

# Death of baby dolphin triggers outrage in Spain

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The baby dolphin died after being manhandled by bathers, the Equinac conservation group said

Spanish animal lovers reacted with fury on Wednesday after a baby dolphin approached a holiday beach, where it died as bathers played with it and took pictures.

A whale and dolphin conservation group, Equinac, said the incident occurred Saturday on the tourist beach of Mojacar, in the southeast of the country.

Bathers played with the dolphin in the shallows, inadvertently blocking her breathing hole and pulling her from the water for pictures, probably causing stress that proved fatal, it said.

The baby may have turned up on the beach because it was separated from its mother—in which case, it could not have survived—or because it was sick, Equinac suggested.

Twitter users responded with outrage.

"If you go to the [beach](#), leave your stupidity at home," said one.

"Did you take selfies after it died?" asked another.

A Facebook posting by an animal rights party, Pacma, which blamed "harassment by [bathers](#)" for the mammal's death, was "liked" more than 4,800 times.

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