

Research Projects undertaken solely or partially from onboard Auckland's Dolphin and Whale Safari

Tineke Joustra

Field: Behavior of NZ cetaceans
Research completed at Department of Conservation's request
Status: Published

Amy Taylor

Massey University

Field: Ecotourism and Education
Research completed at the Department of Conservation's request
Status: Published in 2002

Dr Mark Orams & Stephen Stemberge

Massey University

Field: "Learn about Dolphin's" educational booklet (for school use etc)
Status: Completed in September 2000, draft has been printed

Alexandra Leitenberger

University of Vienna

Field: Masters Study on Eco-tourism & Common Dolphins
Behavioral effects of Dolphin Explorer on the dolphins
Employed by Dolphin Explorer during study
Status: Published

Kirsten Thompson

Auckland University

Field: Brydes Whale research
DEL sponsored 9mths of PhD fee's and stipend, costs of computer software and Equipment, and all photography costs
Status: Published in the International Whaling Commission's (IWC) publication in 2002

Chris Baigent

Field: Eco-tourism education (Masters level study)
Research undertaken at the Department of Conservation's request
Status: Commenced Sept 2000, not completed

Sam Ferrera

Field: Maui's Dolphin Explorer acoustics array tests
Status: Completed in 2003

Aline Schaffar Delaney

Massey University

Field: Common Dolphin Mother & Calf relationships (Masters Thesis)
Employed by Dolphin Explorer part time during study until present day
Status: Completed and published 2005

Anna Fricke & Kathrin Ellesat

University of Brenen, Germany

Field: Feeding Ecology of Australasian Gannets in the Hauraki Gulf
Status: Completed

Karen Stockin

Massey University

Field: Common Dolphins in the Hauraki Gulf (PhD Study)
Status: In progress, due for completion in 2008

Nicky Wiseman

Auckland University

Field: Population Ecology of Brydes Whales in the Hauraki Gulf (PhD Study)
Status: In progress (2003 – 2007)
Direct PhD Research Funding, stipend, photography and incidental costs paid

Auckland's Dolphin and Whale Safari also allocates on average 3 spaces per day for other volunteers. These are commonly through other organisations and learning centers, for animal research as well as general industry experience.