

Project Update: 27000-B

We concluded our survey effort for 2020 due to COVID-19 as monitoring from mid-March to June was suspended. We conducted 10 trips in total in March, July, August and September, covering around 800 km and spending over 50 hours at sea. We registered 10 fin whale sightings that represented 19 different individuals, five common dolphin sightings with over 3,000 individuals, one bottlenose dolphin sighting of 30 individuals and finally an exciting encounter with four killer whales. We were able to capture drone footage of some fin whales and we now have a fin whale catalogue of 200 fin whales.

We had the incredible experience of encountering a group of four killer whales around the area. They displayed a very unique hunting behavior of tail slapping manta rays and we actually saw the adult individuals teaching the calf the technique (see video here: <https://www.facebook.com/procetus/videos/1583355621824726>)



