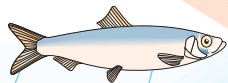


Dolphins return to North Sea

Tens of thousands of dolphins have returned to the North Sea, attracted by the increase in the herring population. Environmentalists claim that they are threatened by pollution and driftnet fishing

Driftnets

Over 2,000 dolphins drown each year after being accidentally caught in driftnets



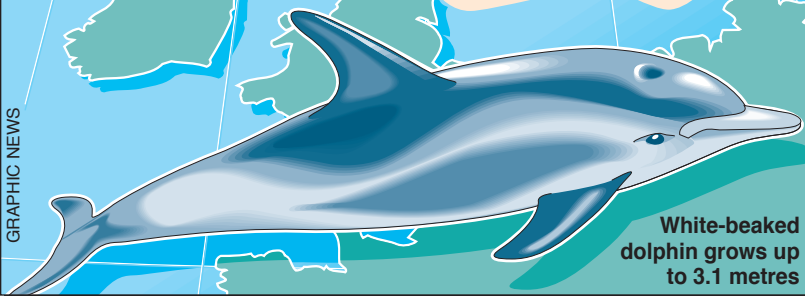
Herring fishing was so widespread in the 1960s that the population collapsed. Fishing was prohibited between 1977 and 1983

Pollution

Hazardous waste incinerated at sea: 93,000 tonnes per year

Industrial waste: 5.5m tonnes

Oil discharges
1 million tonnes (est)



White-beaked dolphin grows up to 3.1 metres