



NEWSLETTER

Gephyreus Project



LAUNCH OF THE GEPHYREUS PROJECT WEBSITE

In 2024, we took an important step toward transparency and knowledge dissemination with the launch of the official Gephyreus Project website. This platform brings together information about our network of projects, featuring news, publications, and events, fostering greater engagement in the conservation of Lahille's bottlenose dolphins.



WHITLEY AWARDS

We were honored to once again receive support from the Whitley Fund for Nature. This recognition reaffirms the importance of our work and ensures the continuity of our research, monitoring and conservation initiatives.

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Lahille's Bottlenose Dolphin Conservation and Management Plan

A significant achievement was the approval of the Lahille's Bottlenose Dolphin Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) by the International Whaling Commission (IWC). This document is structured around four strategic areas: Research; Mitigation; Monitoring; Public Awareness and Capacity Building. A total of 24 actions were identified, of which seven are considered high priority.

The development of the CMP began during a [workshop](#) held in 2024 in Praia do Cassino, Brazil, where scientists and government representatives endorsed priorities and set a framework for Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil to work together to improve the conservation status of the species.



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A Conservation Management Plan for Lahille's bottlenose dolphins *Tursiops truncatus gephyreus*

This Conservation Management Plan was prepared by the governments of Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay

Why a CMP is Important?

Implementing a CMP is essential to ensuring conservation efforts are effective and well-coordinated. This type of plan sets clear goals, promotes information exchange among different stakeholders, and ensures that actions are sustainable in the long term. Additionally, it strengthens the scientific foundation for public policies and encourages the involvement of governments, local communities, and environmental organizations in protecting Lahille's bottlenose dolphins.

This achievement highlights the importance of scientific collaboration and governmental engagement in addressing marine conservation challenges. The CMP approved by the IWC represents a milestone for the protection of Lahille's bottlenose dolphins and underscores the role of the Gephyreus Project in coordinating regional and international efforts for the species.

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LAHILLE'S BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS OF THE ARARANGUÁ RIVER

One of the most exciting events in recent years has been the return of Lahille's bottlenose dolphins to the Araranguá river (SC, Brazil). Several recent sightings suggest a possible recovery of the historical cooperative fishing tradition in the region.

To enhance this monitoring, Botos do Araranguá Project is using citizen science as a key tool, inviting locals and visitors to report and share dolphin sightings.

This information helps researchers better understand the species' distribution and interactions with the environment while reinforcing the importance of conservation.

[Learn more](#)

50 YEARS OF BOTOS DA LAGOA DOS PATOS PROJECT

We celebrate a historic milestone! Founded and hosted by the Oceanographic Museum "Prof. Eliézer de Carvalho Rios" (RS, Brazil), Botos da Lagoa dos Patos Project is one of the longest-running programs dedicated to the conservation and monitoring of a population of approximately 200 Lahille's bottlenose dolphins.

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