

## The Bottlenose Dolphin



Bottlenose dolphins are some of the smartest mammals in the ocean! They swim in groups and talk to each other by squeaking and whistling. Most grow to be 8 to 12 feet long and can live for 50 years.

Bottlenose dolphins come to the top of the water to breathe every 2 or 3 minutes, but they can hold their breath much longer. They breathe out a hole on top of their heads called a blowhole. They eat fish and squid, but they do not chew their food. They prefer to swallow it whole!