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Turtles, Dolphins/Whales and Jellyfish study by the University of Malta

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies that the Department of Biology of the University of Malta is conducting research studies on marine biodiversity within the Central Mediterranean Region around the Maltese Islands (from coastal to offshore) in respect of:

- 1) Turtle, Dolphin and Whale sightings.
- 2) Jellyfish Blooms sightings.

Mariners are requested to cooperate and support the research by reporting sightings as follows:

- 1) Turtle, Dolphins and Whales Dr. Adriana Vella email (adriana.vella@um.edu.mt), or sms (+356 99429592)
- 2) Jellyfish Blooms may also be forwarded to the email: JellyWatchMalta@gmail.com

The information for each sighting should include:

- a) date and time of observation;
- b) number of Turtles, Dolphins/Whales/Jellyfish;
- c) location (GPS coordinates if offshore);
- d) photos when possible;

Photos of sightings are appreciated when these are possible and in particular should be taken in the case of strange looking jellyfish. CIESM colourful posters identifying jellyfish types may be requested by emailing to JellyWatchMalta@gmail.com

The participation of mariners in such an initiative is necessary to ensure regular monitoring of Maltese waters to devise an early warning system for bathers and assist in Mediterranean wide marine conservation research.