















































































































Presence of Whales & Dolphins: Southern Seaboard

Galle - Mirissa - Dondra - Tangalle - Hambantota - Little Basses





Species	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
Blue whale										
Bryde's whale										
Sperm whale										
Orca										
Pilot whale										
False killer whale										
Risso's dolphin										
Bottlenose dolphin										
Striped dolphin										
Spotted dolphin										
Spinner dolphin										

Symbols

The distribution colour keys located at the bottom right of each species description page provide information on the probability that the species is present in Sri Lankan waters as per geographic maritime area by month.

The probability of presence is the probability that a whale watcher would sight an animal.

The colour keys are as follows:

<i>Probability of presence</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Most likely	
Likely	
Unlikely	
Most unlikely	

Notes

1. Tabulated above is a selected list of whales and dolphins from 27 species present in Sri Lankan waters.
2. June to August are strong monsoonal months when sea conditions are less than ideal.
3. Probabilities are for whale-and-dolphin watching and are based upon historical and contemporary marine mammal records up to 2016 in the Centre for Research on Indian Ocean Marine Mammals (CRIOMM) marine mammal distribution database (MMDD).
4. Beaked whales, humpback whales and long-beaked common dolphins are some of the very rarely sighted species in the south. Most are highly pelagic species in Sri Lankan waters and generally out of range during daily commercial whale-and-dolphin watching trips.
5. Fin whale, sei whale, minke whale, Deraniyagala's beaked whale, Blainville's beaked whale, melon-headed whale, humpback dolphin, finless porpoise, and the dugong are all species that are currently not known to be present on the eastern seaboard.