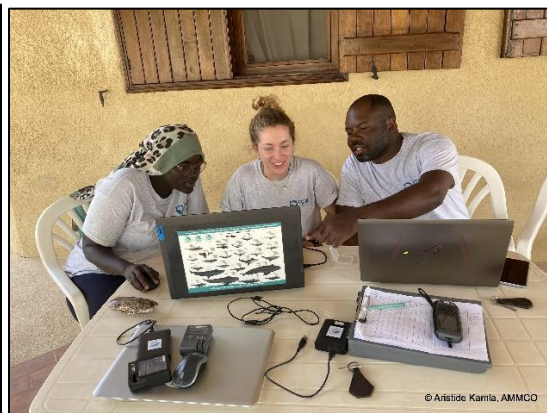




CCAHD Activities conducted in the first half of 2022 focusing on activities supported by the Friends of Nuremberg Zoo



Clockwise from top left: The Senegal Survey team (Cheibany from Mauritania, Demba from Senegal, Gianna Minton from the Netherlands, and Diana Seck from Senegal); Diana from Senegal, Nina from Switzerland, and Aristide from Cameroon enter data after a day of surveys; Edem from Nigeria, Gianna from the Netherlands, Aissa from Guinea Bisseau, and Cheibany from Mauritania meet up at the PRCM meeting in Senegal; Aristide from Cameroon and Diana from Senegal search for dolphins.

Gianna Minton

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Introduction

The Friends of Nuremberg Zoo have supported the Consortium for the Conservation of the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (CCAHD) since its inception in 2020. A 25,000 Euro grant in 2020 allowed the CCAHD to hire a part-time coordinator, recruit partners in range countries, design and launch a [trilingual website](#), and conduct a systematic assessment of the [short and medium-term priority actions](#) required to conserve the species. A second grant of the same amount in 2021, allowed the coordinator to continue working 1-2 days a week throughout the year, and to work with partners to raise funds for the first research and government outreach projects to commence in Atlantic humpback dolphin (AHD) range countries. These activities are summarized in the [CCAHD 2021 Annual report](#). This brief report provides an overview of activities conducted in the first half of 2022, with an emphasis on those that were supported with remaining funds from the Friends of Nuremberg 2021 donation together with the new funds that have been made available for 2022.

Core Coordination and international team building

A significant portion of the Friends of Nuremberg funding for CCAHD has been used to compensate a part time Coordinator, Gianna Minton, who has been responsible for the day-to-day running of the CCAHD, and for all aspects of internal and external communication within the network. Activities that she has conducted in the first half of 2022 include:

- Coordinating the establishment of a CCAHD Foundation under Dutch Law, including securing pro-bono support from a notary office for all of the legal paperwork and registration, the organisation of the first [board meeting](#), and follow-up, including the drafting of a Financial Policy and a 5-year Strategic Plan. The Foundation is now formally established and in the process of establishing a bank account to facilitate future fund raising.
- Coordinating fund-raising efforts, as well as supporting ongoing [projects](#) in Gabon, [Senegal](#), [Guinea](#), and a further 4 countries that will implement an [interview survey project](#).
- Maintaining regular contact with as many CCAHD partners as possible through regular email messages to the full distribution list, as well as 1-1 sessions with range country partners, to support their fund-raising and conservation efforts. This includes on-line virtual training sessions and support in writing funding or fellowship proposals.
- Communication with regional organisations like the PPI and PRCM to identify additional range country partners and regional funding opportunities.
- Maintenance and updating of the CCAHD website, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts with [news](#) and updates.

Additional core coordination/team-building costs covered by the 2021 Friends of Nuremberg funds include:

- The printing of 50 t-shirts with CCAHD logos in French and English, which are worn by CCAHD board members and partners in AHD range countries during fieldwork and other engagements (see front page of report for photos). While seemingly 'cosmetic' it was amazing to see how wearing these T-shirts created an immediate and strong team spirit.
- The postage costs to send t-shirts and regional [marine mammal identification cards](#) printed on sturdy water-proof card to AHD partners in range countries.
- Renewal of a [DeepL professional](#) subscription to facilitate translation of email communications, website content, and power-point presentations.

Participation of a Mauritanian Researcher in hands-on training in Senegal, March 2022

In March 2022, an international team conducted a 3-week long survey in the Delta Saloum Senegal. This was the second survey in the area, funded by the Loro Parque Foundation. While the costs of the core team, equipment, and boat hire were all covered by Loro Parque, a portion of the 2021 Friends of Nuremberg Zoo donation was used to allow a researcher from Mauritania to participate in the survey for 6 days. Cheibany Senahoury (pictured in the top and bottom left photos on the cover page of this report), the Technical Advisor for the Banc D'Arguin National Park in Mauritania took part in a half-day 'classroom based' training session, followed by 5 days on the boat in the Saloum Delta, where he had hands-on experience with data collection, as well as opportunities to exchange experiences with three different rangers and managers from MPAs within the Delta Saloum. Following the time together in Senegal, Gianna has been working with Cheibany to identify funding opportunities that would allow him to initiate similar surveys in the Banc D'Arguin, a coastal national park that is also known to host AHD.



Atlantic humpback dolphins photographed in March, 2022 in the Saloum Delta in Senegal. The survey team is pictured in the lower lefthand corner.