

# SAVE OUR SEAS



## DEAR DUFFY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What sort of dolphin are you?

A good-looking one!

I am a Bottlenose Dolphin – a mammal that lives in the sea. Just like the surfers at SAS!

### Where do you live?

I live in the seas around Britain. I go to Cornwall for my holidays.

I live with my friends and family in a small group. Our group is called 'a pod'. There are 12 of us.

### What do you eat?

I eat fish (but not chips). I also eat squid and crabs.

I have been known to eat plastic bags – not deliberately! When they're floating in the water, they look just like my favourite dessert – jellyfish.

### What scares you?

Sharks! Some sharks eat dolphins! Luckily, the most common sharks we get here in Britain are Basking Sharks and Porbeagle Sharks and they don't eat dolphins (or humans). Hurrah!

I'm most scared of some humans. Why? Because they pollute the oceans and seas where I live. Pesticides from farming make me ill and can kill me. So can industrial waste or even eating a piece of plastic by mistake.

I can also be hurt by the propeller on a boat.

Some fishermen use really big nets called drift nets. Some of my friends have got caught in them. When a dolphin is caught in a net, it drowns. We can't breathe under water because we don't have gills; we need to breathe air just like humans.

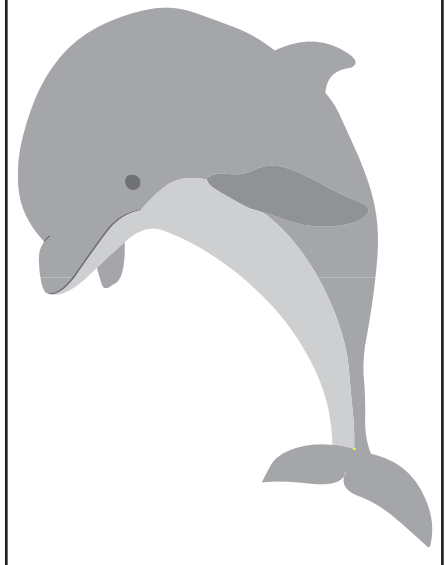
Every year 10,000 of my friends are killed in fishing gear around Britain. Sometimes we go hungry because the fishermen have taken all the fish. It makes me really sad... and angry, too.

### What do you like doing?

I like surfing – especially with the surfers at SAS. They are sea-going mammals, too, and they are trying to stop the sea being polluted. SAS do this by campaigning. This means by persuading governments to change laws on pollution and getting them to make new laws that reduce the amount of pollution that business are allowed to put into rivers, the sea and the countryside.

Duffy says,

"If you'd like to ask me a question,  
email [dearduffy@sas.org.uk](mailto:dearduffy@sas.org.uk)





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### What are you good at?

Swimming! I'm really fast. I can swim up to 14 knots – that's 17 miles per hour.

I also have good eyesight and good hearing, but no sense of smell... just as well with all the sewage that you humans put into the sea!

I talk to other dolphins by using a series of chirps, clicks and whistles.

Listen [www.dolphinear.com/sounds/d3.wav](http://www.dolphinear.com/sounds/d3.wav)

That's "Where's my breakfast?" in dolphin speak.

We dolphins are called the most intelligent species after you humans. What a cheek! We're much cleverer than you!

### How long have you been a member of SAS?

SAS began in 1990. My mum was a member from the start and I joined three years ago.

Find out more [www.sas.org.uk/about/sas\\_history.php](http://www.sas.org.uk/about/sas_history.php)

### What do SAS do?

Surfers Against Sewage campaign for clean, safe recreational waters, free from sewage effluents, toxic chemicals and nuclear waste. We argue for sustainable alternatives, and campaign for changes to current practises, attitudes and legislation. *We challenge industry, legislators and politicians to end their 'pump and dump' policies.*

### SAS have five main campaign areas:

- Sewage and Sickness
- No to toxics
- Marine Litter
- Safer shipping
- Climate chaos.

Find out more [www.sas.org.uk/campaign/](http://www.sas.org.uk/campaign/)

### What is the nastiest thing that you have you seen in the sea?

Human poo! Seriously gross! If it gets into the sea, it can make me ill.

Sanitary towels. Yeuch! Other than wee and poo, toilet paper is the only thing you should ever flush down the toilet. Think before you flush!

Find out more [www.sas.org.uk/campaign/sewage\\_and\\_sickness/think\\_before\\_you\\_flush.php](http://www.sas.org.uk/campaign/sewage_and_sickness/think_before_you_flush.php)

Rubbish – lots and lots of rubbish. Plastic is the worst because if I swallow it, I could die. Don't drop litter on the beach. Don't drop litter anywhere!

Find out more [www.sas.org.uk/campaign/marine\\_litter/index.php](http://www.sas.org.uk/campaign/marine_litter/index.php)



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Also: household waste; waste from beach users; galley and cargo room waste from commercial shipping; nets and fish boxes from fishing vessels; waste from industrial production or distribution and medical waste.

Would you like that lot in your home?

Does poo float?

Yes! I've seen a few 'floaters' in my time!

### My mum uses bleach to clean the loo. Is that ok?

No. Please ask your mum or dad to use the low impact alternatives for the cleaning products they use around your house. Ecover have a great range.

But it's not just household cleaning products; the human cleaning products you all use, like shampoo, soap, toothpaste and mouthwash can also harm fish. That's my dinner you're messing with!

Find out about environmentally safe cleaning products from [www.greenchoices.org](http://www.greenchoices.org)

Find out more [www.sas.org.uk/campaign/no\\_to\\_toxics/hazardous\\_chemicals.php](http://www.sas.org.uk/campaign/no_to_toxics/hazardous_chemicals.php)

### Are surfers Green?

Only when they've swallowed a lot of seawater. Ha ha!

Most surfboards are made from fibreglass and resin (a sort of liquid plastic). These are not environmentally friendly. Greener boards are made from balsa wood covered in a natural, plant-based resin.

The trouble is ordinary boards are lighter and cheaper than Green surfboards.

Find out more [www.sas.org.uk/campaign/no\\_to\\_toxics/toxic\\_free\\_surfing.php](http://www.sas.org.uk/campaign/no_to_toxics/toxic_free_surfing.php)

