

Striped Dolphin

Stenella caeruleoalba

There are some 6 dolphins belonging to the generic group *Stenella* (Latin *caeruleus*= dark blue and *albus*= white).

The Striped Dolphin is similar in shape and colouring to the Common Dolphin.

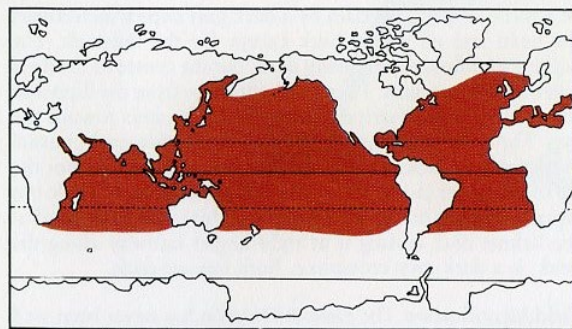
It is larger however, reaching 3.4m at full maturity and has a distinctive colour pattern.



It was first recorded in New Zealand in the early 1870s when a specimen stranded at Waikanae, near Wellington. They are not common in New Zealand waters since they are essentially warm-water species widely distributed in tropical and temperate seas, seeming to prefer a deeper offshore habitat.

In New Zealand waters they feed mainly on squid and shrimps.

They have a lifespan of 40 years (male) and 46 years (female).



ABOVE: This map shows the waters where the Striped Dolphins are found.

Wordfind puzzle

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