



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

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WHALE	IDENTIFICATION	REMARKS
10/11/05	10:30	1000m	1	1000	1000
10/11/05	11:00	1000m	2	1000	1000
10/11/05	11:30	1000m	3	1000	1000
10/11/05	12:00	1000m	4	1000	1000
10/11/05	12:30	1000m	5	1000	1000
10/11/05	13:00	1000m	6	1000	1000
10/11/05	13:30	1000m	7	1000	1000
10/11/05	14:00	1000m	8	1000	1000
10/11/05	14:30	1000m	9	1000	1000
10/11/05	15:00	1000m	10	1000	1000



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.

Whale faeces



Who?

We work with scientists from:

- **Marine and Coastal Management: 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)**

