



Southwest Whale Ecology Study



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PROJECT AIMS

Key to successful conservation is the need to identify:

- Current cetacean population size and characteristics
- Significant habitats and how cetaceans use them
- Disturbances and human impacts in these habitats
- Implications for cetacean livelihood
- Measures required to reduce human impacts

WHO ARE WE ?

The Southwest Whale Ecology Study (SouWEST) is a newly established collaborative science program which integrates the research expertise of Western Whale Research (WWR), the Centre for Marine Science and Technology (CMST at Curtin University), and the community outreach experience of the Dunsborough Coast and Land Care (D-CALC) group.

SouWEST aims to:

- Ensure the **long-term conservation** of whales and their critical habitats in Southwestern Australia.
- Improve the **scientific foundation** for environmental management and species protection in the region.
- Build on **scientific and community observations** made during the past 15 years, by applying innovative scientific approaches and advanced statistical modeling methods.

Collaborating bodies



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