



NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE



NOAA's Office of Protected Resources works to conserve, protect, and recover species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) in conjunction with our various partners.

Protected Marine Species in the Gulf of Mexico

These Federally-protected species can be found in/near the Gulf:

1. Atlantic spotted dolphin
2. Blainville's beaked whale
3. Blue whale (endangered)
4. Bottlenose dolphin
5. Bryde's whale
6. Clymene dolphin
7. Cuvier's beaked whale
8. Dwarf sperm whale
9. Elkhorn coral (threatened)
10. False killer whale
11. Fin whale (endangered)
12. Fraser's dolphin
13. Gervais' beaked whale
14. Green sea turtle (endangered)
15. Gulf sturgeon (threatened)
16. Hawksbill sea turtle (endangered)
17. Johnson's seagrass (threatened)
18. Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (endangered)
19. Killer whale
20. Leatherback sea turtle (endangered)
21. Loggerhead sea turtle (threatened)
22. Melon-headed whale
23. Pantropical spotted dolphin
24. Pygmy killer whale
25. Pygmy sperm whale
26. Risso's dolphin
27. Rough-toothed dolphin
28. Sei whales (endangered)
29. Short-finned pilot whale
30. Smalltooth sawfish (endangered)
31. Sperm whales (endangered)
32. Spinner dolphin
33. Staghorn coral (threatened)
34. Striped dolphin