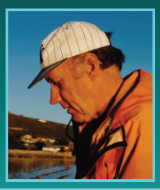
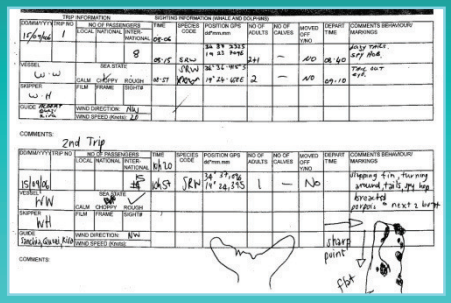
Whale Research





What are we doing?

Dyer Island Cruises and the **Dyer Island Conservation Trust** assist scientists in various ways in conducting research:

- Sponsor the transport of scientists to and from Dyer Island
- Fill in detailed log sheets of each whale and dolphin sighting, supplying information to scientists
- Photograph and catalogue each whale sighted for individual recognition
- Record, photograph and investigate marine mammal and seabird injuries and deaths
- Collect whale faeces for analyses

New discoveries

Southern Right Whales are not known to feed in South African waters, yet **DIC** have collected faeces from these whales in the Greater Dyer Island Area, and observed skim-feeding behaviour. Not even the scientists were aware of this phenomenon. These samples are currently being analysed for their contents.

Who?

We work with scientists from:

- **Oceans & Coasts: Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism**
- **University of Pretoria: Mammal Research Institute**
- **Iziko South African Museum**
- **University of Cape Town: Animal Demography Unit**
- **Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society (UK)**

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