

Conservation status assessment of the Guianas dolphin (*Sotalia guianensis*) in French Guiana

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The aim of the project is, first of all, to assess the population of the species along the coast of French Guiana and Surinam. To do so, during the dry season, some flights will be realized according to the line transects methodology following a zig-zag pattern. Data analysis will give us the spatial distribution of the species as well as abundance and density.

A public participative program will also be implemented.

Finally, in the same time, an estimation of the threats and anthropogenic impacts will be realized. The elaboration of a proposal for a fishery bycatch assessment is in progress.