



Whale & Dolphin Watching Map of Ireland



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Whale watchers on Loop Head, Co. Clare



HW - Humpback whale



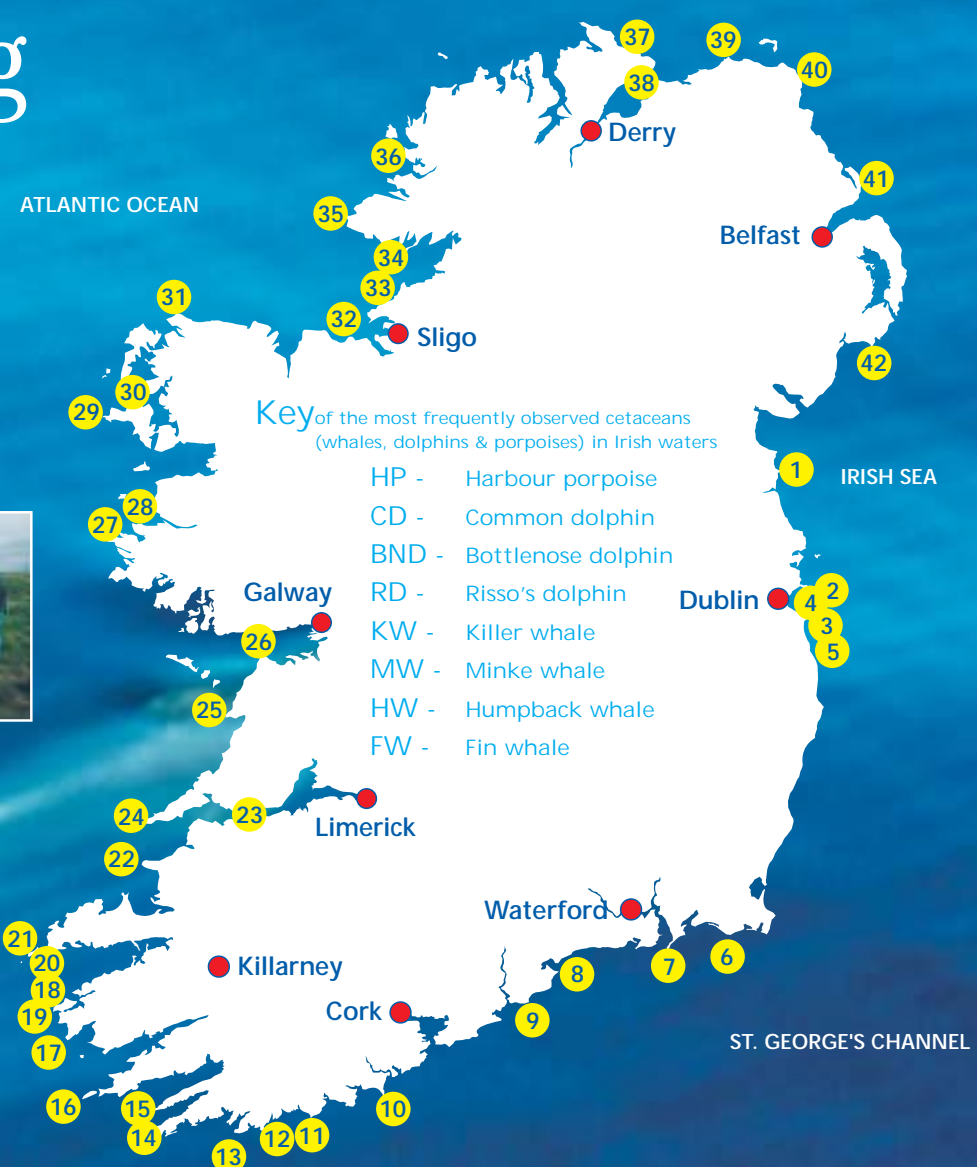
FW - Fin whale

The Foam Goddess

According to Greek myth the shape of the most beautiful goddess of all, Aphrodite, was formed out of the swirling sea foam & spray & brought to land by dolphins on a giant scallop shell, brought up from the depths of the ocean on the back of a whale.



Whale watchers on Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork



Key of the most frequently observed cetaceans (whales, dolphins & porpoises) in Irish waters

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Leinster

- Louth** 1. Clogher Head (HP)
- Dublin** 2. Howth Head
3. Dalkey Bay
4. Dun Laoghaire Pier (HP, RD)
- Wicklow** 5. Bray Head (HP, RD)
- Wexford** 6. Saltee Islands
7. Hook Head (HP, CD, RD, KW, MW, FW)

Munster

- Waterford** 8. Helvick Head
9. Ardmore Head (HP, CD, BND, RD, MW, FW)
- Cork** 10. Old Head of Kinsale
11. Galley Head
12. Toe Head
13. Cape Clear Island
14. Mizen Head
15. Sheeps Head
16. Dursey Island (HP, CD, BND, RD, KW, MW, FW, HW)

- Kerry** 17. Bolus Head
18. Valentia Island
19. Skelligs
20. Sleah Head
21. Blasket Islands
22. Kerry Head (HP, CD, BND, RD, KW, MW)
- Clare** 23. Shannon Estuary
24. Loop Head
25. Hags Head
26. Black Head (HP, CD, BND, RD, MW)

Connaught

- Galway** 27. Ballinakill Harbour
28. Killary Harbour (HP, CD, BND, RD, MW)
- Mayo** 29. Achill Head
30. Blacksod Bay
31. Benwee Head (HP, CD, BND, RD, KW, MW)
- Sligo** 32. Aughris Head
33. Mullaghmore (HP, CD, BND, MW)

Ulster

- Donegal** 34. St John's Point
35. Malinmore
36. Dawros Head
37. Inishowen Head (HP, CD, BND, RD, KW, MW)
- Derry** 38. Magilligan Pt (HP, BND, MW)
- Antrim** 39. Benbane Head
40. Torr Head
41. Black Head (HP, CD, RD, BND, MW)
- Down** 42. St John's Point (HP, BND, RD, MW)



The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group is dedicated to the conservation and better understanding of cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) in Irish waters, through study, education and interpretation.

See website: www.iwdg.ie

Always ask locally for directions and seek permission before entering private land. Be careful on all coastal land, especially headlands, which can be dangerous.

These sites are selected on the basis of sighting records submitted to the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group since 1991. There is however no guarantee that you will see these species at these sites, as the success of any whale watch is largely dependent on the weather conditions, your optics and experience. If you see any whales, dolphins or porpoises please report your sighting to the IWDG via their website on-line reporting section. If you would like to know more about the work of the IWDG or support their work, please visit their website at www.iwdg.ie or email them at enquiries@iwdg.ie





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through keeping
the channels
clear*

*Dolphins, one of nature's most
intelligent creatures,
communicate
through sentience.
They exist in harmony
with each other
and their environment
so perhaps
they have something to
teach us*

*Sentience, is
awareness, feeling, sensitivity,
perception by the senses*



*and understanding through
the heart;
A raising of consciousness.
A sea change - for all of us.*

Seven Surfing Dolphins, by Tony Karascanyi, Mollymook Beach, N.S.W., Australia. 27th August 1997.

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