

# WHAT ABOUT RISSO'S DOLPHINS ?



Protecting the lesser known cetaceans of the NE Atlantic  
An ASCOBANS Workshop

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# INTRODUCTION

We are a French NGO located in Cancale (Brittany, France).

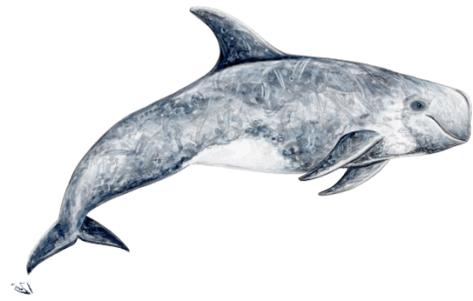
Promoting awareness of the marine environment and scientific research on species evolving in this environment are ones of our core values.

Value enhancement on the intrinsic link between these domains through citizen science.

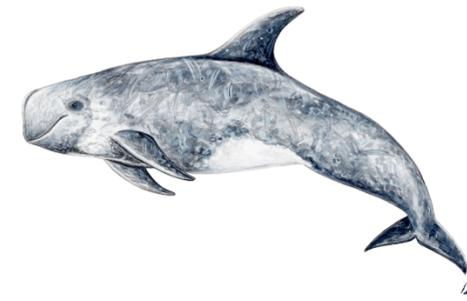


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# ISSUES



Risso's dolphin Research & Conservation currently faces the following problems



## ISSUE ONE

Little consideration in conservation plans



## ISSUE TWO

Lack of observations  
Lack of data



## ISSUE THREE

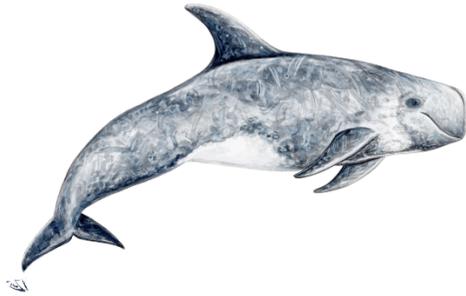
Difficulty in identifying new analysis methods for these small, scattered samples



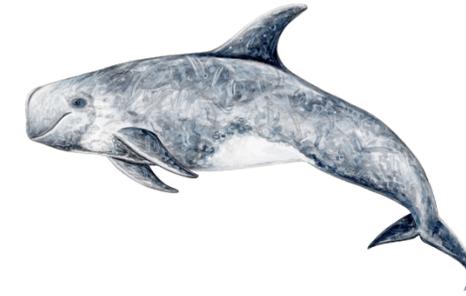
## ISSUE FOUR

Lack of communication within the scientific community

Difficulty identifying researchers with similar problematics



# SOLUTIONS ?



Based on our initial thoughts, here are some ideas for solutions to these problems

Contact form & mapping

European Network on Risso's dolphins

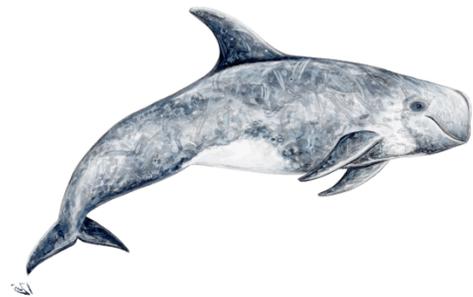
Leveraging of all available data



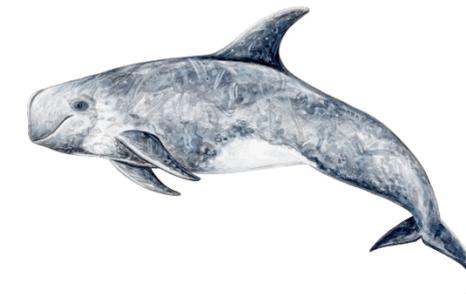
to share informations



PhD project



# OPPORTUNITIES



## MULTIDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION #1

Exchanging Knowledge  
Sharing Resources and/or Data  
Standardization of Research Methods

## POLITICAL INFLUENCE AND AWARENESS #4

Amplifying Advocacy Efforts to influence conservation policies  
Increasing Public Awareness



## FOCUSED RESEARCH STRATEGY #2

Filling Knowledge Gaps  
Identifying Priority Areas  
Understanding Threats

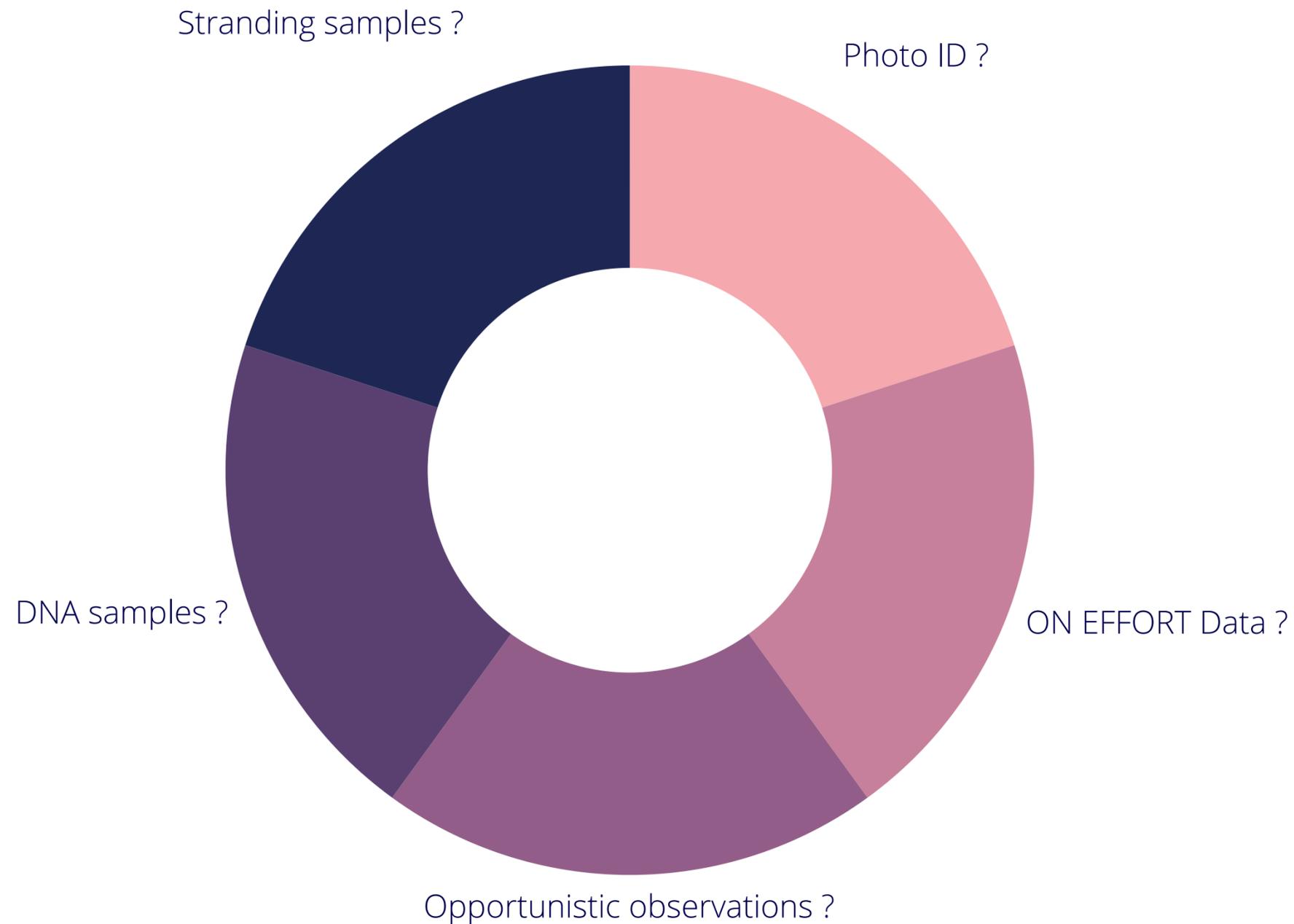
## CAPACITY AND SKILL BUILDING #3

Exchanging Best Practices  
Enhancing Communication Skills  
Offering New Opportunities for researchers



# AVAILABLE DATA ?

In our case, we employ methods such as photo ID (44 individuals in our catalog), on-effort boat transects, land-based protocols, opportunistic observations (ObsenMER platform), and plan to develop further methods during PhD.



After ECS 2023 :  
MoU with Alexander ECKERLE (Norway)  
PNMI (Mer Iroise National Park) partnership

*Collaboration*

**is what guides us**



*What about you?*

**What are your expectations, needs and issues?**

*Thank You!*