



## Become a Cetacean & Seabird Surveyor with Marineliflife

The charity Marineliflife, which has been operating its successful Biscay Dolphin Research Programme (BDRP) for 14 years, is running a special shore-based training opportunity at the award-winning Solaris Centre, Blackpool, for volunteer marine mammal & seabird surveyors on an exciting new survey route from Fleetwood to Larne, across the northern Irish Sea.

The programme will include an introduction to ocean-going cetacean and seabird survey techniques and protocols, a brief overview of identification issues, guidelines on how to become more actively involved with Marineliflife/BDRP pelagic surveys and an opportunity to network with existing Marineliflife surveyors based in this area.

This event will be followed up with opportunities for more rigorous scientific training at sea under the guidance of experienced team leaders through our programme of monthly research voyages in the Irish Sea as well as the North Sea, English Channel and Bay of Biscay. This will ensure that all data collected by volunteer researchers during ongoing projects is of the same rigorous high quality and continues to be at the forefront of current scientific best practice. **New surveyors are expected to have some previous experience of cetacean and/or seabird observation and identification.**

**This introductory training event is being held at The Solaris Centre, Harrowside, New South Promenade, Blackpool, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 13:30 to 16:30h. Booking is essential and there is a nominal charge of £5 per person to help cover expenses, payable in advance.**

For further details, including booking information, please email  
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