The Wild Dolphin Project, Inc.
Research, Education, Conservation
a non-profit organization

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Mission & Vision

Mission
The Wild Dolphin Project, founded in 1985, is a scientific research organization that studies and reports on a specific pod of free-ranging Atlantic spotted dolphins (*Stenella frontalis*) that live off the coast of the Bahamas in the Atlantic Ocean. Objectives of this long-term, non-invasive field research are to gather information on the natural history of these dolphins, including behaviors, social structure, communication, and habitat; and to report what we have learned to the scientific community and the general public.

Vision
To observe, document and report the natural, underwater social lives of wild dolphins by creating a model of work that gives appropriateness to the non-invasive method of research, along with the quality of documented data.
WDP seeks to contribute informed knowledge to create awareness and preserve the natural environment through appreciation of all the biodiversity on our planet; ultimately promoting an educated and informed constituency who can vote and voice their concerns about policy and action-based decisions regarding our native world.
Strategies & Principles

- Non-invasive research builds a trust between the research team and dolphin pod, which allows data to be obtained in the most natural setting.

- Underwater observation provides an intimate approach to study behavior, genetics, associations, cognition, and geography; along with a reliable photo-identification tracking system.

- Preserving the natural environment gives long-term viability to all life-forms.

- Education provides a tool in which all can make informed decisions and appropriate actions.

- “In Their World, On Their Terms”
Our Non Invasive Approach – “In Their World, On Their Terms”
Wild Dolphin Project uses a unique, non-invasive model to study two communities of free-ranging dolphins in the Bahamas. WDP emphasizes the importance of observing and interacting with these animals in a “hands-off” approach.

This method has gained the trust of the animals, allowing researchers to both observe and document them in their natural environment. These observations are carefully and methodically recorded into a large database, which contains over (30) years (4-generations of dolphins) of data.
# Our Team

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This year marked our 34th season in the field studying Atlantic spotted dolphins in the Bahamas. Many things have change over the decades. Most serious has been the exodus of 50% of our resident dolphins on Little Bahama Bank. Due to this major displacement we have shifted part of our field season work to their new location on Great Bahama Bank. Luckily we were able to verify most of our lost individuals, however we continue to monitor changes with the remaining dolphin in original study area.

This year, in an attempt to gain information on the dolphins’ comings and goings, we deployed passive listening devices in the area. After some months of recording, and analyzing the data, we were able to predict and assess the dolphins movements very successfully. New technology is always on our radar and our listening “E.A.R.s” are a good example. Read more about this season in this report and in our blogs online.

-Denise Herzing, PhD
Research Director & Founder
Researchers all over the world have turned to Passive Acoustic Monitoring (P.A.M.) as a technique to record underwater audio signals from marine mammals. PAM systems are typically deployed and sit on the bottom or hang in the water column attached to the bottom at various depths. Basically, the system is either triggered to turn on and record when a certain frequency of sound is heard or to record on a preset schedule. The researcher then retrieves the stored data in the unit, and can look at how often certain species of cetaceans go by, and what signals they produced.

In the Bahamas, we normally focus on correlating sound with underwater behavior with our underwater video systems. Our study site is one of the best in the world for observing the lives of these animals underwater. However recent events, specifically the mass displacement of our resident community of dolphins in 2013, have led us to employ this technology to see if we can remotely assess some of their changing movements and habits.

Partnering with colleague Dr. Marc Lammers and his team at Oceanwide Science in Hawaii, we deployed our first Ecological Acoustic Recorders (E.A.R.) in the Bahamas in May 2018. Because half of our resident dolphins on Little Bahama Bank (LBB) left in 2013, we chose to deploy two E.A.R.s in this location. Although we still monitor this study site, we now split our time between LBB and Great Bahama Bank (GBB) where our previously resident group now lives, in addition to other local dolphins.

After reviewing 2 months of E.A.R. data, we began seeing a clear pattern for one of our locations. Using this knowledge, we set out on Trip 8 to find some of the now-elusive dolphins of Little Bahama Bank (LBB).
New technology: E.A.R.s

We first encountered a small group of dolphins, which included two animals, a very pregnant Brush with her two-year-old calf Butter, that we had not seen for two field seasons. Part of the smaller “northern” pod on LBB, we were worried that Hurricane Irma (August 2017) and Hurricane Maria (September 2017) had taken a toll on the remaining LBB dolphins. During Trip 8 we were able to monitor Brush and Butter for three days, along with her escorts Poindexter and Navel, two male adults that actually found their way back to LBB from their brief displacement to Great Bahama Bank. This is a spectacular success and example of how data can improve our monitoring abilities and tracking details.

In 2019 we hope to use our E.A.R.s again to monitor our lost “southern” pod to discover their patterns. As climate changes becomes more and more of an issue for wild animals, our abilities to use new tools and technology must improve.

Our responsibilities to the dolphins and their habitat demand that we continue to tell the story of their lives in these changing times.
We deployed our E.A.R.s by lowering a 60 lb block of cement designed to hold the E.A.R. in place with hose clamps. After the Block was on the bottom, divers carried the EAR down to the bottom and strapped it in with hose clamps. Once in place, we let the E.A.R.s do their job, recording sounds for the next 2 months.
New technology: drones

As any scientist will tell you, fieldwork is no walk in the park. In our case, the research depends on calm enough weather, a smoothly running boat, and the agenda of wild dolphins. The ocean could be as flat as glass— but if the dolphins aren’t interested in our company, they won’t hang around when we get in the water to record their behavior. That’s just the reality of studying wild animals on their terms! Luckily, they’re often curious about us, tolerating and seemingly enjoying our presence. We decided to add a new element to our fieldwork this summer and study their behavior with a bird’s eye view— using my DJI Mavic Pro drone.

Originally, my idea was to focus on groups of traveling dolphins with the hopes of analyzing their group structure, behavior and leadership. However, I overestimated the amount of data I’d be able to collect. On many occasions, the winds were too strong or the sea was too rough. I have to catch the drone out of mid-air in order to land it on R/V Stenella, and I don’t want to cut my hand on the drone’s propellers! Additionally, traveling dolphins are tough to keep track of. By the time we’d gotten out of the water after a quick photo-ID encounter to identify individuals, they had often disappeared.

That being said, I was able to get some incredible footage of traveling and behaving dolphins. The bird’s eye view offers a perspective we’ve never had before, and the ability to study group dynamics with high accuracy. Moreover, the Mavic Pro’s 4K video provides enough detail that I can identify individual dolphins as I’m flying and during video review— this is a huge benefit for answering specific questions pertaining to dolphins’ age, sex or lineage.

I may not have collected enough data to adequately begin answering these research questions, but I have enough to write a baseline methodology paper on the use of drones for studying wild dolphin behavior. For now, during the off-season, I’ll be writing that paper for my senior honors thesis at the University of North Carolina and Chapel Hill. During the next few field seasons, I’ll keep flying my drone to build up a bigger video database. How does group structure change as dolphins travel over new habitats or in response to threats? Are dolphins of a certain age or sex more likely to be leaders in traveling groups? Are there behavior signals for direction changes? Ask me again in a few years!

By Liah McPherson
It is my privilege to serve as President of The Wild Dolphin Project’s Board of Directors and to enjoy a front row seat as Dr. Herzing and her team continue to explore Atlantic Spotted Dolphins “In Their World…On Their Terms...”

Under the current leadership, the Wild Dolphin Project has produced invaluable information for the scientific community and given us unprecedented insight into the lives and behaviors of these magnificent animals for over three decades. 2018 has been no exception, as we continued to incorporate advanced technology that was unavailable just several years ago into our research efforts. We have come a long way from countless hours of video tape and photo IDs, to wearable computers allowing us to engage in two-way interaction with dolphins, localization technology that helps us determine which individual in a particular pod is vocalizing at any given time, and drones allowing us to monitor behavior from a distance.

A new application of technology in 2018 was the deployment of passive acoustic monitoring devices (E.A.R.s) in several strategic locations to continuously listen to activity as dolphins moved through these areas. Analyzing the data we collected allowed us to locate several individuals that had been lost since an unexplained 2013 mass exodus of Atlantic Spotted Dolphins from Little Bahama Bank.

Most recently, Dr. Herzing’s expertise was called upon in late 2018, when a male Atlantic Spotted Dolphin named Lamda was found stranded on a beach in the Bahamas. The weakened, but otherwise healthy animal was taken to a facility where he received the medical treatment he needed to regain strength, allowing a group of scientists to ultimately release him back into the wild. This great outcome was only made possible by the scientists who dedicate their lives to research, understanding the previously unknown and sharing their knowledge with the scientific community.

We look forward to continued advancements in our research through technology and the commitment of our team.

Axel Stepan
President, Board of Directors
We first observed Lamda in 2013 as a juvenile in the speckled age class. Since 2013, he has been seen every field season for a total of 20 times. In 2015, he moved to the mottled or young adult age class and we now estimate him to be approximately 10 years old. He is active in his group and has recently been observed engaging in courtship and mating behavior with other female spotteds.

In early September we were notified by our colleague Dr. Diane Claridge, that a male spotted dolphin had stranded, and was being rehabilitated in the Bahamas. Thanks to her fast-acting group, Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization (BMMRO), this dolphin received critical care and was flown rapidly to an Animal Rescue Center in Nassau, Bahamas.

After WDP received photographs of the individual, WDP’s Research Assistant, Cassie Volker, set to work on trying to identify him. After carefully reviewing photos from the stranding and his rehabilitation, there he was, Lamda, a male from our Bimini group. With his spots clearly matched on both sides, and a full sighting history available for at least 5 years, we quickly confirmed that we knew who he was and where he lived. Last seen by us in early August, for some reason, Lamda had stranded about 70 miles east of his normal area, in the Berry Islands.

One of the powerful strengths of this stranding response has been the cooperation of the groups involved. BMMRO has a great stranding network in the Bahamas, and the team at Atlantis in Nassau provided the expertise for medical treatment, air lift, and full rehabilitation.

We provided an early identification of the individual, and sighting history, lending support to the Bahamian Government to return Lamda to his group. Dr. Randy Wells, from Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, offered a satellite tag and tracking for Lamda, so he could be monitored after release. While Kelly Melilio from the Dolphin Communication Project and her husband Al Sweeting, from Bimini, also offered additional boat support locally for any follow-up tracking of Lamda.
On October 25th R/V Stenella left Florida for the Bahamas with six crew members: Captain Brad Ruda, Research Assistant Cassie Volker, Board Member Drew Mayer, Team member Melissa Williams, Field Assistant Liah McPherson, and Research Director Dr. Denise Herzing. We spent two days off Bimini trying to find Lamda’s group and we located them on October 26 and 27th.

On the morning of Monday, October 29th a seaplane brought Lamda over to Bimini from Nassau. Lamda was satellite tagged on the small release boat as they made their way out of the harbor and back out to sea. We had tracked his family for the two days previous to release, therefore Lamda was placed into the water nearby where his group was last seen. Our RA Cassie Volker documented his first moments back in the water, and our field assistant Liah McPherson kept a visual on him using a drone. We were able to follow Lamda for about 20 minutes heading south. By late that afternoon, Randy Wells, and his tracking team at Mote Marine Lab had sent us satellite data showing Lamda continuing south on the edge of the sandbank.

Over the next two days we stayed in the area to try to track Lamda visually, but by this time he was well beyond our reach and on his own. We will be monitoring him in the months to come, to make sure he is still mobile and to discover where this mysterious male spotted dolphin goes in the winter. Perhaps in the end, Lamda will have taught us more than we have ever known about the true home range of the Atlantic spotted dolphins in the Bahamas.

Much thanks to all of Lamda’s team: Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization, Dolphin Communication Project, Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, and Dolphin Cay Animal Rehabilitation Center at Atlantis, Paradise Island.

Read more about Lamda’s release including a video of the release and the most recent updates on our blog and YouTube channel.
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WDP continues the advancement of our internship program, which was initiated in the summer of 2011. This program is designed to train young students (upper high school and under graduate level) in the field of marine mammal conservation. Each intern is fully involved in daily activities including: dolphin watches, photography of dorsal fins and body marks, in-water observations, photo matching of individuals, and data entry. In addition, lectures are given throughout the 10-day field course to supplement field observations.

**Intern Responsibilities in the Field:**
- Conduct daily dolphin watches on the bridge.
- Assist the Research Assistant in logging data into our database.
- Assist with in-the-water underwater photography.
- Assist with processing dolphin photographs for photo identification.
- Review underwater video and assist WDP staff with logging individuals and behavior.

[www.wilddolphinproject.org/participate/student-internship-opportunities](http://www.wilddolphinproject.org/participate/student-internship-opportunities)
A group of interns return from a 9-day research trip aboard R/V Stenella
When not in the Bahamas, WDP engages in Florida offshore and intracoastal surveys to help document species diversity of cetaceans along the southeast coast of Florida. Acquiring baseline information about species location and diversity along our Florida coast will contribute to our knowledge about how human impacts may affect dolphins and our coastal environment off Florida.

A blog from one of our Florida work days can be viewed here:

Signature Event: Wild Ocean Science 2018

Our first annual event, Wild Ocean Science, took place in March and was a success! Well over 200 people were in attendance filling the lobby area of the Osher Lifelong Learning Center at FAU in Jupiter. A beautiful slideshow by photographer, Hussain Aga Khan, donated by his foundation, Focused on Nature, played in the auditorium while guests enjoyed refreshments, browsed the raffle and silent auction tables, had their book signed by Dr. Herzing, perused our merchandise, and mingled with friends. As the event got underway, special guest host Miles O’Brien introduced the premiering film, "Dolphins: Breaking the Code" by Changing Seas, a SouthFlorida PBS production. Thanks to sponsors, 38 students from The Ideal School in Royal Palm Beach, The Gale Academy in West Palm, and FAU were in attendance, asking some great questions during the Q&A. Thanks to our generous sponsors for making this event possible!

In February, Research assistant, Cassie Volker, gave a compelling and educational presentation to over 70 people about the objectives and strategies of The Wild Dolphin Project at the River Center in Jupiter, Florida. The River Center is dedicated to preserving the Loxahatchee River and its natural habitats, by designing innovative wastewater solutions, furthering river research efforts and fostering environmental stewardship.

In October, Research Assistant, Cassie Volker presented to the Kiwanis Club of Delray Beach. Her topic was overview and introduction to The Wild Dolphin Project. This club meets every week and has served the needs of our community for over 41 years. The Kiwanis club of Delray Beach-Sunrise has numerous opportunities to get involved and provides several benefits to its members.
Great Give 2018

In April, we participated in the Great Give, a 24-hour online giving opportunity celebrating the spirit of giving. Contributions received during the Great Give helped fund the use of technology such as Drones and Passive Acoustic Monitoring equipment during the summer. Drones are helpful in surveillance and monitoring the behavior of the animals when they are away from the vicinity of the boat and the listening devices are used for recording dolphin sounds remotely, which were deployed this summer. These devices allowed us to analyze when dolphins travel through certain areas. Thanks to our generous donors for funding this endeavor!

Watermen for Life 2018

In November, WDP attended Watermen for Life’s Launch Luau at the Delray Beach Playhouse. This local group was formed to honor the spirit and memory of Willie Awa Auhoon by doing good works in his name. Guest to the event enjoyed Lunch plate luau by Bear’s Food Shack, great music, presentation by WDP’s RA Cassie Volker, paddle lessons, kid’s “tattoos” & face painting, games for all ages, chair massage, silent auction, sponsor tents, and much more. Proceeds from the event were generously donated to The Wild Dolphin Project. Visit watermenforlife.org to learn more about their mission.

Giving Tuesday 2018

On Tuesday, November 15th, WDP participated in the biggest online giving event worldwide: #GivingTuesday. During this day of giving, WDP celebrated the significance of long-term research and how it directly impacts dolphins in the wild, such as Lamda.
Dr. Herzing attended the Abacoa Science Alliance Conference, held in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. This conference, held every two years and sponsored by Friends of the Environment, is a gathering of researchers, students, and the general public. WDP was privileged to share our knowledge of the changes in our local dolphin community and the implications of climate change to marine mammals.

April 2018

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is one of the nation’s premiere environmental and adventure film festivals. These international short films are sure to get your adrenaline pumping, heart thumping, eyes popping and jaws dropping! Soul-stirring stories and grand sweeping vistas give us a sense of place and what it means to be responsible stewards of the earth.

These films illustrate not only the challenges facing our planet but the work communities are doing to protect the environment and the places we love.

September 2018

On Sunday, September 23rd, Dr. Herzing was the keynote speaker for the Sustainable Oceans 2018 Conference at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia.

This student-run conference led by the Master of Marine Management students of the Marine Affairs Program in Halifax, challenges you to think critically about the future of our oceans, while examining your own daily activities and how you can make small changes to support ocean-positive choices.
Community Impact: Outreach

October 2018

On Saturday, October 13th, Center Park Plaza hosted "Family Fun Day", a fundraiser benefitting a local charity Catch the Wave of Hope who lead the way to bring awareness, healing, and action to abolish human trafficking. Guests who stopped by WDP's table were able to win a raffle basket, sign up for a newsletter, receive a free coffee table book and learn how we identify dolphins using an ID catalog.

November 2018, NAWCTSD

In November, WDP attended the NAWCTSD Agency Fair in Orlando, Florida urging Federal Employees to participate in workplace giving and support WDP's organization with their contributions. Over 200 attendees received a free WDP coffee table book and newsletter to learn how generosity through workplace giving helps us learn about the dolphins and the environment in which they live. The more we learn, the better equipped we are to help protect them In Their World...On Their Terms...

December 2018, Charity Fair

On Monday, December 17th, Melissa Williams of The Wild Dolphin Project attended a charity fair at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, urging employees to participate in workplace giving and support WDP's research with their contributions. Over 60 attendees received a free WDP coffee table book and newsletter to learn how their generosity through workplace giving helps us learn about the dolphins and the environment in which they live. The more we learn, the better equipped we are to help protect them In Their World...On Their Terms...

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Executive Director and Board of Directors of Wild Dolphin Project, Inc.
Jupiter, Florida.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wild Dolphin Project, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprises the statement of financial position as of October 31, 2018, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Wild Dolphin Project, Inc.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wild Dolphin Project, Inc. as of October 31, 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Sustained Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Wild Dolphin Project, Inc. financial statements as of October 31, 2017, and we expressed an unqualified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated November 20, 2017. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended October 31, 2017, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Frederick Dulas, CPA LLC
December 12, 2018
Recent Scientific Publications


A complete list of downloadable publications can be found here: www.wilddolphinproject.org/media/scientific-publications
During in-water dolphin encounters, experts record video and sound of the animals in an effort to decode dolphin communication. In addition to deciphering the dolphins’ vocalizations, Herzing and collaborators are also exploring two-way communications between the researchers and the animals using a custom-made underwater acoustic interface called “CHAT.”

The entire episode can be viewed online: https://www.changingseas.tv/season-10/dolphins-breaking-the-code/

Local organization, Wild Dolphin Project, strives to conserve, research, and educate the public on the sleek mammals that live under the sea.

This article can be viewed online: http://www.floridacoastmagazine.com/floridacoastmagazine/janfeb18/MobilePagedArticle.action?articleId=1382281#articleId1382281
Projections & Goals

WDP was excited to embark on our 34th year of studying and reporting on the free-ranging Atlantic spotted and bottlenose dolphins.

2018 brought new technology and a sense of urgency to our mission. WDP will continue documenting resident dolphins on two study sites. We will be incorporating passive listening technology to record dolphin sounds 24/7 and allow us to track our lost dolphins in 2019.

We welcomed field assistants Liah McPherson and Brittini Hill to our great line up of students.

Stay tuned for updates as we venture ever forward by following our blog here:

www.wilddolphinproject.org/media/blog/

And subscribe to our newsletter by becoming a member.
Field Assistant Brittini Hill, Research Associate Bethany Augliere, Research Assistant Cassie Volker, Intern Morgan Will.
Become a member  As a member of WDP you get a free coffee table book from Dr. Denise Herzing, a newsletter, and first priority when signing up for summer trips

Purchase WDP merchandise  WDP offers a variety of t-shirts, rashguards, sunshirts, mouse pads, books, and more.

Facebook fundraisers  – Friends and family can celebrate your birthday, anniversary, or other occasion by donating to a cause that you care about. Set up a fundraiser and help share the mission and vision of WDP.

Benevity is the global leader in online workplace giving and matching. Do you own a business? Retain and engage today’s workers by connecting people personally to causes that matter to them and to you.

Paypal Giving  – It’s easy to donate using your Paypal account. Plus, you can set up automatic recurring donations and give effortlessly. Set it all up in Paypal.

Amazon Smile  – Make a contribution to WDP without costing you anything. Simply login to Amazon smile using your existing Amazon user name and password and choose WDP as your selected charity.

Stock donations  – Get the full value of donated stock and avoid the tax on capital gains. You or your broker can easily transfer stock to WDP. Just download the Fidelity form on our website or contact our office for instructions.

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