

DYLAN COUNDRLEY-HUGHES

Marine Wildlife Science Communicator and Storyteller

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Profile

Marine biologist and science communicator with field experience in the UK, New Zealand, and Mozambique. Skilled in underwater surveys, videography, and digital storytelling, with content produced for the Sea Watch Foundation, Love The Oceans, and social media. Aiming to make marine conservation accessible through engaging stories grounded in science.

Education

2021 – 2024

University of Southampton

- Bsc (Hons) Biology – 1st Class
- Highlighted Classes: Seafloor Surveying & Marine Fisheries Ecology.

Skills

- Science Communication.
- Film production (Research, shooting, and editing).
- Marine field survey experience (underwater & vessel-based).
- Interviewing & story development.

Digital & Camera Skills

- Video editing: DaVinci Resolve, Cap Cut.
- Social media content creation (e.g. Instagram Reels)
- Camera operation: Canon EOS R7 (mirrorless), DJI Mini 4 Pro (drone)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office

Other

- Full UK Manual Driver's License.
- Artlist Music & SFX License.
- BDMLR Marine Mammal Medic
- BSAC Sports Diver & Boat Handler.
- Seasearch Qualified.
- CAA Operator & Flyer ID.

Reference

Philippa Young

Creative Director and Editor – What took you so long? INC.

Email: philippa@whattookyousolong.org

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Relevant Experience

- **Dolphin Spotting Boat Trips**
Wildlife Guide & Photographer – Cei Newydd **August – October 2025**
 - Informing passengers on local marine life i.e. Marine mammals.
 - Photography particularly of bottlenose dolphins for social media.
- **Love The Oceans** **June 2025 – August 2025**
Ocean Research Volunteer & Storyteller – Jangamo, Mozambique
 - Marine Professional Development Programme combining field research (Cetaceans, Elasmobranchs, Corals, Fisheries), community engagement, and content creation.
 - Currently editing 3 short videos for LTO on their BRUV, Aquaculture, and algae removal projects.
- **Ocean Culture Life** **January 2025 - Present**
Volunteer Science Communicator & Storyteller
 - Write stories of the sea blogs.
 - Scientifically accurate blogs on global ocean stories for an audience of ocean researchers, advocates, storytellers, and enthusiasts.
- **Kogia** **April 2025 – June 2025**
Wales Nature & Conservation Storytelling Fellow
 - Selected to create a short nature and conservation film in Wales on bottlenose dolphin conservation in Cardigan Bay.
 - Practised story boarding, camera operation, interviews, and video editing.
- **Sea Watch Foundation** **April 2025 – June 2025**
Research Intern – New Quay, Wales
 - Logged 237 volunteer hours, 79 of which were vessel-based survey hours to assess behaviour and sightings of bottlenose dolphins in Cardigan Bay.
- **Wildscreen** **October 2024 – Present**
Volunteer Pool 2025 Communications Assistant
 - Supporting Wildscreen event communications via creating Instagram story content, capturing impactful speaker quotes, and conducting interviews for social media distribution.