014).

The Burrunan dolphin *Tursiops australis*, recently described by Charlton-Robb et al. (2011), is not included here; its basis is questionable because of several potential problems: 1) the specimens were compared morphologically only with bottlenose dolphins from Australia; 2) despite the small sample sizes, the series overlapped in all metric characters and separation was possible only with multivariate analysis (which commonly resolves geographical forms within a species, e.g see Perrin et al. (1999) and Perrin et al. (2011) for *Stenella longirostris* and *Tursiops truncatus*, respectively); 3) comparisons of external morphology and non-metrical characters were made only with *T. truncatus*, to the exclusion of *T. aduncus*; and 4) support for important nodes in molecular trees suggesting phylogenetic separation was low. A rigorous re-evaluation of the relevant data and arguments is needed.

Recognition of the Black Sea bottlenose dolphin is now well supported by genetic data (Viaud-Martinez et al., 2008), as is the Black Sea common dolphin (Natoli et al., 2008). *Delphinus tropicalis* is considered a subspecies of *D. capensis* (Jefferson and Van Waerebeek, 2002).

Lagenorhynchus is widely considered a polyphyletic taxon containing morphologically convergent species (Cipriano 1997, LeDuc et al. 1999, McGowen 2011), and application of the genera *Sagmatias* (for *L. obscurus*, *obliquidens*, *australis* and *cruciger*) and *Leucopleurus* (for *L. acutus*) have been suggested as appropriate and used by some workers. However, there is continuing disagreement about whether *australis* and *cruciger* should be included in *Cephalorhynchus* (which would necessitate a new genus for *obliquidens* and *obscurus*, as *australis* is the type species for the genus *Sagmatias*) and about whether *albirostris* and *acutus* are sister species (which would obviate the need for

Leucopleurus). We therefore provisionally retain all the species in *Lagenorhynchus*. Harlin-Cognato (2010) recognized *L. o. posidonia* (Peru/Chile). She also recognized *L. o. superciliosis* (Lesson and Garnot, 1826) for the New Zealand subspecies, but the species identity of the figure in Lesson and Garnot is in question, and we retain use of "un-named New Zealand subspecies."

It has been noted repeatedly, most recently by Perrin et al. (2013), that the delphinine genera *Stenella* and *Tursiops* are paraphyletic and that at present there is no molecular or morphological basis for satisfactory resolution of phylogenetic relationships in the subfamily. A possible solution would be to return all the species in *Tursiops*, *Sousa*, and *Stenella* to *Delphinus*, the genus in which they were first described, and place *Lagenodelphis hosei* there as well. However, considering that this would obscure the proven close relationship of the present *Delphinus* species and of the *Sousa* species, the status quo is maintained here provisionally, pending the outcome of more definitive morphological and molecular studies. Eventually a more natural classification will emerge.

Perrin et al. (1999) established the subspecies *Stenella longirostris roseiventris*. The Irrawaddy dolphin was split into *O. brevirostris* and *O. heinsohni*, the Australian snubfin dolphin (Beasley et al., 2005).

Krahn et al. (2004) recognized two un-named subspecies of killer whales, the resident and transient forms. The Southern Resident Killer Whale was designated in 2005 as Endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, as a *distinct population segment (DPS)* of the resident killer whale taxon, recognized as a subspecies distinct from the transient killer whale. Other forms of killer whales in the North Pacific, North Atlantic and Antarctic Ocean may warrant recognition as separate subspecies or even species, but the taxonomy has not yet been fully clarified or agreed (Morin et al. 2010; Foote et al. 2009, 2013). As noted by Reeves et al. (2004), one role of a subspecies can be to serve as a "species in waiting" pending availability of enough information to settle species questions.

Wang et al. (2008) and Jefferson and Wang (2011) established *Neophocaena asiaorientalis* as a full species, with two subspecies.

Viaud-Martinez et al. (2007) concluded based on morphological and genetic evidence that *Phocoena phocoena relicta* is a distinct subspecies.

We list the baiji *Lipotes vexillifer* as "possibly extinct" in conformance with the IUCN Red List, although extinction seems a certainty.

In the Sirenia, subspecies of the dugong are not currently recognized (Domning, 1996). However, no in-depth study has been undertaken to address the issue of subspecies.

For review of species concepts, see Reeves et al. (2004), Orr and Coyne (2004), de Queiroz (2007) and Perrin (2009). Perrin et al. (2009) reviewed the cetacean subspecies,

but that review has not yet appeared in the peer-reviewed literature and is therefore not considered here; the subspecies (including for the Carnivora and Sirenia) are as recognized by Rice (1998), with the above-noted changes.

Corrections and comments should be directed to the Committee on Taxonomy (william.perrin@noaa.gov). Divergent opinions by members of the Committee on particular taxonomic questions are given in the footnotes.

Order Carnivora

Family Otariidae (eared seals and sea lions; 15 species, of which 1 extinct)

[*Arctocephalus australis*](#) (Zimmermann, 1783). South American fur seal

A. a. australis (Zimmermann, 1783). South American fur seal

A. a. un-named subspecies. Peruvian fur seal

[*Arctocephalus forsteri*](#) (Lesson, 1828). Long-nosed fur seal, New Zealand fur seal

[*Arctocephalus galapagoensis*](#) Heller, 1904. Galapagos fur seal

[*Arctocephalus gazella*](#) (Peters, 1876). Antarctic fur seal

Arctocephalus philippii (Peters, 1866). Juan Fernandez fur seal

A. p. philippii (Peters, 1866). Juan Fernandez fur seal

[*A. p. townsendi*](#) (Merriam, 1897). Guadalupe fur seal

[*Arctocephalus pusillus*](#) (Schreber, 1775). Cape fur seal

[*A. p. pusillus*](#) (Schreber, 1775). Cape fur seal

A. p. doriferus Wood Jones, 1925. Australian fur seal

[*Arctocephalus tropicalis*](#) (Gray, 1872). Subantarctic fur seal

[*Callorhinus ursinus*](#) (Linnaeus, 1758). Northern fur seal

[*Eumetopias jubatus*](#) (Schreber, 1776). Steller sea lion, northern sea lion

E. j. jubatus (Schreber, 1776). Western Steller sea lion

E. j. monteriensis (Gray, 1859). Loughlin's Steller sea lion

[*Neophoca cinerea*](#) (Peron, 1816). Australian sea lion

[*Otaria byronia*](#) (Blainville, 1820). South American sea lion

[*Phocarctos hookeri*](#) (Gray, 1844). New Zealand sea lion, Hooker's sea lion

[*Zalophus californianus*](#) (Lesson, 1828). California sea lion

[*Zalophus japonicus*](#) (Peters, 1866). Japanese sea lion (extinct)

[*Zalophus wollebaeki*](#) Sivertsen, 1953. Galapagos sea lion

Family Odobenidae

[*Odobenus rosmarus*](#) (Linnaeus, 1758). Walrus

O. r. divergens (Illiger, 1815). Pacific walrus

O. r. rosmarus (Linnaeus, 1758). Atlantic walrus

Family Phocidae (earless seals; 19 species, of which 1 extinct)

[*Cystophora cristata*](#) (Erxleben, 1777). Hooded seal

[*Erignathus barbatus*](#) (Erxleben, 1777). Bearded seal

E. b. barbatus (Erxleben, 1777). Atlantic bearded seal

E. b. nauticus (Pallas, 1881). Pacific bearded seal

[*Halichoerus grypus*](#) (Fabricius, 1791). Gray seal

H. g. grypus (Fabricius, 1791). Western Atlantic gray seal

H. g. macrorhynchus Hornschuh and Schilling, 1851. Eastern Atlantic gray seal

[*Histiophoca fasciata*](#) (Zimmerman, 1783). Ribbon seal

[*Hydrurga leptonyx*](#) (Blainville, 1820). Leopard seal

[*Leptonychotes weddellii*](#) (Lesson, 1826). Weddell seal

[*Lobodon carcinophaga*](#) (Hombron and Jacquinot, 1842). Crabeater seal

Mirounga leonina (Linnaeus, 1758). Southern elephant seal

Mirounga angustirostris (Gill, 1866). Northern elephant seal

Monachus monachus (Hermann, 1779). Mediterranean monk seal

Neomonachus tropicalis (Gray, 1850). Caribbean monk seal (extinct)

Neomonachus schauinslandi (Matschie, 1905). Hawaiian monk seal

Ommatophoca rossii Gray, 1844. Ross seal

Pagophilus groenlandicus (Erxleben, 1777). Harp seal

Phoca vitulina (Linnaeus, 1758). Harbor seal, common seal

P. v. vitulina (Linnaeus, 1758). Atlantic harbor seal

P. v. mellonae (Doutt, 1942). Ungava harbor seal

P. v. richardii (Gray, 1864). Pacific harbor seal

Phoca largha (Pallas, 1811). Spotted seal, largha seal

Pusa hispida (Schreber, 1775). Ringed seal

P. h. hispida (Schreber, 1775). Arctic Ringed seal

P. h. botnica (Gmelin, 1788). Baltic ringed seal

P. h. ochotensis (Nordquist, 1889). Okhotsk ringed seal

P. h. ladogensis (Nordquist, 1889). Lake Ladoga seal

P. h. saimensis (Nordquist, 1889). Saima seal

Pusa caspica (Gmelin, 1788). Caspian seal

Pusa sibirica (Gmelin, 1788). Baikal seal

Family Ursidae

Ursus maritimus Phipps, 1774. Polar bear

Family Mustelidae

[*Enhydra lutris*](#) (Linnaeus, 1758). Sea otter

E. l. kenyoni Wilson, 1991. Eastern sea otter

E. l. lutris (Linnaeus, 1758). Western sea otter

E. l. nereis (Merriam, 1904). Southern sea otter

[*Lontra felina*](#) (Molina, 1782). Chungungo, marine otter

[*Neovison macrodon*](#) (Prentis, 1903). Sea mink (extinct)

Order Cetartiodactyla (artiodactyls and cetaceans)

CETACEA (cetaceans; 90 species, of which 1 possibly extinct)

MYSTICETI (baleen whales, 14 species)

Family Balaenidae (right whales, 4 species)

[*Balaena mysticetus*](#) Linnaeus, 1758. Bowhead whale, Greenland whale

[*Eubalaena glacialis*](#) (Müller, 1776). North Atlantic right whale

[*Eubalaena japonica*](#) (Lacépède, 1818). North Pacific right whale

[*Eubalaena australis*](#) (Desmoulins, 1822). Southern right whale

Family Neobalaenidae

[*Caperea marginata*](#) (Gray, 1846). Pygmy right whale

Family Eschrichtiidae

[*Eschrichtius robustus*](#) (Lilljeborg, 1861). Gray whale

Family Balaenopteridae (rorquals, 8 species)

[*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*](#) Lacépède, 1804. Common minke whale

B. a. acutorostrata Lacépède, 1804. North Atlantic minke whale

B. a. scammoni Deméré, 1986. North Pacific minke whale

B. a. un-named subsp. Dwarf minke whale

[*Balaenoptera bonaerensis*](#) Burmeister, 1867. Antarctic minke whale

[*Balaenoptera borealis*](#) Lesson, 1828. Sei whale

B. b. borealis Lesson, 1828. Northern sei whale

B. b. schlegellii (Flower, 1865). Southern sei whale

[*Balaenoptera edeni*](#) Anderson, 1879. Bryde's whale

B. e. brydei Olsen, 1913. Offshore Bryde's whale

B. e. edeni Anderson, 1879. Eden's whale

[*Balaenoptera musculus*](#) (Linnaeus, 1758). Blue whale

B. m. musculus (Linnaeus, 1758). Northern blue whale

B. m. intermedia Burmeister, 1871. Antarctic blue whale

B. m. indica Blyth, 1859. Northern Indian Ocean blue whale

B. m. brevipinna Ichihara, 1966. Pygmy blue whale

B. m. un-named subsp. Chilean blue whale.

[*Balaenoptera omurai*](#) Wada, Oishi and Yamada, 2003. Omura's whale

[*Balaenoptera physalus*](#) (Linnaeus, 1758). Fin whale

B. p. patachonica Burmeister, 1865. Pygmy fin whale

B. p. physalus (Linnaeus, 1758). Northern fin whale

B. p. quoyi (Fischer, 1829). Southern fin whale

[*Megaptera novaeangliae*](#) (Borowski, 1781). Humpback whale

M. n. australis (Lesson, 1828). Southern humpback whale

M. n. kuzira (Gray, 1850). North Pacific Humpback whale

M. n. novaeangliae (Borowski, 1781). North Atlantic humpback whale

ODONTOCETI (toothed whales, dolphins and porpoises: 76 species, of which one possibly extinct)

Family Physeteridae

[*Physeter macrocephalus*](#) Linnaeus, 1758. Sperm whale, cachalot

Family Kogiidae

[*Kogia breviceps*](#) (Blainville, 1838). Pygmy sperm whale

[*Kogia sima*](#) (Owen, 1866). Dwarf sperm whale

Family Ziphiidae (beaked whales, 22 species)

Berardius arnuxii Duvernoy, 1851. Arnoux' beaked whale

Berardius bairdii Stejneger, 1883. Baird's beaked whale

[*Hyperoodon ampullatus*](#) (Forster, 1770). Northern bottlenose whale

[*Hyperoodon planifrons*](#) Flower, 1882. Southern bottlenose whale

[*Indopacetus pacificus*](#) (Longman, 1926). Longman's beaked whale, tropical bottlenose whale,

[*Mesoplodon bidens*](#) (Sowerby, 1804). Sowerby's beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon bowdoini*](#) Andrews, 1908. Andrews' beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon carlhubbsi*](#) Moore, 1963. Hubbs' beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon europaeus*](#) (Gervais, 1855). Gervais' beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon ginkgodens*](#) Nishiwaki and Kamiya, 1958. Ginkgo-toothed beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon grayi*](#) von Haast, 1876. Gray's beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon hectori*](#) (Gray, 1871). Hector's beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon hotaula*](#) Deraniyagala, 1963. Deraniyagala's beaked whale.

[*Mesoplodon layardii*](#) (Gray, 1865). Strap-toothed beaked whale, Layard's beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon mirus*](#) True, 1913. True's beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon perrini*](#) Dalebout, Mead, Baker, Baker and van Helden, 2002. Perrin's beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon peruvianus*](#) Reyes, Mead and Van Waerebeek, 1991. Pygmy beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon stejnegeri*](#) True, 1885. Stejneger's beaked whale

[*Mesoplodon traversii*](#) (Gray, 1874). Spade-toothed whale

[*Mesoplodon densirostris*](#) (Blainville, 1817). Blainville's beaked whale

[*Tasmacetus shepherdi*](#) Oliver, 1937. Shepherd's beaked whale, Tasman beaked whale

[*Ziphius cavirostris*](#) G. Cuvier, 1823. Cuvier's beaked whale, goose-beaked whale

Family Platanistidae

[*Platanista gangetica*](#) (Lebeck, 1801). South Asian river dolphin, Indian river dolphin

P. g. gangetica (Lebeck, 1801). Susu, Ganges river dolphin

P. g. minor Owen, 1853. Bhulan, Indus river dolphin

Family Iniidae

[*Inia geoffrensis*](#) (Blainville, 1817). Amazon river dolphin

I. g. geoffrensis (Blainville, 1817). Common boto

I. g. humboldtiana Pilleri and Gühr, 1977. Orinoco bufeo

Family Lipotidae

[*Lipotes vexillifer*](#) (Miller, 1918). Baiji, Yangtze river dolphin – possibly extinct

Family Pontoporiidae

[*Pontoporia blainvillei*](#) (Gervais and d'Orbigny, 1844). Franciscana, toninha.

Family Monodontidae

[*Delphinapterus leucas*](#) (Pallas, 1776). Beluga, white whale

[*Monodon monoceros*](#) Linnaeus, 1758. Narwhal

Family Delphinidae (38 species)

[*Cephalorhynchus commersonii*](#) (Lacépède, 1804). Commerson's dolphin

C. c. commersonii (Lacépède, 1804). Commerson's dolphin

C. c. kerguelenensis Robineau, Goodall, Pichler and C. S. Baker, 2007. Kerguelen Islands Commerson's dolphin

[*Cephalorhynchus eutropia*](#) (Gray, 1846). Chilean dolphin

[*Cephalorhynchus heavisidii*](#) (Gray, 1828). Heaviside's dolphin, Haviside's dolphin

[*Cephalorhynchus hectori*](#) (Van Beneden, 1881). Hector's dolphin, New Zealand dolphin

C. h. hectori (Van Beneden, 1881). South Island Hector's dolphin

C. h. maui A. Baker, Smith and Pichler, 2002. Maui's dolphin, North Island Hector's dolphin

[*Delphinus capensis*](#) Gray, 1828. Long-beaked common dolphin

D. c. capensis Gray, 1828. Long-beaked common dolphin

D. c. tropicalis van Bree, 1971. Indo-Pacific common dolphin

[*Delphinus delphis*](#) Linnaeus, 1758. Short-beaked common dolphin, saddleback dolphin

D. d. delphis Linnaeus, 1758. Short-beaked common dolphin

D. d. ponticus Barabash, 1935. Black Sea common dolphin

[*Feresa attenuata*](#) Gray, 1874. Pygmy killer whale

[*Globicephala macrorhynchus*](#) Gray, 1846. Short-finned pilot whale

[*Globicephala melas*](#) (Traill, 1809). Long-finned pilot whale

G. m. edwardii (A. Smith, 1834). Southern long-finned pilot whale

G. m. melas (Traill, 1809). North Atlantic long-finned pilot whale

G. m. un-named subsp. North Pacific long-finned pilot whale (extinct)

[*Grampus griseus*](#) (G. Cuvier, 1812). Risso's dolphin, gray grampus

Lagenodelphis hosei Fraser, 1956. Fraser's dolphin

Lagenorhynchus acutus (Gray, 1828). Atlantic white-sided dolphin

Lagenorhynchus albirostris (Gray, 1846). White-beaked dolphin

Lagenorhynchus australis (Peale, 1848). Peale's dolphin

Lagenorhynchus cruciger (Quoy and Gaimard, 1824). Hourglass dolphin

Lagenorhynchus obliquidens Gill, 1865. Pacific white-sided dolphin

Lagenorhynchus obscurus (Gray, 1828). Dusky dolphin

L. o. fitzroyi (Waterhouse, 1838). Fitzroy's dolphin

L. o. obscurus (Gray, 1828). African dusky dolphin

L. o. posidonia (Philippi, 1893). Peruvian/Chilean dusky dolphin

L. o. un-named subsp. New Zealand dusky dolphin

Lissodelphis borealis (Peale, 1848). Northern right-whale dolphin

Lissodelphis peronii (Lacépède, 1804). Southern right-whale dolphin

Orcaella brevirostris (Owen in Gray, 1866). Irrawaddy dolphin, pesut

Orcaella heinsohni Beasley, Robertson and Arnold, 2005. Australian snubfin dolphin

Orcinus orca (Linnaeus, 1758). Killer whale, orca

O. o. un-named subsp. Resident killer whale

O. o. un-named subsp. Transient killer whale, Bigg's killer whale

Peponocephala electra (Gray, 1846). Melon-headed whale, Electra dolphin

Pseudorca crassidens (Owen, 1846). False killer whale

Sousa teuszii (Kükenthal, 1892). Atlantic humpback dolphin

Sousa chinensis (Osbeck, 1765). Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin

Sousa plumbea (G. Cuvier, 1829). Indian Ocean humpback dolphin

Sousa sahalensis Jefferson and Rosenbaum 2014. Australian humpback dolphin, Sahul dolphin

Sotalia fluviatilis (Gervais and Deville in Gervais, 1853). Tucuxi

Sotalia guianensis (Van Bénédén, 1864). Guiana dolphin, costero

Stenella attenuata (Gray, 1846). Pantropical spotted dolphin

S. a. attenuata (Gray, 1846). Offshore pantropical spotted dolphin

S. a. graffmani (Lönnerberg, 1934). Coastal pantropical spotted dolphin

Stenella clymene (Gray, 1850). Clymene dolphin

Stenella coeruleoalba (Meyen, 1833). Striped dolphin

Stenella frontalis (G. Cuvier, 1829). Atlantic spotted dolphin

Stenella longirostris (Gray, 1828). Spinner dolphin

S. l. centroamericana Perrin, 1990. Central American spinner dolphin

S. l. longirostris (Gray, 1828). Gray's spinner dolphin

S. l. orientalis Perrin, 1990. Eastern spinner dolphin

S. l. roseiventris (Wagner, 1846). Dwarf spinner dolphin

Steno bredanensis (G. Cuvier in Lesson, 1828). Rough-toothed dolphin

Tursiops aduncus (Ehrenberg, 1833). Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphin

Tursiops truncatus (Montagu, 1821). Common bottlenose dolphin

T. t. ponticus Barabash-Nikiforov, 1940. Black Sea bottlenose dolphin

T. t. truncatus (Montagu, 1821). Common bottlenose dolphin

Family Phocoenidae (porpoises, 7 species)

Neophocaena phocaenoides (G. Cuvier, 1829). Indo-Pacific finless porpoise

Neophocaena asiaorientalis (Pilleri and Gühr, 1972). Narrow-ridged finless porpoise

N. a. asiaorientalis (Pilleri and Gühr, 1972). Yangtze finless porpoise

N. a. sunameri Pilleri and Gihl, 1975. East Asian finless porpoise, sunameri

[*Phocoena dioptrica*](#) Lahille, 1912. Spectacled porpoise

[*Phocoena phocoena*](#) (Linnaeus, 1758). Harbor porpoise, common porpoise

P. p. phocoena (Linnaeus, 1758). Atlantic harbor porpoise

P. p. vomerina (Gill, 1865). Eastern Pacific harbor porpoise

P. p. relictata Abel, 1905. Black Sea harbor porpoise

P. p. un-named subsp. Western Pacific harbor porpoise

[*Phocoena sinus*](#) Norris and McFarland, 1958. Vaquita, Gulf of California harbor porpoise

[*Phocoena spinipinnis*](#) Burmeister, 1865. Burmeister's porpoise

[*Phocoenoides dalli*](#) (True, 1885). Dall's porpoise, Dall porpoise

P. d. dalli (True, 1885). *Dalli*-type Dall's porpoise

P. d. truei Andrews, 1911. *Truei*-type Dall's porpoise

ORDER SIRENIA (sirenians, 5 species, of which 1 extinct)

Family Trichechidae

[*Trichechus inunguis*](#) (Natterer, 1883). Amazonian manatee

[*Trichechus manatus*](#) Linnaeus, 1758. West Indian manatee

T. m. latirostris (Harlan, 1824). Florida manatee

T. m. manatus Linnaeus, 1758. Antillean manatee

[*Trichechus senegalensis*](#) Link, 1795. West African manatee, African manatee

Family Dugongidae

[*Dugong dugon*](#) (Müller, 1776). Dugong

[*Hydrodamalis gigas*](#) (Zimmerman, 1780). Steller's sea cow – extinct

Footnotes

1. Use of Order Cetartiodactyla is favored by most evolutionary mammalogists working with molecular data. Some others, including many marine mammalogists and paleontologists, favor retention of Order Cetacea in the interest of taxonomic stability.
2. (from D. Rice) Baker *et al.* (2003) hold that there is no evidence that would support the classification of the right whales as more than a single biological species. [The three species are here recognized as phylogenetic species.]

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