

# Field Officer Application Form



## Ischia Dolphin Project

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## THE ROLE OF A FIELD OFFICER (FO)

FOs are required from May until October. The minimum stay is three consecutive weeks. FOs must be sociable, as they will be expected to work and live as part of a team of up to 12 people with shared cooking and cleaning duties. Unfortunately, this is not a paid position; FOs must organize and pay for their transport to Ischia and their meals. Accommodation (onboard) and insurance are provided by Oceanomare Delphis APS. FOs will be based on board the research vessel Jean Gab for the entire period.

All candidates are actively invited to carefully and thoroughly read the Oceanomare Delphis APS webpage ([www.oceanomaredelphis.org](http://www.oceanomaredelphis.org)), and [the informative for volunteers](#) to better understand how life on board is going to be and the type of activities and duties you will be requested to do.

## IMPORTANT SKILLS

### ESSENTIAL

- a background in biology/environmental science or similar
- a keen interest and knowledge of Mediterranean cetaceans
- good computer skills
- good English language skills
- ability to get on well with others in a small team and shared accommodation
- be enthusiastic, hard-working, team-oriented, motivated, and willing to work and learn
- be adaptable, flexible, and patient, as fieldwork is highly weather-dependent
- be comfortable with living on a boat for several days without the usual commodities
- have a right and sociable attitude towards the eco-volunteers
- be committed and able to work long hours for several weeks in a row
- be safety conscious
- be fit and healthy



## DESIRABLE

- prior experience on sailing boats
- prior experience in boat-based survey work. Those with no experience should demonstrate their willingness to learn
- good verbal and written communication skills and public speaking
- experience in interacting with the public

All Field Officers will be trained in cetacean observation and identification, ad libitum transect survey protocols, and other research techniques.

## DUTIES

Applicants are expected to participate in the following duties:

- data collection
- data entry
- learn all scientific and non-scientific protocols
- help out with the day-to-day running of the vessel
- help out with participants' needs
- sharing cooking and cleaning duties
- coordinate participants' duties
- working seven days a week (some free time on Sundays afternoon is usually allowed if possible).



# APPLICATION FORM

## PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

The personal data willingly supplied by the candidates in this Application Form is used solely for personnel selection procedures.

According to Italian Law (art. 13, D. Lgs. #196/03), I allow the Oceanomare Delphis APS to use my data for accounting and statistical analyses.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this Application Form in English, and be concise.

## PERSONAL DETAILS

Forename(s)	
Surname	
Full Address	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

Current Driving Licence?	Yes	No	Group

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<b>Emergency contact details: in case of emergency at sea, please specify the relationship (e.g. father, boyfriend, sister)</b>		
	<b>Contact 1</b>	<b>Contact 2</b>
<b>Name and Surname</b>		
<b>Relationship</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Phone number (day)</b>		
<b>Phone number (evening)</b>		
<b>Mobile phone number</b>		
<b>Email address</b>		

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

<b>Please note below if you have any long-term medical conditions that require particular attention from the other members of the staff (e.g. long-term illnesses, allergies, and intolerances).</b>



Please note below if you have any particular dietary requirements (e.g. vegan, vegetarian)

#### YOUR MOTIVATION TO PARTICIPATE

How did you first hear about the Oceanomare Delphis APS and the opportunity to participate in the Ischia Dolphin Project?



**Why would you like to participate in this project and how do you think you could contribute to it?**

**Having read all the informative material available on the Oceanomare Delphis APS website, do you feel comfortable carrying out all the activities and duties you will be requested to do?**



**How would you describe your current knowledge about cetaceans?**

**Have you ever taken part in other eco-volunteering projects? If yes, please provide details and a reference contact below.**

**Do you have previous experience in biological or ecological field data collection? If yes, please specify details of the techniques you have learned below.**





**Taking part in the IDP project requires multidisciplinary skills and knowledge. Understanding the requirements needed for the day-to-day running of the vessel, and the ability to apply all the research techniques requires several years of participation. Would you be interested in committing to the project for several years to contribute to it?**

**Have you ever been on board a boat? If yes, specify the type and reason for being on board, and whether you happened to suffer from seasickness.**

**The Officers' duties on board are diverse and involve cleaning and cooking. While onboard to learn and participate in the day-to-day activities of the cruise, the eco-volunteers are also mainly on holiday, which means that staff may need to look after them in different ways. How do you feel about non-scientific tasks?**



**In case you have any particular dietary requirements, would you be prepared to cook any food for the other participants?**

**The official language on board the boat is English. Assistants must be able to communicate with everybody and understand instructions. What is your level of English? Do you speak any other languages?**

Please send a copy of this file to [barbara@oceanomaredelphis.org](mailto:barbara@oceanomaredelphis.org) together with a to-date copy of your CV and a cover letter.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_