



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 031 of 2021

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Dolphins, Whales, Turtles, Sharks, Jellyfish blooms and Alien species studies by the Conservation Biology Research Group of the University of Malta

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies that the Conservation Biology Research Group of the University of Malta is conducting research on marine biodiversity within the Central Mediterranean Region around the Maltese Islands (from coastal to offshore) in respect of:

- 1) Dolphins, Whales and Turtle sightings
- 2) Sharks, Rays sightings
- 3) Jellyfish blooms sightings
- 4) Alien species sightings or caught during fishing

Mariners are requested to cooperate and support the research by reporting sightings immediately as follows:

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Additionally, thanks to support by the NGO BICREF, one may also send information at:
<http://bicref.org/notices-to-mariners/>

The information required includes the following:

- a) Date and time of observation
- b) Number of Dolphins/Whales/Turtles/Sharks/Blooms of Jellyfish/Alien species
- c) Location of sighting (including GPS coordinates if possible)
- d) Photos/videos whenever possible to allow for identification of the species

The participation of mariners in such a long-term initiative is necessary to ensure regular updates supporting monitoring of Maltese waters to devise an early warning system for bathers and assist in Mediterranean-wide marine conservation.