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Harbour porpoise

Description and status

Harbour porpoise are a small, round-headed relative of the dolphins. They are most common closer to shore in relatively shallow water, where they hunt fish just beyond the waves giving them their name. They are known to be quite solitary, often seen as individuals or in small groups of up to 10.

They are less acrobatic than dolphins; all you are likely to see of a Harbour Porpoise is the small, dark fin and rolling back, just noticeable above the water.

Threats

Harbour porpoise and other marine mammals are under threat from pollution in our seas. They particularly suffer from negative interactions with people such as boat collisions, underwater man-made noise and accidental capture in fishing nets.

In 2019, harbour porpoises were the most commonly found deceased cetacean across the Welsh coastline.

Actions required

- Sustainable fisheries management to safeguard food.
- Management, monitoring and enforcement of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to safeguard critical habitat and prevent negative interactions with people.
- Effective marine planning that will; ensure sustainable use of natural resources, guide licensing decisions to support the coherence of the MPA network, and reduce the collective pressure of multiple activities on this species (particularly underwater noise).
- Legislation that aids the elimination of plastic litter infiltrating the marine environment, which can result in entanglement of marine life.

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Llamhidydd yr harbwr

Disgrifiad a statws

Mae llamhidydd yr harbwr yn berthynas bychan, gyda phen crwn, i'r dolffin. Maent i'w gweld yn fwyaf cyffredin yn nes at y lan mewn dŵr cymharol fas, ble maent yn hela am bysgod ryw ychydig heibio i'r tonnau, sy'n rhoi eu henw iddynt. Rydym yn gwybod eu bod yn greaduriaid eithaf unig, i'w gweld yn aml fel unigolion neu mewn grwpiau bychain o hyd at 10.

Maent yn llai acrobatig na dolffiniaid; y cyfan rydych chi'n debygol o'i weld o Lamhidydd yr Harbwr yw cipolwg ar ei asgell fechan dywyll a'i gefn yn rholio fymryn uwch ben y dŵr.

Bygythiadau

Mae llamhidydd yr harbwr a mamaliaid eraill y môr dan fygythiad oherwydd llygredd yn ein moroedd. Maent yn dioddef yn arbennig o ryngweithio negyddol gyda phobl, fel gwrthdrawiadau â chychod, sŵn sy'n cael ei greu gan ddyn o dan y dŵr, a chael eu dal yn ddamweiniol mewn rhwydi pysgota.

Yn 2019, llamhidydd yr harbwr oedd y morfilod meirw a ganfuwyd amlaf ar hyd arfordir Cymru.

Gweithredu angenrheidiol

- Rheolaeth gynaliadwy ar bysgodfeydd i ddiogelu bwyd.
- Rheoli, monitro a gorfodi effeithiol ar Ardaloedd Morol Gwarchodedig (AMG) i ddiogelu cynefin hanfodol ac i atal rhyngweithio negyddol gyda phobl.
- Cynllunio morol effeithiol a fydd yn sicrhau defnydd cynaliadwy o gyfoeth naturiol, arwain penderfyniadau trwyddedu i gefnogi cydlynu ar y rhwydwaith AMG, a lleihau pwysau gweithgareddau niferus ar y cyd ar y rhywogaeth hon (yn enwedig sŵn o dan y dŵr). Llamhidydd yr harbwr Pencampwyr Rhywogaethau Cymru Mwy o wybodaeth.
- Deddfwriaeth sy'n cynorthwyo i ddileu sbwriel plastig sy'n ymdreiddio i'r amgylchedd morol, a all arwain at niweidio bywyd morol.

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