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DOLPHIN RESEARCH on the North West Cape



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The Cetacean Ecology, Behaviour and Evolution Lab ([CEBEL](http://www.cebel.org.au)) at Flinders University (South Australia) will be conducting research on inshore dolphins around the North West Cape during the winter periods of 2013 and 2014 (May to October). The project aims to determine the population size, habitat use and social structure of Australian humpback dolphins (*Sousa chinensis*) in the Exmouth/Ningaloo Reef region. Little is known about this species and information collected from boat-based surveys will be used to help inform humpback dolphin conservation and management in Western Australia.

The project is in collaboration with the Murdoch University Cetacean Research Unit and is funded by the Australian Government's Australian Marine Mammal Centre Grants Scheme and supported by the Western Australian Government's Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

The dolphin research team is very keen to engage with local tourism operators, businesses, conservation and community groups. The team will be giving a public presentation on their research in June and will provide details on how people can get involved in this dolphin research simply by using their smart phone. Further details to be announced through the Ningaloo Atlas, Exmouth Info and other local websites.

For more information about the project please visit: www.cebel.org.au or contact PhD Candidate Tim Hunt at tim.hunt@flinders.edu.au or Dr. Guido J. Parra at: guido.parra@flinders.edu.au.

