



### What did you do at the Lighthouse ?

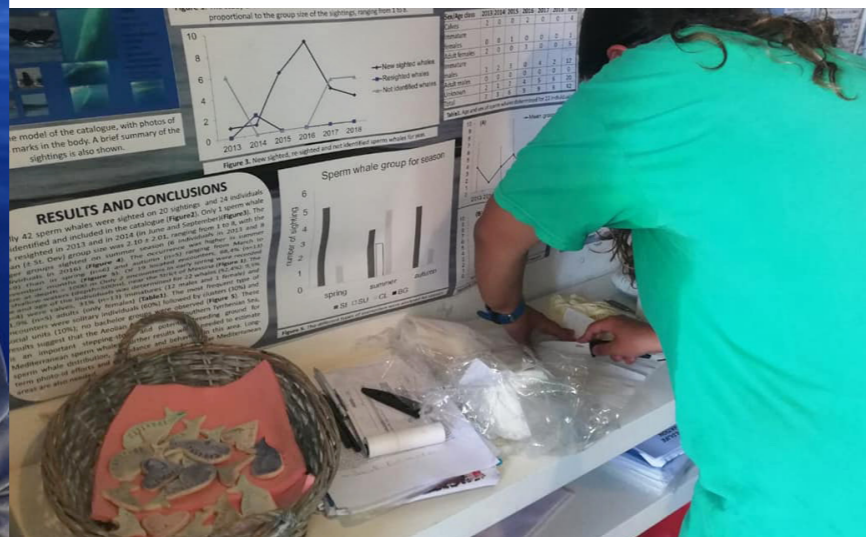
I carried out my honours project “Using photographic data to assess seasonal variability in the interaction between bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)” between May and December 2019, which was focused on using both photos taken at Chanonry Point of bottlenose dolphin individuals feeding on salmon and acoustic data to understand how environmental factors influence the predation rate.

### What are you doing now ?

I am currently a student on the IMBRSea (International Master of Science in Marine Biological Resources) program, with a minor in Applied Marine Ecology and Conservation, and a major in Applied Marine Megafauna Conservation. At the same time, I am a collaborator for a small NGO in Italy focused on the conservation of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*) and the first aid of loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) in the Aeolian Archipelago.

### What was the most valuable thing you learnt at the Lighthouse ?

The Lighthouse gave me the chance to carry out a research project for the first time. It was challenging, but throughout it, I had the support of the team. They taught me to keep going and never give up, even when it seems like there is no way out in front of a scientific question. Plus, more importantly, they showed me how important it is to work as part of a team, and how a team can work for a common goal and reach it.



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