



## Marine Wildlife Sightings Record Beyond Ceylon

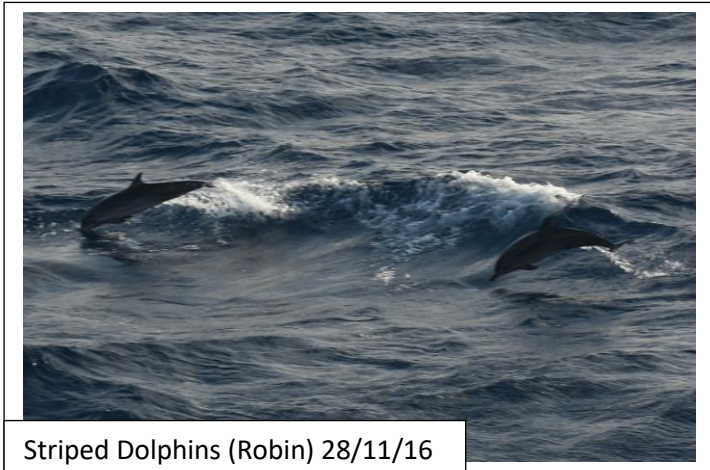
**A record of the interesting marine wildlife seen during the cruise which can be downloaded for free from [www.TheWhaleandDolphinMan.co.uk](http://www.TheWhaleandDolphinMan.co.uk)**

- 24/11/16 0002 DOLPHINS IN THE DARK! Big splashes and dark shapes leaping around the bow. Probably Spinner Dolphins, which are very active and hunt at night. No sightings during the Galle sail-away, just a possible splash 2 or 3 miles away. A big thank you to everyone who joined me on deck in the hope of spotting Blue Whales, a great shame none were seen.
- 25/11/16 No sightings except flying fish which continue to be seen every day
- 26/11/16 0702 Sea Snake, port side  
On the sail-in to Chennai, 2 long slender fish, 2-3ft long, leaped repeatedly away from the ship and a few seabirds were seen, large gulls and terns.
- 27/11/16 1043 Sea Turtle, sadly caught up in fishing buoys  
1056 10-12 Spinner Dolphins near the ship (with 2 seabirds) and at least 30+ more two miles to starboard  
1208 & 1212 Two more Sea Turtles swimming down the starboard side  
1452 Large mid-brown Shearwater flew across the bow. Nice to see a seabird!  
1520 Another large Sea Turtle  
1630 4-5 Dolphins spotted by Mr Geoff Paver at the bow
- 28/11/16 1110 12+ Spinner Dolphins, port side  
1439 6+ Dolphins (probably Spinners) to starboard bow and quickly away  
1512 Big splashes 3 miles to starboard, possibly a whale but we'll never know!  
1558 12+ Striped Dolphins to starboard  
1650 10+ Spinner Dolphins at the bow and quickly away
- 29/11/16 No sightings
- 30/11/16 0925 Dolphin seen in the surf alongside by Edouardo  
1657-1718 Multiple groups of Spinner Dolphins leaping and surging to the bow and alongside, at least 40 in total  
1759 Whale blowing, starboard side, first spotted by Anthony Lloyd
- 01/12/16 1648 Brahminy Kite fishing near the ship in Phuket
- 02/12/16 1100 20+ Indo-Pacific Humpbacked Dolphins swam past the ship whilst alongside in Langkawi

- 03/12/16 No sightings
- 04/12/16 A Sea Eagle, near Port Kelang
- 05/12/16 Lots of ships during the sail-in to Singapore

All of the Spinner Dolphins were of the long-snouted *Stenella longirostris* form and the Striped Dolphins are of the same type found in the Med and Biscay for example, *Stenella coeruleoalba*

Flying fish of a few different types have also been seen throughout each day but no seabirds unless noted above.



Striped Dolphins (Robin) 28/11/16



Flying Fish (Kris) 30/11/16



Brahminy Kite (Robin) 01/12/16



Indo-Pacific Humpbacked Dolphins (Robin) 02/12/16



Indo-Pacific Humpbacked Dolphin (Robin) 02/12/16



White-bellied Sea Eagle (Robin) 04/12/16



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