

Project Update: February 2017

The project second phase field studies (autumn and winter seasons) are completed. Only bottlenose dolphin *Tursiops truncatus* individuals were observed during the studies. It was understood that only *T. truncatus* individuals extensively use Karataş coasts in this study. We encountered a maximum group size 25 individuals so far. Image processing for photo-identification and collected data analyses have begun.

Prepared project press releases for local and national press and these press releases were distributed to newspapers and magazines. You can see published project news from the links below (in Turkish).

<http://www.milliyet.com.tr/karatas-taki-yunus-ve-balinalar-koruma-adana-yerelhaber-1825287/>

<http://viphaber.org/haber-5238-karatas%E2%80%99taki-yunus-ve-balinalar-koruma-altina-aliniyor.html>

<http://www.gundemadana.com/index.php/yunus-ve-balinalar-icin-ozel-proje/>

<http://www.kozanbilgi.net/karatastaki-yunus-ve-balinalar-koruma-altina-aliniyor.html>

<http://gundem01.com/karatastaki-yunus-balinalar-koruma-altina-aliniyor/>

<http://www.adanahabermerkezi.com/guncel/karatastaki-yunus-ve-balinalar-koruma-altina-aliniyor-h33324.html>



Figure 1. The project research boat.

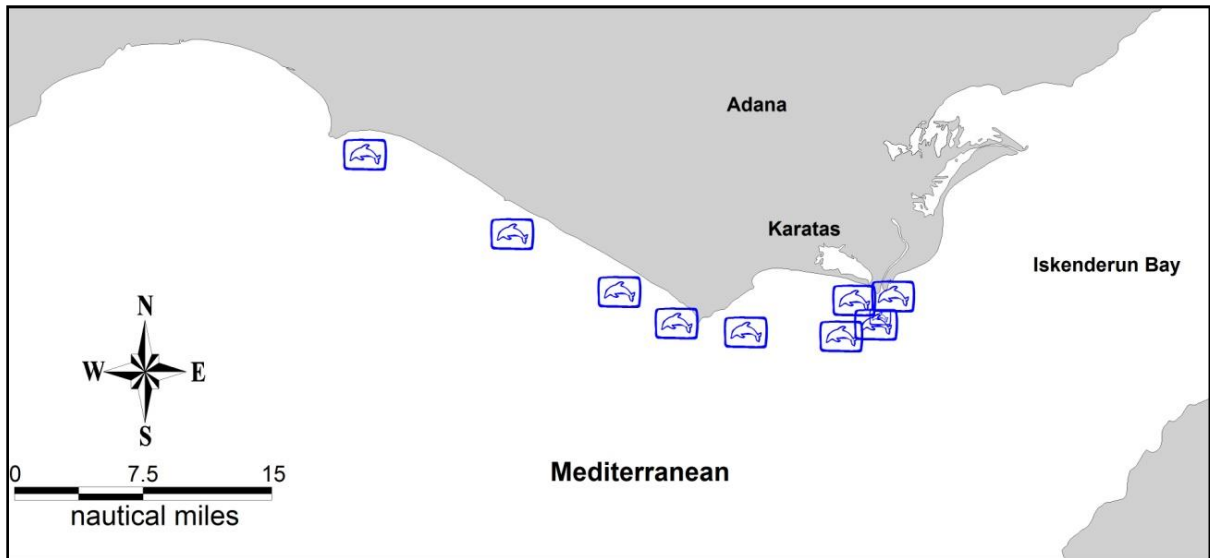


Figure 2. Preliminary distribution map of the *T. truncatus* in the Karataş coasts.



Figure 3. A *T. truncatus* individual from winter observations.