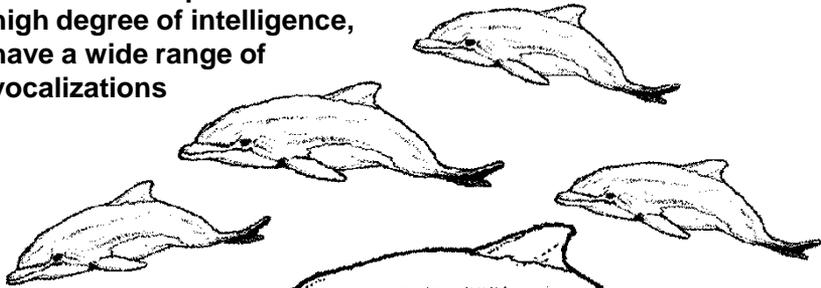




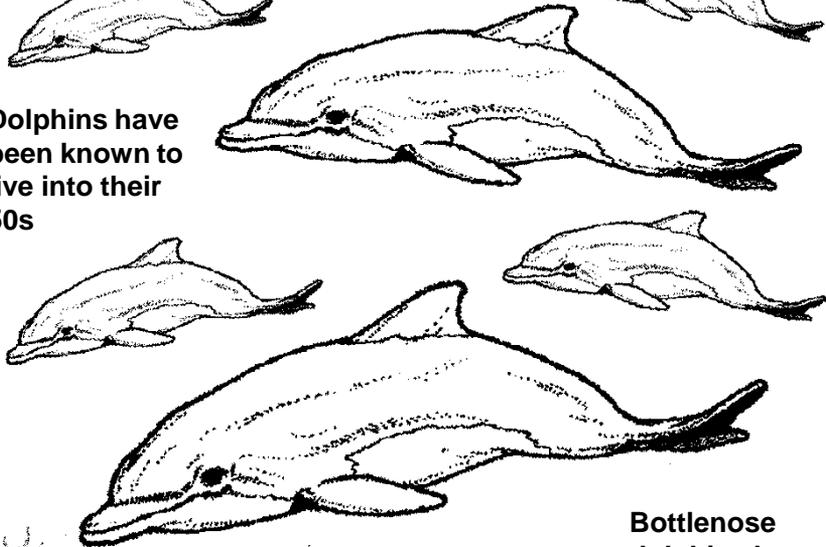
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Adult dolphins are typically 6 to 12 feet long and can eat more than 20 pounds of mullet, sheepshead, pinfish, flounder and marine invertebrates each day

Bottlenose dolphins show a high degree of intelligence, have a wide range of vocalizations

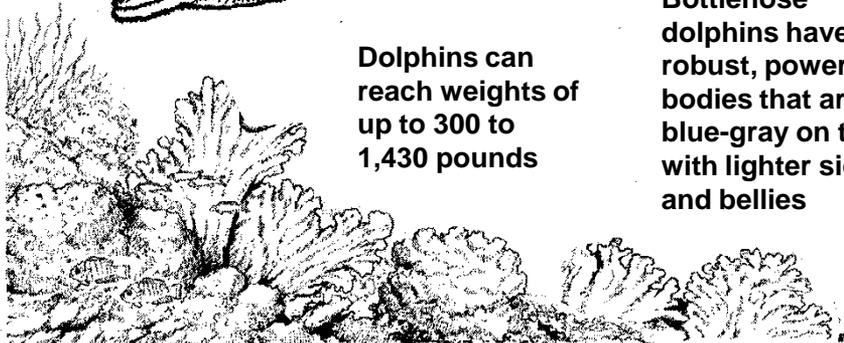


Dolphins have been known to live into their 50s



Dolphins can reach weights of up to 300 to 1,430 pounds

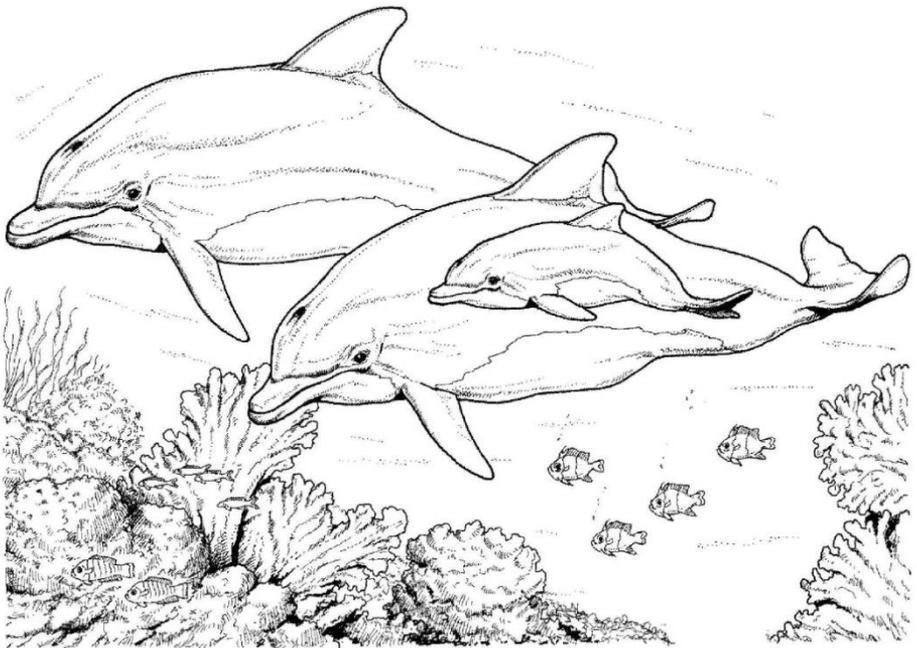
Bottlenose dolphins have robust, powerful bodies that are blue-gray on top with lighter sides and bellies





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**D**olphins are found in **coastal** and offshore waters. They usually travel in groups and frequently ride the waves in front of boats. Dolphins are fast swimmers and can reach speeds up to 25 miles an hour.



**Inshore dolphins live in small social groups of approximately 10 individuals; while offshore dolphins form larger groups of 10-100 individuals. Dolphins travel about their home ranges (the geographical area that defines their home) in groups of 4-7 in shallower waters and more than 20 dolphins in deeper areas. The dolphins interact and re-form groups at will, somewhat like a kaleidoscope**