

Project Update: March 2021

On the 4th April 2021, there was a large stranding of over 60 alive electra dolphins close to Axim 4.8665° N, 2.2409° W.

Sighting and stranding of dolphins during April in this area is common because these cetaceans move close to shore to feed on the shoal of fishes in our coastal seas around this period. But what is unprecedented was the stranding this high number of individuals, which has never been recorded on the African coast excluding Madagascar. Attached are some of the pictures I have received from colleagues in the area.

The most interesting part of the story was the local reaction. I am currently working with my team to sensitise the locals on the right ways to deal with such a situation.



Two stranded dolphins lying side by side.



Electra dolphins stranded on the coast of Axim.



Locals loading stranded dolphins into a truck.