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# Animals of Shark Bay

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Bottlenose dolphin



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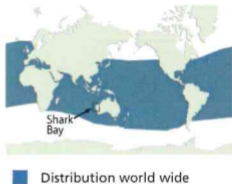
(*Tursiops spp.*)

There are two distinct species of bottlenose dolphin: the common bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) and the Indian Pacific bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops aduncus*). Dolphins use echolocation for hunting and navigating. They send a series of clicks that travel through the water hitting objects and sending back information about the size, shape, speed, distance and direction of their prey.

**Length:** 2–4 metres

**Weight:** 150–650 kilograms

## Distribution Map



**Habitat:** Bottlenose dolphins are common in temperate and tropical seas worldwide.

**Diet:** Fish, squid, cuttlefish, occasionally rays and even small sharks.