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REVIEW OF DOLPHIN MORTALITY LIMITS (DMLs) FOR 2025 AND 2026

This report presents details about the utilization of Dolphin Mortality Limits (DMLs) in 2025 and 2026.

The overall limit for the fleet, each year, has been 5,000, and the portion available for distribution 4,900; the difference constitutes the Reserve DML Allocation (RDA), utilized at the Director's discretion for extraordinary cases.

The situation for 2025 was as follows:

Type of DML (vessel limit)	Allocated	Utilized prior 1 April 1 October	Renounced	Exempted due to <i>force majeure</i>	Forfeited
Full-year (45)	107	89	2 ¹	13 ²	3
Second-semester	0				
RDA	4 ³	3	0	0	1

The current situation for 2026 (as of 29 July) is as follows:

Type of DML (vessel limit)	Allocated	Utilized prior to Apr-1	Renounced	Exempted due to <i>force majeure</i>	Forfeited
Full-year (47)	103	79	1 ⁴	21 ⁵	3
Second-semester	0				
RDA	6 ⁶	N/A	0	0	0

¹ 2 vessels renounced to their DML.

² 6 DML were not utilized.

³ 4 RDA DML assigned: 3 utilized and 1 not utilized.

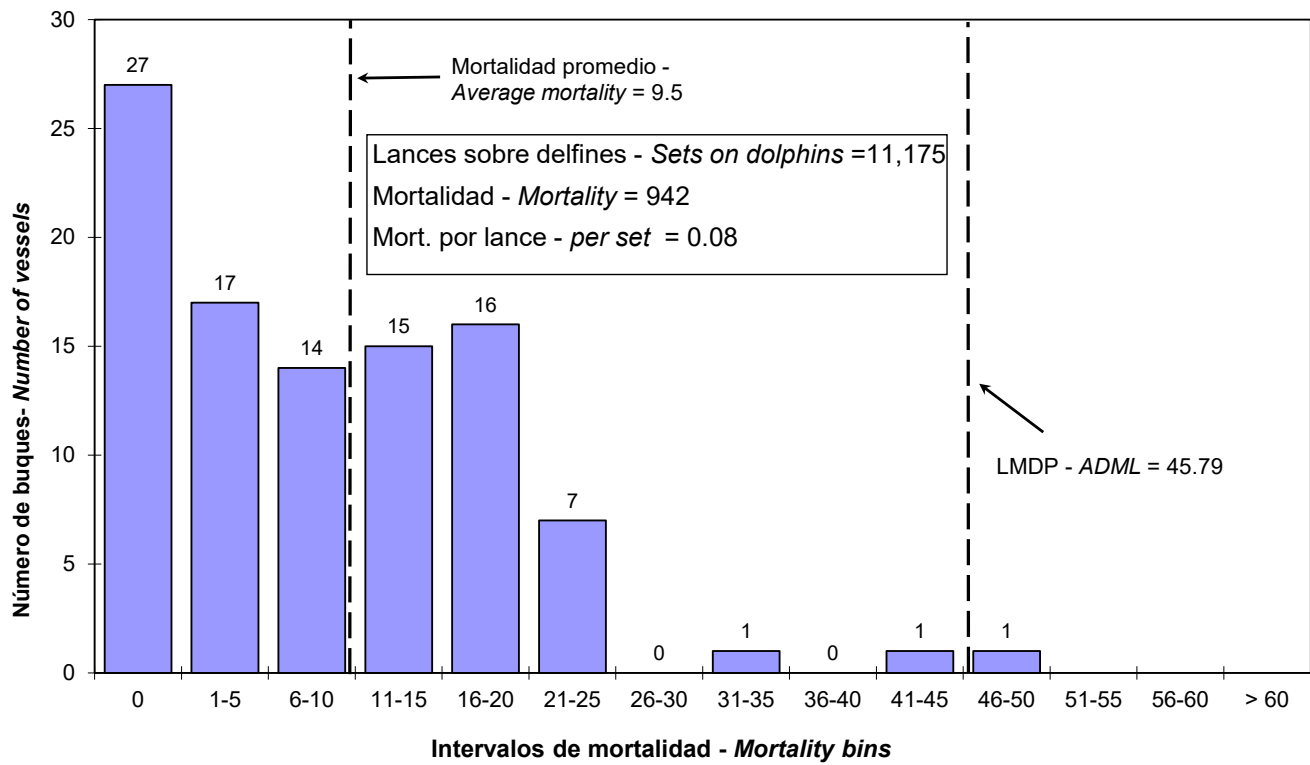
⁴ 1 vessel renounced to its DML.

⁵ 16 vessels' DML have not been utilized as of 29 July.

⁶ 6 RDA DML of 10 dolphins has been assigned.

The figures presented below illustrate the utilization of DMLs by category of cumulative mortality per vessel, together with statistics such as number of sets on dolphins, total and average mortality per vessel and per set.

MORTALIDAD CAUSADA POR BUQUES CON LMD - 2025
MORTALITY CAUSED BY DML VESSELS - 2025



MORTALIDAD CAUSADA POR BUQUES CON LMD - 2026
MORTALITY CAUSED BY DML VESSELS - 2026

