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You're helping WWF to protect the future of dolphins and  
to tackle some of the biggest environmental challenges  
facing our natural world today.

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This special gift is from Friend's name:

This certificate is a gift for you. I hope you like it.

The director of WWF Greece

Dimitris Karavellas

# DOLPHIN

## THREATS

Dolphins' greatest "natural enemy" are, unfortunately, us humans. Accidental or intentional killings in fishing gear, oil pollution, infection from the accumulation of artificial chemical compounds in their tissue, disturbance by recreational vessels, climate change, sound pollution (e.g. from military exercises, seismic surveys for locating hydrocarbon deposits, or ship propellers), the overall degradation of the maritime ecosystem and the reduction of available food are threatening all types of dolphins and leading to the long-term reduction of their populations in Greek seas.

## OUR WORK

If the dolphin population drops, it will irreversibly disrupt the marine food chain and the balance of the entire marine ecosystem. To put it simply, as long as we spot dolphins in our seas, we can be confident that fish populations are relatively sustainable. At WWF Greece, we aim to preserve the natural habitat in which dolphins live and reproduce in the Greek seas. This is why we are monitoring the dolphin population through scientific research, applying pressure to address key threats such as overfishing, which has resulted in a shrinking of fish populations that dolphins feed on, and incidental catch. We are searching for and promoting solutions to limit losses for fishermen, and we are fighting to stop the plans for oil and natural gas drilling in the Ionian Sea and Crete. Every day we take important steps with those who believe in a healthy sea.