

Sea Watching? - Help

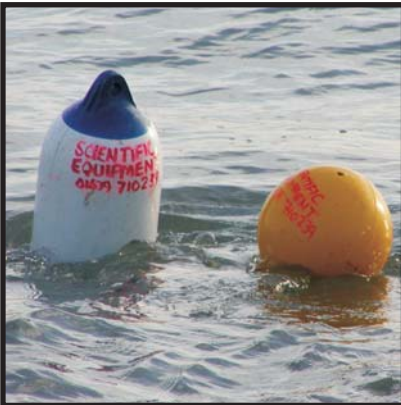
Harbour Porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*)
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Whether you're out for a spot of birding, or just taking the dog for a walk, you could be helping the **South Wales Porpoise Project** with our research. All you have to do, is keep an eye on the sea...

We have placed 5 submarine hydrophones (PODs) in the Bristol Channel to help us understand more about the movements and numbers of Harbour porpoise around our coasts (see map). If you look carefully from the shore with binoculars, you may even see their marker buoys.

The PODs are passive detectors. They are weighted to the sea bed and record the ultrasound clicks of passing porpoise. They are battery powered and will be serviced monthly during our twelve month study period. They do not affect or disturb sea life.



We would like to compare our POD data with shore-based observations of porpoise activity, and that's where you come in. We need volunteers willing to complete shore-watch surveys to help provide a fuller picture of what is going on.

Your observations are of immense value to us. Survey forms can be downloaded from our website: www.gmmp.org.uk Alternatively, send a self addressed envelope to: **SWWP, PO Box 15, Neath. SA11 1WP**



The South Wales Porpoise Project is a joint effort between the Gower Marine Mammals Project, Local Authorities, CCW and others. To find out more about us or tell us what you've seen, contact Rob Colley on 01639-710239. Alternatively, email office@gmmp.org.uk.

