Project update: Dolphins of the Green Coast Fall and Winter 2025

We conducted campaigns at both Sepetiba and Ilha Grande bays during the fall and winter. The data collected have been used by students of the Marine Ecology and Conservation Lab (ECOMAR) at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). Two of them are directly involved, collecting data for their master's and doctoral projects, which investigate the impact of noise and demography, respectively. Moreover, three other master's students are also benefiting from the fieldwork, collecting data on social networks, mother-calf pair behavior, and seabird distribution. For the next steps, we'll collect data during spring and summer. A master's student will present her project's partial results at the Latin American Conference on Aquatic Mammals, which will take place in Mexico in December.



A Guiana dolphin individual (*Sotalia guianensis*) and ports in the background at Sepetiba Bay, southeastern Brazil. Jean Pinto / ECoMAR.



Guiana dolphins (*Sotalia guianensis*) and tourists at Ilha Grande Bay, southeastern Brazil. Jean Pinto / ECoMAR.



ECoMAR's students collecting data for photoidentification. Jean Pinto / ECoMAR.



A master's student getting the drone ready to record mother-calf pairs. Laís Chaves / ECoMAR.



Part of the ECoMAR team during fieldwork. Bárbara Piovani / ECoMAR.