

# 1. The Taiwanese White Dolphin

The Taiwanese White Dolphin is a rare dolphin that lives near Western Taiwan. It only lives there because the water is not very deep. People also call it “Mazu’s fish” because it's often seen around the sea goddess Mazu’s birthday in March and April. These dolphins are about 2.4\* to 2.7\* meters long and have a small fin on top.

When the Taiwanese White Dolphin is born, it's dark gray, but as it gets older, it turns white with gray spots. But did you know they look pink? That's because we can see their blood vessels through their white and light gray skin! Did you know that the word “dolphin” in Chinese is “海豚”? It means “sea pig”. This is probably because the dolphin’s shape, color, and size can make it look like a pig.

Dolphins are social animals. Dolphins like to play and jump out of the water. The Taiwanese White Dolphins usually travel in groups of four. They're smart and follow fishing boats to eat fish.

Sadly, these dolphins are in danger. One problem is fishing. Dolphins often get stuck in fishing nets and have scars all over their bodies. Some unlucky ones even died in the net. Another problem is renewable energy. Renewable energy is good for our planet and many companies are building wind farms. These wind farms are good for the environment, but building them in the ocean takes away space for dolphins to live and can make a lot of noise, the noise can also confuse dolphins and make the water dirty. Dolphins and the fish they eat cannot live in dirty water.

The Taiwanese White Dolphin is important to Taiwan. We should protect them instead of harming them.

\*Mazu (媽祖) \* two point four (2.4) \* two point seven (2.7)