

Project Update: December 2016

Project posters, brochures and the others educational and promotional materials were designed and printed after the first phase of the field studies (Spring and Summer seasons). Produced all visual materials were distributed to relevant institutions and organizations. We have establish close relationship with some fishermen, they share with us their sporadic dolphin and the others marine mammal's observation and stranding information. Also, we have created a small sighting and stranding network for marine mammals. In addition, the project was introduced to the amateur fishermen who frequently visit to the Karataş coasts.



Figure 1. Promotional activities in Karataş Town.

The established network started to work. Sporadic marine mammals sighting and stranding records are being to send us by fishermen and other local people. Unexpected marine mammal's species may also exist among these records, such as long whale.



Figure 2. Records of stranded a Fin whale *Balaenoptera physalus* and a Short-beaked common dolphin *Delphinus delphis*