

Project Update: October 2016

Project presentations were held before start the field studies in the Karataş coasts. We gave general information about the project to local stakeholders such as fishery cooperatives, port authority, coastguard and local people. We asked also their logistical support for the execution of the project. Cooperation with SAD-DEMAG (Underwater Researches Society-Marine Mammals Research Group) will help us for the promotion of the project at the national level. After purchasing the missing equipment, we started our sea surveys.

A total of 25 sea operations have been held for now. Besides researchers, local volunteers also participated to the sea surveys. A total of 22 volunteers participated in this project to date. In addition, regional amateur and professional fishermen were so interested to the project, also they helped in many aspects. The project social media account has been created and activities on the project was shared on that web site.

(https://www.facebook.com/karatasdolphinsproject/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

(www.sad.org.tr)



Figure 1. Meetings with some stakeholders and NGOs.





Figure 2. *Tursiops truncatus* dorsal fins used in Photo-ID study.