

DYLAN COUNDRLEY-HUGHES

Marine Wildlife Science Communicator and Storyteller

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Profile

Marine biologist and science communicator with Cetacean field experience in the UK 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

University of Southampton (2021-2024)

- BSc (Hons) Biology – 1st Class

Pending Publications

- Bottlenose dolphin interspecies infanticide, collaboration with WWF's River Dolphin Lead – Emily Cunningham.

Skills

- Science Communication.
- Film production.
- Marine field survey experience (underwater & vessel-based).
- Interviewing & story development.

Digital & Camera Skills

- Video editing: DaVinci Resolve.
- Social media content creation (Instagram, Meta Suite, TikTok).
- Camera and drone operation.
- Exposure to Canva & Wordpress.

Other

- Full UK Manual Driver's License (21+)
- CAA Operator & Flyer ID.
- BDMLR Marine Mammal Medic
- BSAC Sports Diver & Boat Handler.
- Seasearch Qualified.
- Coastal Futures bursary recipient.

Reference

Philippa Young

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

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This CV may be kept on file and distributed for employment purposes.

Relevant Experience

- Kogia** **January 2026 – Present**
Image and species logger - Kogia Underwater Image Library
- Dolphin Spotting Boat Trips** **August 2025 – October 2025**
Wildlife Guide & Photographer – Cei Newydd
 - 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.
 - Editing short videos on LTOs' BRUV, SEAHAR, and coral 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 – October 2025**
Volunteer Pool 2025 Communications Assistant
 - Supporting Wildscreen event communications via creating Instagram story content, capturing speaker quotes, and conducting interviews.