

21 dolphins die after washing up on Mexico beach

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Twenty-one dolphins that were apparently attacked by another species of dolphin have died after washing up on a beach in northern Mexico,



authorities said.

Environmental activists launched a frantic operation to try to save the dolphins after a group of 54 washed up on a rocky beach in Bahia de la Paz, in Mexico's Baja California peninsula.

They managed to get 33 of the short-beaked common dolphins back in the water alive, but the rest died on the beach, the Mexican environmental protection authority, Profepa, said in a statement.

The dolphins had <u>bite marks</u> that appeared to indicate they had been attacked by <u>bottlenose dolphins</u>, rescuers said.

Despite their cute and friendly reputation, some dolphins, including the bottlenose, are known to attack and even kill other dolphins.

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