

Dolphin and whale conservation, Tenerife

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Trip report

Trip- Tenerife Dolphin and whale conservation

Organisation- Frontier

From the 18th of July to the 28th of July myself and three friends managed to secure a scholarship allowing us to take part in a whale and dolphin conservation course in Tenerife. Not only was this trip an amazing experience but it was also very important for my portfolio as I want to go into conservation after I graduate next year. Frontier runs conservation jobs all around the world, which are aimed at inspiring young individuals who want to make a difference around the world.

While on my trip I managed to spot multiple pods of Cetacean which means Latin for huge fish, within Cetacean are two main species these are Odontoceti and the Mysticeti. A distinct feature of these species is that Odontocetes have teeth, while Mysticeti have Baleen plates and Odontoceti only has one blowhole, but the Mysticeti has two, some examples of an Odontoceti are; sperm whale, Oca and bottlenose dolphin while an example of a Mysticeti is a blue whale and a humpback whale.