

# UK WHALES AND DOLPHINS



**Risso's dolphin** - *Grampus griseus*  
L: 2.6 - 3.8 metres



A human swimmer at approximately the same scale as the whale & dolphin illustrations.



**Orca** - *Orcinus orca*  
L: 5.5 - 9.8 metres



**Bottlenose dolphin** - *Tursiops truncatus*  
L: 1.9 - 3.9 metres



**White-beaked dolphin** - *Lagenorhynchus albirostris*  
L: 2.5 - 2.8 metres



**Atlantic white-sided dolphin** - *Lagenorhynchus acutus*  
L: 1.9 - 2.5 metres



**Minke whale** - *Balaenoptera acutorostrata*  
L: 7-10 metres



**Common dolphin** - *Delphinus delphis*  
L: 1.7 - 2.4 metres



**Harbour porpoise** - *Phocoena phocoena*  
L: 1.4 - 1.9 metres



**Long-finned pilot whale** - *Globicephala melas*  
L: 3.8 - 6 metres

## Global threats to cetaceans:

- Human disturbance
- Entanglement in nets
- Pollution
- Habitat degradation
- Hunting (shouldn't be taking place in UK or European waters - but minke and long-finned pilots which use our waters are still hunted by Norway and the Faroe Islanders slightly further to the North)
- Reduced prey resources
- Collisions with vessels