

## Project Update: June 2016

It was an unusual humpback whale season in the northern Philippines this year. We encountered fewer whales than the previous season. There were also fewer humpback whale mother and calf pairs encountered. We were able to photo-identify 24 whales and out of which, only five were newly identified. This is only 20% of new whales photo-identified in the previous season. The humpback whales left earlier this season than the previous. The last humpback whale sighted was on 21st April 2016. We had a total of 40 survey cruise days around Camiguin Norte Island and Fuga Island. Aside from humpback whales, six other species of cetaceans were encountered: pantropical spotted dolphins, Fraser's dolphins, rough-toothed dolphins, melon-headed whales, false killer whales and dwarf sperm whales.



Humpback whale calf breaching



False killer whale mother and calf.