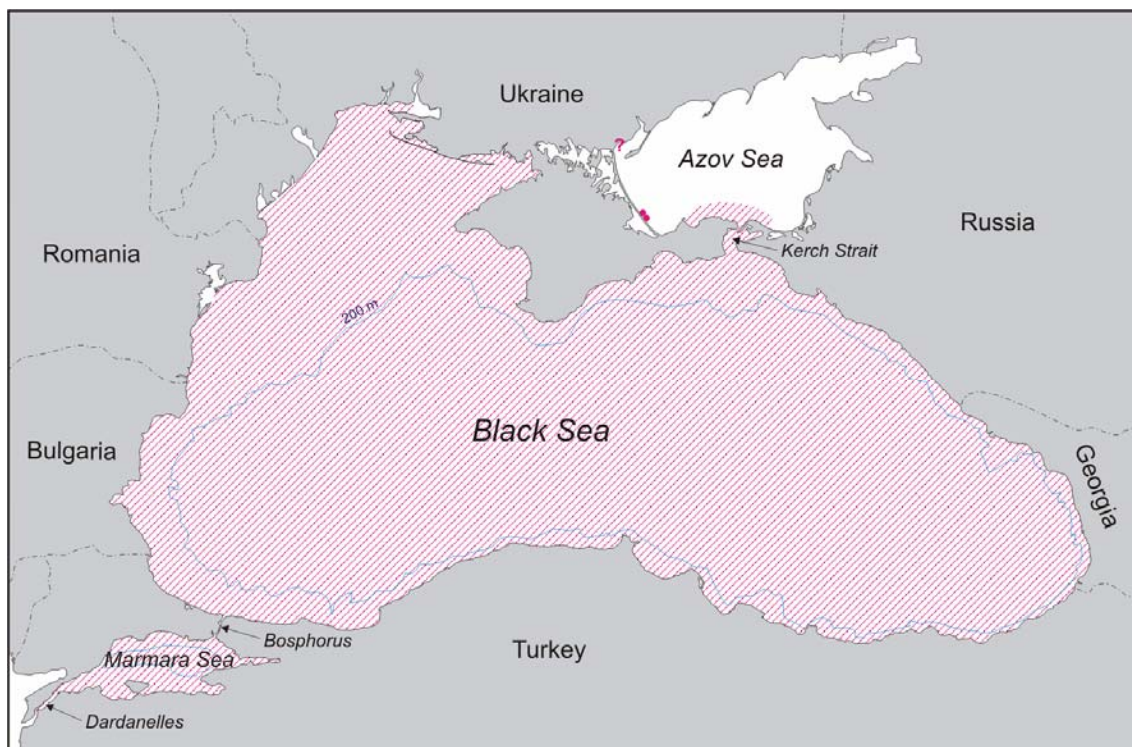


## Black Sea Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*)



**Figure 1.** Range of the Black Sea Bottlenose Dolphin. Red dots (direct observations) and question mark (eyewitness's testimony) indicate locations of strandings on the Azov Sea coast.

Table 1. Bottlenose Dolphin abundance estimates in the selected Black Sea areas.

Surveyed area and observation effort	Observation platform	Research period	Uncorrected abundance estimates	References
Turkish Straits System (Bosphorus, Marmara Sea and Dardanelles)	Vessel	October 1997	495 (203–1,197; 95% CI)	Dede 1999, cited in IWC 2004
Turkish Straits System (Bosphorus, Marmara Sea and Dardanelles)	Vessel	August 1998	468 (184–1,186; 95% CI)	Dede 1999, cited in IWC 2004
Kerch Strait, 890 km <sup>2</sup> /353 km	Aircraft	July 2001	76 (30–192; 95% CI)	Birkun <i>et al.</i> 2002
Kerch Strait, 890 km <sup>2</sup> /353 km	Aircraft	August 2002	88 (31–243; 95% CI)	Birkun <i>et al.</i> 2003
Kerch Strait, 862 km <sup>2</sup> /310 km	Vessel	August 2003	127 (67–238; 95% CI)	Birkun <i>et al.</i> 2004a
NE shelf area of the Black Sea, 7,960 km <sup>2</sup> /791 km	Aircraft	August 2002	823 (329–2,057; 95% CI)	Birkun <i>et al.</i> 2003
NW, N and NE Black Sea within Ukrainian and Russian territorial waters, 31,780 km <sup>2</sup> /2,230 km	Vessel	September–October 2003	4,193 (2,527–6,956; 95% CI)	Birkun <i>et al.</i> 2004a
SE Black Sea within Georgian waters, 2,320 km <sup>2</sup> /211 km	Vessel	January 2005	0	Birkun <i>et al.</i> 2006
SE Black Sea within Georgian waters, 2,320 km <sup>2</sup> /211 km	Vessel	May 2005	0	Komakhidze and Goradze 2005
SE Black Sea within Georgian waters, 2,320 km <sup>2</sup> /211 km	Vessel	August 2005	0	Komakhidze and Goradze 2005
SE Black Sea within Georgian waters, 2,320 km <sup>2</sup> /211 km	Vessel	November 2005	0	I. Goradze, pers. comm., 2006
Central Black Sea beyond territorial waters of Ukraine and Turkey, 31,200 km <sup>2</sup> /660 km	Vessel	September–October 2005	0	Krivokhizhin <i>et al.</i> 2006

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