

Fanjove Dolphins

Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin

Tursops aduncus

Pomboo pua ya chupa



Size: 2-2.4 m

Recognition: dark spots on the belly when adults.

Social structure: schools of 5-10 individuals normally, up to 50 animals.

Presence: year-around

Diet: Fish, Squid. Most important prey Conger, Arrotooth Eels and Cardinal Fish. They can dig eels from sand bottoms with their beaks into the sand.

Life span: to 45 years.

Gestation: 11 months.

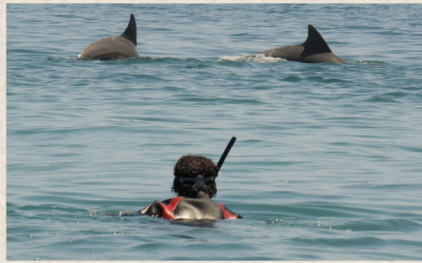
Conservation status: unknown

Threat: bycaught in gillnets.

Sightings in Fanjove's waters: a school of 20 ca. has been seen mostly in the area delimited by Fanjove's Reef, Mwambakati's Reef, Pupu's Reef and Songosongo. This group has showed to be very social and allowed our guests to swim quite close.



Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin ~ Fanjove photo gallery.



Spinner Dolphin
Stenella longirostris
Pomboo mzunguko



Size: 1.9 – 2.1 m

Recognition: acrobatic display, they can spin as they leap. Dorsal fin: slightly curved, triangular to erect.

Social structure: large schools, > 50 animals.

Presence: year-around.

Diet: Fish, Squid and small Shrimps. Prefer to eat small fish and cuttlefish:

female prefers to eat cuttlefish

male prefers to eat lanternfish.

Life span: 20-25 years.

Gestation: 10 months.

Conservation status: unknown

Threat: bycaught in gillnets.

Sightings in Fanjove's waters: a school of more than 100 individuals. It has been seen mostly outside Fanjove's Reef, from south (Pwela) to north. Looks like they prefer deep water.



Spinner Dolphin- Fanjove photo gallery.

