

Whales and Dolphins of the Southern African Subregion

Whales and Dolphins of the Southern African Subregion is the first stand-alone and definitive account of the cetaceans of the oceanic region from the equator to Antarctica, and between the longitudes of 20° W and 80° E – a region that includes almost two-thirds of the world's marine cetacean species.

In the fascinating accounts of 51 species of whales and dolphins (and one porpoise), information for this region is comprehensively summarised, allowing Peter Best to give us the benefit of his extensive knowledge and of the wealth of unpublished data he has accumulated during his 40 years of studying these creatures.

Approximately 100 illustrations have been created in colour for this book by world-renowned marine mammal illustrator Pieter Folkens. Colour photographs of the living animal portray the 'jizz' of each species and specific coloration or behavioural features.

"This book will become a standard reference for decades, and I endorse it with great enthusiasm. Peter Best is the world's foremost authority on whales and dolphins of the region – he is simply the best in the business."

Dr Randall Reeves

Chair, IUCN Species Survival Commission's Cetacean Specialist Group

"The author is an internationally recognised expert on cetaceans, and has an enviable publication record which focuses on cetaceans in this region. Prof. Best is still very active in the field and so, unlike the output of some other veteran authorities, this volume will be up-to-date and therefore have a longer shelf-life than might otherwise be the case. The group of animals to be covered is nothing short of iconic. The illustrator is superb in this field, and will give the work real authority. The content is detailed and comprehensive: no recent book, covering any geographical area, deals with the subject in this way."

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