ISCHIA DOLPHIN PROJECT

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Oceanomare Delphis Onlus (ODO) is a non-profit organization established to study and preserve cetaceans, and the ecosystems they inhabit, through knowledge, conservation and awareness actions.

ODO safeguards decades of archives on Mediterranean cetaceans, it operates in a variety of areas which are representative of the Mediterranean marine environments. ODO implements non-invasive studies through interdisciplinary skills that provide new capabilities to the design, development and project management.

Current and past research areas include:

- Pontino-Campano Archipelagos (Islands of Ischia, Procida, Capri, Ventotene and Ponza)
- Tuscany coastal line and all the islands in its archipelago
- Ostia – Fiumicino-Torvaianica (Rome)
- Waters off Brindisi (BR)
- Adriatic Coast of Montenegro

ODO aggregates organizations, groups and individuals which are linked by a common interest in cetaceans and the marine environment in order to influence institutions to safeguard them.

Since 2016 ODO is a Partner of ACCOBAMS (Agreement for the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area) and an active member of the MMO-PAM (Marine Mammal Observer – Passive Acoustic Monitoring) ACCOBAMS Working Group. In 2019 ODO was recognized as MMO-PAM ACCOBAMS Trainer Organisation.

Since 2015 Oceanomare Delphis and CIBRA (Interdisciplinary Centre for Bioacoustics and Environmental Research) have established a continuous collaboration through which they have developed marine mammals’ monitoring and mitigation plans and carried out sampling at sea and reporting in relation to the submitted plans.
ISCHIA DOLPHIN PROJECT

1. INTRODUCTION

The waters off the Island of Ischia offer a unique opportunity for the study of cetaceans. Since 1991, the presence of seven different Mediterranean cetacean species has been recorded.

The study area is well known for its important pelagic biodiversity. The region was described as a feeding ground for fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), feeding and breeding ground for striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Risso’s dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*). At last, the area has been listed in the IUCN Cetacean Action Plan – www.redlist.org - as critical habitat for the endangered short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*). Occasionally pilot whales (*Globicephala melas*) are also encountered.

Since 1997 the research focused on the area of the canyon of Cuma, a deep submarine system of canyons located north to the island. Submarine canyons play and important role in biologic events and they are often areas of high biodiversity for their oceanographic characteristics.

The presence in this relatively small area of seven different species gives to the project a unique occasion to study and compare the behavioral ecology of the different species. The main goal of the project is the conservation of the habitat used by whales and dolphins, a habitat that is always more corrupted and threatened by human activities.

The study produced in the years a relevant amount of data that contributed to the establishment of the Marine Protected Area “Regno di Nettuno” (Neptune’s Kingdom) around the islands of Ischia, Procida, and Vivara. ODO succeeded in the inclusion of part of the canyon of Cuma (Zone D) in the boundaries of MPA.

In 2017, the coastal waters of Ischia and Ventotene and the Campanian and Pontino archipelagos were recognized as Important Marine Mammals Areas (IMMAs), by the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force.
Any economic support to the project comes exclusively from participants at the summer courses, private sponsors, and foundations. Thanks to the participation of many volunteers who choose to spend their holidays collaborating to the project, it has been possible to go on in our effort until today.

Sailing activities

2. RESEARCH GOALS

The research program of Ischia Dolphin Project is focused on the communities of cetaceans that can be encountered in a coastal area included between the latitudes 40°55’ N and 40°00’ N. This region covers about 35 Km² between the islands of Ischia, Procida, Capri, Ventotene, Ponza and the Italian mainland.

Data is collected following an interdisciplinary approach and applying different methods in order to describe the different aspects of cetaceans’ life. The aims of the project can be summarized as follows:

- estimate the degree of residency of cetaceans in the study area;
- estimate populations size and trend;
- examine the social structure of the different populations;
- examine habitat use and distribution;
• estimate the impact of both fishery operations and vessel traffic;
• describe the acoustic repertoire of the different species.

Beyond these merely scientific goals, the Ischia Dolphin Project aims to improve the management of cetacean species by:

• promoting a series of educational activities to spread information and raise awareness among the publics about the threats and problems of cetaceans and their environment;
• publishing/sharing the results of the research to/with the local and the international authorities, as well as to the scientific community and the environmentalist organizations;
• the protection and conservation of the area.

The research is realized with the support of Amici di Riccardo Domenici, Albergo della Regina Isabella, Consorzio Costa Smeralda. Publications: www.oceanomaredelphis.org

3. METHODS

Data is collected using different techniques such as photo-identification, behavioral sampling, and acoustical recording. In addition, a detailed trip log of the route covered and GPS positions are automatically recorded every 3 minutes. Information on sea state, wind and direction is also taken.

3.1 Photo-identification

It is a valuable and widely used technique in the research of cetaceans. By photographing cetaceans, the different animals are identified on the base of natural and permanent markings present on their body. This method gives important information on population size, distribution and movements of cetaceans, social structure, reproductive rate and habitat use.

3.2 Behavioural sampling

Through the collection of behavioral data, we obtain information that will lead to the understanding of cetacean’s activities like feeding habits, social communication and interaction with human activities. We record different variables (group size and composition, aerial behaviors, social interactions and so on) at regular intervals of three minutes (3-minute sampling method).

3.3 Bioacoustics
Underwater microphones (hydrophones), audio devices and recorders compose the acoustical system. It allows us to collect the vocalizations produced by cetaceans during their natural activities. The stereo system and software locate the source of the signal in the environment. The presence of speakers on board allows all participants to listen to the sounds of the sea in real time. If dolphins are sighted, the listening to their vocalizations is an exciting experience.

Whistles, clicks and other vocalizations produced by cetaceans – and recorded during the sightings – are then analyzed in order to define the acoustic characteristics of the different species in the area of Ischia. The different parameters of the emitted sounds can vary also in different populations of the same species (“dialects”). Particular attention is finally paid to stereotyped vocalizations in the attempt to put together a catalog of “acoustic signatures” of the individuals of Ischia.

4. RESEARCHERS
The Ischia Dolphin Project is composed of highly qualified team members. The fieldwork is usually conducted by the researcher in charge and a research assistant, with the help of project participants. Researchers and research assistants rotate during the field season on board of the Jean Gab. They will teach participants how to collect data on board and they will give lessons on cetacean biology.

During our field courses, there may be – for short periods – also journalists, photographers, and guests whenever their presence on board can help or give name to the project.

Photos and short CVs of ODO staff is available on the web: www.oceanomaredelphis.org

5. PELAGIC BIRDS
In order to increase the knowledge of the marine life inhabiting the study area, Oceanomare Delphis together with ARDEA, another non-profit organization, planned a monitoring program focused on the pelagic birds and their relationship with cetaceans.
In particular, the research focuses on Scopoli’s shearwater (Calonectris diomedea), Mediterranean shearwater (Puffinus yelkouan) and Audouin’s gull (Ichthyæetus audouinii).
ARDEA ornithologists in collaboration with ODO cetacean researchers collect data to:

- Examine habitat use and distribution of the species;
- Examine interaction between birds and cetaceans;
- Estimate breeding population size of Audouin’s gull;
- Observe the interaction between birds and fishes.

Our results will be shared both at a scientific level in papers and conference and to the public to show the richness of our sea.

6. ACTIVITIES

6.1 Day of Arrival

Boarding is every Monday, at 4.00 pm. On your arrival date, there will be no navigation and the team members will be on the boat for the welcoming. Participants are therefore invited to take advantage of the situation to get familiar with the boat and the surroundings. You will also have time to rest and relax after your long journey on one of the beaches next to the harbour. You will get to know the team members and the other participants. When all participants are arrived and settled, you will be given a briefing on the safety measures and life on board, detailed information about the project, the research (study area, cetacean species and their biology, etc.).

6.2 Daily trips to monitor cetaceans

Participants live on board of the research vessel Jean Gab that preferably navigates under sail. During your staying days will be almost entirely dedicated to the research activities and all participants will take part in the fieldwork. Every day, except for the arrival and the departure days, will be spent at sea. Survey tracks are
laid out to provide a coverage of the study area, but might be adapted to prevailing weather conditions. Participants will be asked to help researchers in the collection of data and sailing activities.

Participants will rotate, together with the researchers, in watching shifts of one hour each during the whole navigation period until dolphins/whales are sighted. There are two observers on duty on every shift. Besides whales and dolphins, we record also the presence of sea turtles, tunas, swordfish, manta rays, large school of fish and sea birds. The acoustic system helps in the localization of the animals: the hydrophones detect any sound produced by cetaceans at an average distance of 3 nm and the software indicate the direction of the signal. It is then possible to approach the animals.

In the evening, the boat go back to the harbour. Sometimes nights can be spent in a bay at the anchor or, for research reasons, out at sea.

6.3 Sightings

Everybody have a role to play during sightings. A good teamwork is key to an enjoyable experience and a good data collection, such as filming dolphins with the underwater camera under the bow of the vessel, collecting behavioral data, recording sounds, filming and photographing the animals for their individual identification, and steering. A sighting can last several hours and in the meantime, normal duties on board such as cooking and washing dishes have to be carried out.
Please consider that we are looking for whales and dolphins in the wild, they are not always in the area and we cannot predict their moves, thus the encounters are not guaranteed.

6.4 Other activities

Navigation will take place when the weather conditions are good. A day-off is scheduled for every turn for participants who wish to relax or explore the island. The boat will sail anyway during this day-off for those who are willing to continue the research. If anybody wants more days off, just inform the crew.

In case of unfavorable weather or harsh sea conditions, the boat stays in the harbour. This is not only for the safety of the crew and participants but also because it is not possible to conduct valuable fieldwork in rough seas. Participants may decide to stay on board assisting the researchers with data entry, preliminary analysis, computer work (e.g. photo-identification) and attending the cetology lessons held by the researchers, or they may visit the island. Normal duties have to be carried out as normal.

Cetology lessons may cover different branches such as scientific research in the Italian seas, conservation and culture in cetaceans, evolution, classification and biology, bioacoustics, behavior, interactions with fisheries.

In Ischia, you can visit the Aragonese Castle and the old sea village of Ischia Ponte, reach the summit of Mount Epomeo through a naturalistic excursion in the woods of pine and chestnut trees, organize a trip to the near islands of Procida and Capri or relax in one of the many thermal areas. You can be our guests in the visit to the Cetacean Museum of ODO in Villa Arbusto, Lacco Ameno. In every island, there are also scuba-diving centers. The expenses related to these activities are not covered by the project fee.

When in the harbour, during free time or after the day at sea, participants can go for a swim on one of the beaches close to the harbour or “dive” in the Ischian life.

The atmosphere on board is serene and informal, but you have to remember that we are working in a serious research program and that times and ways of the different activities need to be organized day by day following the priorities of the project. Participants have to be aware that they are taking part in a scientific project with defined aims and purposes and not to a holiday where everything is scheduled.

6.5 Departure
The departure day is Sunday: in the morning participants are invited in helping out with the cleaning of the boat. We take group photos and exchange addresses. Disembarking is scheduled after lunch. If you need to leave before, please inform the crew.

7. THE ISLANDS

Ischia is the largest of the islands of the Gulf of Naples (surface 47 square km, perimeter 39 km), and together with the Islands of Capri, Procida e Vivara forms the Campanian Archipelago.

The islands are active volcanoes since the late Pleistocene (150 ka).

Ischia is the emerged part (only 30%) of a greater volcanic complex, 80 km long, separating the northwestern continental shelf of the Gulf of Gaeta, from the deeper waters to the southeast, in the Gulf of Naples.

The region is characterized by the existence of submarine canyon systems. Geological surveys have shown the presence of canyons and erosional channels along the Ischia Island’s edge. Cuma is the deepest canyon in the area with the trench (850m) forming a submarine valley between Ischia and Ventotene.

The volcanic rocks and the great variety of pyroclastic materials (ash, lapilli, blocks, pumice, tuff) that characterize the Islands, give to the landscape a colorful and multiform aspect, noticeable not only along the coastline but also in several peaks that constellate the territory.

Mediterranean flora and pinewoods are typical of hot and humid areas; chestnuts trees cover the sides of the Epomeo. The considerable climatic variations, together with a very fertile soil, explain the extraordinary plant heritage of the Islands.
Ischia is also place for an exceptional hydrothermal waters system: 29 basins of thermomineral waters provide the island with more than a hundred sources of therapeutic water useful against a wide range of diseases.

It is also possible to follow historical itineraries visiting monuments and observing several finds that piece together the history of the island going back several centuries of Greek, Roman and Neapolitan colonizations.

**7.1 More days in the Islands?**

Oceanomare Delphis developed a partnership with Vivara Onlus an NGO dedicated to the promotion of research on the naturalistic, historical, and cultural richness of the small islands, microcosms with characteristics of particular importance in which, often, botanical and zoological endemisms are still conserved, unique historic and architectonic characters.

Inside its permanent headquarters, named villa Scotto Pagliara (located in Procida); the staff organizes exhibitions, conferences, concerts, seminars dedicated to natural sciences, environment, and art.
The non-profit organization Vivara Onlus organizes hikes and tours around the island of Procida; skilled guides explain the naturalistic and geologic peculiarities as well as cultural history of the area. You can spend the night inside the headquarters.

8. WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Several participants who took part in the field courses in the past years said that this is an unforgettable experience. Besides getting to learn about cetaceans and their environment, the world of the research and animal conservation, it is also possible to live through important human experiences. All participants will leave the project with a good understanding of some techniques that may be useful in future experiences.

Things you can learn are:

- techniques of photography and methods of photo-identification;
- insights into cetacean biology, behavior, and bioacoustics;
- use of specifically designed software mainly focused on bioacoustics (Pamguard, Audacity);
- use of basic research equipment, including hydrophones, GoPro cameras, GPS (Global Position System), binoculars, timer, VHF radio etc.;
- sailing techniques and sail trimming (basic operations such as hoisting up and furling the sails, knots);
- insights into charts and navigation (upon request).
9. JEAN GAB, THE RESEARCH VESSEL

Jean Gab is an oceanic oak cutter built in 1930 in Marseilles and designed by André Mauric, the famous French maritime architect. Overall length: 17.70 m; Beam: 4.45 m; Draft: 2.50 m.

André Mauric planned also the French sailing vessels for the America’s Cup (France I and France II) and signed the Pen Duick IV, used by the famous French sailor Eric Tabarly in the Whitbread Cup.

Jean Gab is Mauric's first large sailing vessel. It was built to race and cruise in all oceans. It is a fast vessel with beautiful flowing lines, stable even with rough seas with a firm heel of few degrees. The construction plans of
Jean Gab are kept in the Maritime Museum in Marseilles and shown in the French carpentry schools as models of maritime functionality that match speed with stability.

This vessel is therefore meant for a fast ocean navigation and both the external and internal spaces are designed for this reason. The exterior is wide and spacious to leave place for maneuvering, while the interior is small, comfortable and stark because planned to protect the crew from the force of the billows.

Inside there is first a wide kitchen with table and large windows. Here we cook, store food and, when raining, eat our meal. It can also be used as a little living room in the free time.
Going down in the “womb” of the boat, we reach the sleeping room for 6 participants of both sexes (2 single bunks and 2 double bunks). In August, when usually the turn is full, you may be asked to share the double berth with another participant of the same sex. If you happen to come in a quiet turn, you will have the use of more room for yourself.

Next to the sleeping room there is a small changing room, a gent toilet and a ladies one, a room and bathroom reserved to the skipper and, on the bow, the “sailor cabin” with two or three (with a child) sleeping places and independent entrance from the bow of the boat. There is a sun-powered shower onboard, but for a hot shower (free of charge) we can use toilets at the local port.

The welcoming deck of the Jean Gab is ideal during navigation. At the stern of the vessel, there is the space for the helmsman and a bench, comfortable and sheltered from the wind. This area is connected to the indoor kitchen. At the center of the vessel, underneath the mast, there is the external “lounge” with a table. Lunches and dinners are served on the outside table, in our “private lounge” under the stars.

We remind you that life onboard of sailing vessels like Jean Gab is a choice: simple, communal and eco-compatible lifestyle conserving energy and resources. There is very little privacy even behind the curtains of the cabins. Nevertheless, the spaces are large enough and the sea and the sky will offer you unlimited horizons and each watching shift will give you the possibility to taste the peace of sailing.

10. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

10.1. Climate
Close to the islands, the weather is usually good in the summer season. The wind usually rises a bit in the early afternoon and increases until Beaufort 4 to cease then close to sunset. The sun is strong on board, but it
is not always hot thanks to the presence of the wind. Dawn and sunset can be chilly and humid during navigation.

10.2 Conditions for participation
Due to the kind of activities carried out by the Ischia Dolphin Project, participants should:

- be in good physical conditions, comfortable in hot weather and with spending relatively long periods under the sun, be steady on your legs and comfortable on a boat;
- be 16 years or older (although younger may be accepted if escorted by a parent or an adult delegated by the parents, who will take care of them during the research cruise);
- be able to speak enough English to communicate with other project participants and team members;
- be highly adaptable, an essential requirement for living on a boat;
- follow all the safety instruction provided by the team members;
- be aware that the skipper or researcher in charge has the right to expel a participant at any time, should his/her behavior and/or attitude hinder the normal research activities or the well-being of other participants;
- accept the responsibility to pay for any damage personally caused to the boat and/or to the instrumentation;
- be interested in nature conservation and animal protection and have a positive attitude towards working with people from different countries;
- acknowledge the authority of the skipper who is responsible for the life of everybody onboard;
- read all the information about the project and accept the conditions mentioned in this brochure. Read and sign the application form, the volunteer declaration and authorization, the Covid boarding conditions.

Project participants must inform ODO of any possible physical or psychological problem before coming to the field course. Moreover, when boarding Jean Gab, participants must inform the researchers and the skipper of any particular problem (e.g. allergies, asthma attacks, intolerance for particular food items, backaches, etc.).
Disabled people can be accepted on board after a conversation with the Director of the project.

As some participants may not speak fluent English, everyone is expected to be patient and be aware of the implications of working in a multi-national team.

As always happens in the field, sea state and weather conditions will partly shape the daily schedule. Flexibility is therefore required as far as the scheduled program is concerned.

### 10.3 Others

**Meals and Cleaning**

Onboard everybody (participants and team members alike) is expected to help in daily chores including shopping, cooking, washing dishes and general boat keeping. The only exception made is for the skipper. Moreover, at the end of the cruise, everybody must help to clean the boat before departure. If one cannot cook there’s no need to worry: we know several easy recipes to try and it may be a good occasion to learn some local cuisine. Usually, at lunch, we serve some cheese and salami followed by pasta; at dinner, we can make something more elaborated with fresh fish or meat and salad.

**Pets**

Two small dogs live on board: Berta and Sterna. Berta was found in an abandoned construction in 2005. She is now almost 16 years. Sterna arrived on board in October 2014. During navigation dogs share with participants the outside space of the boat and the team members will do their best so that this will not cause disturb to the participants. When in the harbour the dogs can enter inside (under the kitchen table or in the cabin reserved to the skipper). Berta and Sterna are walked on land in the morning and in the evening and therefore they do not dirty the deck. However, as anybody else, they can be sick sometimes during navigation in which case the team members will take care of the cleaning of the deck.

**Resources**

Water and electricity are precious resources onboard and should be used with care to avoid any improper use (lights left on, taps not closed etc.) both during navigation and when the boat is in the harbour. Electricity on board is 12 V, if you want to recharge your mobile, 220 V electricity is available when the boat is in the harbour.

**Insurance**

For each participant, the personal insurance is stipulated by the organization with BPB Insurance Company of Milano (Italy). The cost is included in the participation fee and is valid for the whole period of the cruise. The insurance covers and amount of € 75,000,00 in case of death or permanent disability and a maximum of €5,000,00 for medical fees. All participants may wish to organize their own travel insurance in addition to the one offered by the organization.
Smoking
It is forbidden to below the deck save for the skipper who smokes only in his cabin. Several ashtrays are available and it is severely forbidden to throw cigarettes and butts overboard.

Vegans/Vegetarians
Many, also among researchers and assistants, are vegetarians or vegans: it is a personal choice that doesn’t cause any problem in the preparation of the meals. Again, tolerance and respect are on the basis of living together.

Phones and mobile phones
It is possible to call from public telephones on land. The skipper mobile phone is always on and you can be contacted there in case of emergency. Offshore the reception is often limited.

All mobile phones, except the skipper one, must be turned off during the navigation as they disturb the acoustic equipment, the recordings and the control panel.

You can use your phones in the harbour and, as participants will share the sleeping cabin, we ask to keep the ringing tones low or the vibration during the night.

Language
Italian is the official language spoken in Italy. In Ischia most people know at least some English and German. All ODO researchers and assistants can speak English, and English is the language used for lectures and research work when people from different countries are present. However, it is natural that researchers and participants from the same country may also desire to communicate among themselves in their native language from time to time.

Banks and Money
The local currency in Italy is Euro. Banks are open from 9:00 to 13:00 am, Monday to Friday.

Medical Services
On the vessel, there is a normal first aid kit. In Ischia, there is a hospital and fast boats or helicopter will transfer only serious medical cases to the hospital in Naples.

Addresses and useful numbers

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11. EQUIPMENT

Remember that the space on board is limited, therefore bring only what is necessary. **No hard suitcases are allowed on board and only flexible ones are admitted.**

We suggest you take these items:

- This information brochure
- Visa and/or passport
- Money or credit card for your personal expenses
- Clothing suitable for navigation: shorts, T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirt, windbreaker (a pair of jeans and a sweater for a chilly night)
- Waterproof clothing or a storm jacket (from September onward)
- Sunglasses
- Hat or cap (think also about how to protect your neck from the sun)
- Swimsuit or bikini
- Sun cream lotion (high protection 20-30 or total sun block)
- Mask and snorkel if you want to go snorkeling if we stop in a bay
- Boat shoes to use ONLY onboard, if you don’t want to walk barefoot (saltiness stops the diffusion of fungi and infections)
- Insect repellent spray or lotion
- Bath towel and beach towel
- Personal toiletries (biodegradable soaps and shampoos are encouraged)
- Personal First Aid Kit (e.g. anti-diarrhoea pills, antiseptic, insect bite relief, pain reliever, sea sickness pills or plasters etc.) and personal medications (e.g. allergy medication)
- Pillowcase
- Sleeping bag or bed sheets (a sleeping bag is suggested in early June, September and October)
- Photo-camera, film/memory cards, extra camera battery, mobile phone, power supply and cables for digital equipment and mobile phones.*

Optional objects you may want to bring:

- Binoculars (7x50 or 8x50 enlargement suggested)
- Wristwatch with alarm
- Small battery powered book light with extra batteries
- USB keys**

* To be able to share your photos with the other participants and to help the photo-id catalog of ODO growing, we suggest digital photo-cameras and zoom photo lenses 70-200 or more.
12. HOW TO REACH THE ISLAND

Participants will have to organize their journey to the project location. Participants will embark and disembark in Casamicciola Terme, one of the six municipalities of Ischia (NA). You will find the boat moored in the harbour. The meeting point is the Jean Gab, moored in the Piazzale dell’Ancora on the right side of the harbour.

You should arrive on the day of your scheduled arrival. As the boat has to be prepared, the **boarding time is at 4:00 pm**. However, if you arrive before and want to visit the island, you can leave your luggage on the boat. Please do not be late in order to be present for the briefing.

In case you plan to arrive or to stay one or more day before or after, you can stay at one of the many hotels in Casamicciola. We suggest:

- Hotel Gemma (tel. +39 081 994045, info@gemmahotel.it www.gemmahotel.it)
- Hotel Casa Di Meglio (tel +39 081 994144; info@casadimeglio.it www.casadimeglio.it)

For any problem or inquiry during your journey to the project, you can call at +39 349-5749927. If in Casamicciola you cannot find the boat you can ask information to the people working at the Marina.

*When you ask information, remember that most people on the island know us as “the dolphin’s group” more than Oceanomare Delphis.*

Please contact us by email (barbara@oceanomaredelphis.org), a couple of days before your arriving to confirm your time schedule.

13. TRANSPORTS

The following information is purely indicative and there may be other solutions not mentioned below. Times and tariffs may change without warning. Ischia is connected to Naples by sea, maritime lines of ferries and hydrofoils.

*From the Central Railway Station of Naples:* 

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**So that we can exchange photos rapidly 😊**
You can take a Bus (number 1), the subway, or a Taxi. Instead of the metered taxi rate, we suggest opting for the fixed tariff (valid 24h); you have to advise the driver on entering the cab asking for it. Fixed tariff is inclusive of all the supplements and it is applied to the single journey, regardless of the number of passengers carried the taximeter or the communal tariff. The tariff from the central station to the harbours is 11€.

**From the Capodichino Airport of Naples:**
The Alibus shuttle is the best solution to reach the Beverello port from the airport. Stopping only at three locations (Airport, Central Train Station, Beverello Port), it is a cheaper alternative to taking a taxi and more convenient than using the city buses. You can find the tickets in Sun Store Tabacchi in the Airport, it is also possible to buy them onboard (4€ instead of 3€), remember to validate the ticket in the electronic ticket machine on the bus! The bus stop that is located approximately 50 meters from the entrance to the airport. After the stop in the Train Station, the Alibus arrives at the bus stop located in front of the hydrofoil ticket booths: Molo Beverello, Stazione Marittima, last stop.

A shuttle free of charge connects Beverello and Porta di Massa, the two harbour’s terminal of Naples.

*From Porta di Massa* to Ischia (only ferries) trip duration 1 hour and a half, ticket price about 12€.

*From Molo Beverello* to Ischia (only hydrofoils) trip duration 45 minutes, ticket price about 18€.

Hydrofoils and ferries timetable: http://www.traghetti-ischia.info/

Be sure you disembark in Ischia. Several ferries and hydrofoils first stop in Procida!

If your ferry will arrive in Casamicciola you have only to walk around the port to find the boat, if your ferry will arrive in Ischia Porto you have to take a bus to move to Casamicciola. Cabs are very expensive on the Island. The majority of buses turn around the Island and they are called right and left circular depending on the directions.

**From Ischia Porto you have to take the left circular (CS circolare sinistra) that leaves from a small square near the harbor.**

http://www.ischiaonline.it/download/OrarioISCHIAdal010713pag2.pdf

If weather conditions are prohibitive, hydrofoils are the first to be stopped. Try the ferries first and if they also do not navigate you will have to spend a night in Naples. There are many hotels and a hostel in Mergellina (tel: +39 081 7612346; www.hostelworld.com/hosteldetails.php/YHA-Ostello-Mergellina/Naples/16233; dorms from 16€). These expenses will not be refunded by the project.

**15. TRIP DATES AND PARTICIPATION FEES**
Arrival and departure dates in the table below indicate when participants should arrive and leave. Costs do not include travel expenses to and from the project location. Welcoming on board is scheduled at 4:00 pm of your arrival date. Departure is scheduled after lunch, around 3:00 pm of your departure day.

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**Included in the fee:**
- Accommodation;
- Electricity, water, and gas;
- Port fees and petrol;
- Scientific supervision and lectures on cetaceans held by the researchers;
- Certificate of Participation is available upon request;
- Insurance for the whole duration of the course, provided by the organization.

**Not included in the fee:**
- Travel expenses to and from the project location.
- Any additional expenses not listed above.
• Travel expenses to and from the project location;
• Food and drinks to be divided among the crew consumption. Say a few tens of Euros per head, it depends.
• Personal expenses (telephone, bar, souvenirs etc);
• Travel and cancellation insurance (all participants should bring these).

**Second turn or participants who have already come**

If you book a second week or if you had joined the program before you will pay the discounted fee (see the table with dates and fees).

**Students**

Upon request, the project will consider the application of special reduced fees for students who want to pursue a careers in marine mammals.

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*The Ischia Dolphin Project is almost exclusively supported by the financial contribution of project participants. The money you pay to participate in the program will be used to cover the project running costs (fuel for the boat, equipment, upkeep etc.). The financial contribution of project participants is essential to allow ODO study and conservation activities to continue.*

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**APPLICATION FORM ISCHIA DOLPHIN PROJECT**

**PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS**

I wish to participate in the IDP research cruise #_____ from (date)_______ to (date)______.
I am paying:_______ Euros (fee for the booked research cruise and insurance included).

- I have organized a bank transfer order in Euro to Oceanomare Delphis Onlus and I enclose proof of this transfer:

IBAN: IT10F0200822690000401439034 Bic Swift: UNCRITM1CG2
Bank address: Unicredit S.p.A., Via Stefano Guazzo, 12, 15033 Casale Monferrato AL, Italy.

**REMIND THAT ALL BANK CHARGES FOR THE TRANSFER MUST BE PAY BY THE PAYEE.**

I accept that 20% of the cruise participation fee is non-refundable. In case of cancellation on my part, I am expected to give a minimum of 30 days notice in order to be entitled to a reimbursement equal to 80% of the cruise participation fee. I understand and accept that I will not be refunded if I fail to give notice of cancellation of my participation within a minimum of 30 days.

In case of cancellation originating from any technical/logistical problem attributed to Oceanomare Delphis Onlus, the organization will reimburse the applicants with the full amount of the cruise fee (no additional reimbursement are foreseen) or, upon request, will try to place applicants in another turn, depending on availability.

FAMILY NAME_________________ FIRST NAME_______________________________________
ADDRESS__________________________________________________________________________
POST CODE_____________CITY_____________________________ COUNTRY________________________
TEL ______/_________________ E-MAIL____________________________________________________
JOB (or University attended)_______________________________________________________________________
DATE of BIRTH_____________________________ MALE □   FEMALE □

Signature ___________________________________________________________  Date ______________________

**AUTHORIZATION**

**PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS**

According to the Italian Law (art. 13, D. Lgs. #196/03), I allow Oceanomare Delphis Onlus (ODO), Viale Rimembranze 14, 47924 Rimini, CF 92045790398, P.IVA: 03923430403, to use my personal data for accounting and statistical analyses.
I also allow ODO to file my data in its mailing lists in order to receive information about ODO activities.

Signature _________________________________           Date _________________

☐ Mark out if you DO NOT want receive information on ODO activities.
☐ Mark out if you DO NOT want that ODO uses images or video describing fieldwork in which you appear.

DECLARATION
PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS
I the undersigned ______________________________, born in __________________, on dd____/mm____/yyyy_____, resident in (city) _______________________________, Address _______________________________, State _____________________ Postcode _______, declare that I have decided to participate in the Ischia Dolphin Project, from (date) _________ to (date) _________, on my own free will.

I also declare that I have been informed about the type of activities to be undertaken during the cruise, and I have the right to quit any of these activities or abandon the research location whenever I feel that such activities may represent a threat to my safety.

I have the same right in case I am not satisfied with the quality of the research vessel or the field base, and I accept that I will not be entitled to any sort of reimbursement.

I accept upon signing this application that Oceanomare Delphis Onlus (ODO), Viale Rimembranze 14, 47924 Rimini, CF 92045790398, P.IVA: 03923430403, and its legal representatives, all their members and all those responsible or involved in the course logistics cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience, accident or incident, or illness I may suffer during my participation in the cruise.

Signature _________________________________           Date _________________

IMAGES AND VIDEOS
PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS
I the undersigned ______________________________, born in __________________, on dd____/mm____/yyyy_____, resident in (city) _______________________________, Address _______________________________, State _____________________ Postcode _______, declare to be aware that the rights of all images and/or videos made by myself on board during the participation to the project and concerning cetaceans and field work are the property of the non-profit organization.

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Sede Legale: Viale Rimembranze 14, 47924 Rimini, P.IVA: 03923430403, CF: 92045790398
postmaster@oceanomaredelphis.org
Sedi Operative: Via Zaro 22, 80075 Forio d’Ischia (NA) tel +39 081989578
Jean Gab, Marina di Casamicciola Piazza Bisio 31, 15040 Valmacca (AL) tel +39 349 574 9927
80074 Casamicciola Terme NA tel +39 392 442 8248
www.oceanomaredelphis.org
I also declare to be willing to leave a copy of the above works upon request.
I authorize ODO to use these works for research and dissemination.
I the undersigned am guardian and responsible for works of shared ownership with ODO and I commit myself to agree beforehand with ODO about any action concerning the publication of these works and to proceed only after receiving approval.
All notifications in this respect have to be sent by email to postmaster@oceanomaredelphis.org

Signature _________________________________           Date ______________________

**EMERGENCY CONTACT PEOPLE**

**PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS**

Please enter the full name and contact details of the people you would like to be contacted in case of an emergency (minimum two). Please take special care to ensure that the telephone numbers entered in this section are accurate.

1) Name and Surname
______________________________________________________
Kind relationship_____________________________________________________
Telephone number (include country/area code)_________________________________________________

2) Name and Surname
______________________________________________________
Kind relationship_____________________________________________________
Telephone number (include country/area code)_________________________________________________

3) Name and Surname
______________________________________________________
Kind relationship_____________________________________________________
Telephone number (include country/area code)_________________________________________________

**COVID19 BOARDING CONDITIONS**

**BETWEEN**

Oceanomare Delphis Onlus (ODO)
Dear Volunteer,

In thanking you for choosing our organization, we would like to draw your attention to some measures to be taken so that your stay in Ischia Dolphin Project onboard of Jean Gab will take place in the best possible safety conditions.

The emergency related to the Coronavirus requires you to take measures to prevent your health and that of our staff. In this regard, the Volunteer

DECLAIMS

• that he/she has no symptoms of influenza at the date of signing this document;

• that he/she has not been in contact with anyone positive for the Coronavirus in the previous 14 days;

• that he/she has not been subject to isolation measures as provided for in the DPCM of 4 March 2020 and subsequent measures;

• that he/she has not visited and does not come from at-risk areas according to WHO indications.

UNDERTAKES

• to inform ODO immediately and suspend scheduled boarding in the event of the onset of flu symptoms on your part or on the part of your family members/co-habitants;

• immediately inform ODO and suspend the scheduled boarding in case he/she or a family member/ co-habitant has a body temperature higher than 37,5 °C.

Similarly, ODO

DECLAIMS

• that the employees on board Jean Gab and their family members/cohabitants have no symptoms of influence at the date of signing this document;
that the employees on board Jean Gab and their family members/cohabitants have not been in contact with Coronavirus positive people in the previous 14 days;
that the employees on board Jean Gab and their family members/cohabitants are not subject to measures of isolation as provided for in the DPCM of 4 March 2020 and subsequent measures.

**UNDEARTAKES**

- to immediately inform the Volunteer and to suspend Ischia Dolphin Project in case of onset of flu symptoms by the staff members;
- to immediately inform the Volunteer and to suspend Ischia Dolphin Project in case one of the staff members has a body temperature higher than 37.5 °C.

In order for the experience to take place without compromising your health and safety, we ask you to:

- maintain a safety distance of at least 1 meter, when possibly 2 meters from our collaborators;
- wear and ask to wear a mask to all embarked people;
- during boarding, ask everyone to respect the safety distance;
- adopt and ask all persons on board to adopt proper respiratory hygiene, that is:
  - Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands;
  - sneeze and cough in a disposable handkerchief, avoiding contact with respiratory secretions;
  - cover your mouth and nose in the elbow fold if you sneeze or cough.

It is our obligation to inform you that the absence of even one of the above conditions could result in the immediate suspension of the activity until these measures are fully complied with.

This is not intended to be a strict discipline but a guarantee of the presence of minimum conditions for your safety, your family/cohabitants and our staff.

While thanking you for the attention you will pay and being available for any clarification, we ask you to sign this document.

Date
Readable signature of the Volunteer
(Name and Surname) _____________________________

To respect the food needs of all the people on board, please fill in the following questionnaire. Please write in capital letters.

Dietary requirements:  Yes □ No □
If yes, please specify:

Meat:  Yes □ No □
Fish:  Yes □ No □
Eggs:  Yes □ No □
Dairy products:  Yes □ No □
Vegan:  Yes □ No □

Allergies:  Yes □ No □
Please specify which kind: ______________________________________________________________

Intolerances:  Yes □ No □
Please specify which kind: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Avoidance:  Yes □ No □
Please specify which kind: ______________________________ __________________________________________

Other notes: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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