

CETACEANS AND PINNIPEDS (SOUTHERN NORTH SEA AND BEACHES ONLY)

Few dolphins were recorded (offshore), but Harbour Porpoises *Phocoena phocoena* were remarkably common close inshore in January and February (and March; next issue). The last few years Harbour Porpoises were seen more frequently in winter and early spring, suggesting an increase in Dutch coastal waters in recent years.

White-beaked Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus albirostris*

31 01 89	1	55°27'N, 02°30'E	Dogger Bank (MFL, JM)
31 01 89	1	55°29'N, 02°30'E	Dogger Bank (MFL, JM)
06 02 89	1	58°42'N, 01°06'W	off E Scotland (MFL, JM)

2 old corpses of unidentified dolphins (definitely no Harbour Porpoises) were found on Terschelling in December (CJC, JdO)

Harbour Porpoise *Phocoena phocoena*

08 01 89	3	S seawatching record	Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH)
10 01 89	1	S seawatching record	Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH, LS)
16 01 89	3	N seawatching record	Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH)
30 01 89	2	N seawatching record	Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH, LS, CW)
31 01 89	1	N seawatching record	Bergen aan Zee (NH)
07 02 89	2	S seawatching record	Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH, LS, CW)
12 02 89	1	(probably)	Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH)
20 02 89	1	S seawatching record	Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH)
22 02 89	2	53°45'N, 04°46'E	NW of Terschelling (CJC)

Seals were very scarce; one record.

Common Seal *Phoca vitulina*

sine dato 1 52°55'N, 04°41'E off Zeeland, Dutch coast (MFL)

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