# Wildlife Watching

Making marine encounters great for wildlife and great for you!

Keep your distance!

Be cautious and quiet.
Look for signs wildlife has spotted you. Be prepared to back off or take an alternative route

Make sure your craft's movements are constant, steady and predictable

**Never** follow, chase or feed marine life



#### It is not recommended

to purposely snorkel, dive or swim with large marine animals except with an approved operator

### Keep away from

large groups of animals, hauled seals and sensitive areas such as breeding sites



#### Never touch or feed wild animals



## What is disturbance?

Disturbance is when people change an animal's behaviour or its environment, affecting its wellbeing or survival prospects. Always keep an eye out for signs you are disturbing wildlife.

## Cornwall's marine and coastal wildlife, so essential to our economy, is under pressure... it needs our help and respect!

The Cornwall Marine and Coastal Code promotes best practice to make all encounters great for people, great for marine life and great for Cornwall!

### LEARN. SEE. RESPECT. REPORT.

If you see marine life being disturbed, please call our hotline

0345 201 26 26

If you find a sick or injured marine animal, please call British Divers Marine Life Rescue

01825 765546

If you find a dead marine animal (including seabirds), please do not touch and call the Marine Strandings Network on

If you witness a suspected wildlife crime in action call

999 immediately and ask for the police

0345 201 26 26



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