

Orcinus orca (Linnaeus, 1758)

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ORCA

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Descrição

Um macho adulto mede em média 8m e pesa 7200Kg, enquanto as fêmeas medem em média 7m; a superfície dorsal é preta e a ventral é branca; possui uma mancha branca acima do olho; a barbatana dorsal é triangular e pode atingir 2m nos machos, e nas fêmeas é falciforme e mais pequena (máx. 0,9m). Forma grupos compostos por fêmeas e juvenis com ou sem machos adultos, ou por juvenis de ambos os sexos e, ocasionalmente, há machos adultos solitários.

Distribuição geográfica

Ocorre em todos os oceanos do mundo. Espécie avistada desde o norte, Oceano Ártico até ao sul do Oceano Antártico, parece preferir águas mais frias, mas também foram observados indivíduos em águas tropicais.

Habitat e ecologia

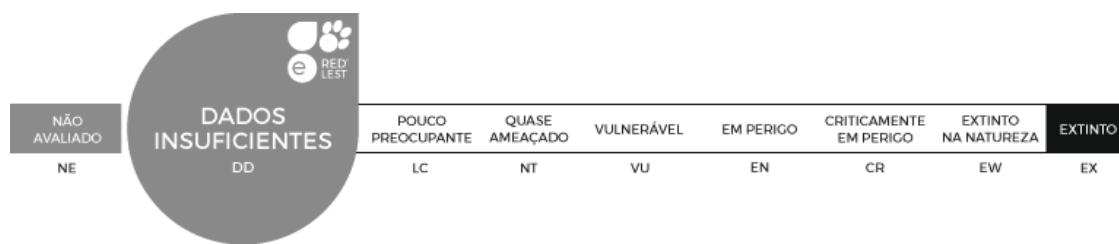
Ocorre em habitats marinhos ou estuarinos, é mais comum em latitudes mais elevadas e perto da

costa. Normalmente prefere profundidades de 20 a 60m, mas também visitam águas rasas ao longo da costa ou mergulham até aos 300m em busca de alimento. Geralmente ocupa a mesma área de distribuição durante todo o ano, migrando apenas quando o alimento se torna escasso.

Características identificativas

- Coloração preta com uma mancha branca atrás de cada olho;
- Face ventral branca com um divertículo na região anal que se estende até aos flancos;
- Os machos medem até 9m, as fêmeas até 7m;
- A barbatana dorsal é triangular e pode atingir 2 m nos machos, e nas fêmeas é falciforme e menos elevada (máx. 0,9 m).

Estatuto de Conservação



Sinônimos

- ✓ Baleia-assassina
- Delphinus duhameli* Lacépède, 1804
- Delphinus gladiator* Bonnaterre, 1789
- Delphinus grampus* Blainville, 1817
- Delphinus orca* Linnaeus, 1758
- Delphinus orca ensidoratus* Kerr, 1792
- Delphinus serra* Borowski, 1780
- Delphinus victorini* Grill, 1858
- Grampus orca* Iredale & Troughton, 1933
- Grampus rectipinna* Scheffer, 1942
- Grampus vectipinna* Branson, 1971
- Ophysia pacifica* Gray, 1870
- Orca africana* Gray, 1871
- Orca antarctica* Fischer, 1876

Orca ater Cope, 1869
Orca ater fusca Dall, 1874
Orca atra Gray, 1871
Orca capensis Gray, 1846
Orca eschrichtii Reinhardt, 1866
Orca glacialis Berzin & Vladimirov, 1982
Orca gladiator Van Beneden & Gervais, 1869-1880
Orca gladiator arcticus Gervais, 1869-1871
Orca gladiator australis Gervais, 1869-1871
Orca gladiator europaeus Gervais, 1869-1871
Orca gladiator tasmaniensis Cabrera, 1961
Orca latirostris Gray, 1870
Orca megellanica Burmeister, 1866
Orca minor Malm, 1871
Orca orca Lahille, 1914
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Orca pacifica Gray, 1870
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Orca schlegelii Lilljeborg, 1866
Orca stenorhyncha Gray, 1870
Orca tasmanica Gray, 1871
Orcinus glacialis Berzin & Vladimirov, 1982
Orcinus nanus Mikhalev, Ivashin, Savusin & Zelenaya, 1981
Orcinus orca capensis Trouessart, 1904
Orcinus orca eschrichti Trouessart, 1904
Orcinus orca megallanicus Trouessart, 1904
Physeter microps Fabricius, 1780

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