## Project update Cetacean Conservation of Nicaragua

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The project started on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2017. The research interns got an intensive training on the material and the methods used for our research.





We conducted our first surveys from the 21 to the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 in San Juan del Sur. We have observed humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and pantropical spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*). We have spent 34 effort hours covering about 431 km. We registered 3 sightings of humpback whales, including a mother-calf escort group, a dyad and a singing whale, one sighting of bottlenose dolphins and 15 sightings of pantropical spotted dolphins. The new individuals were added to our photo-identification catalogue. More surveys will be conducted in February, March and April 2017.



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