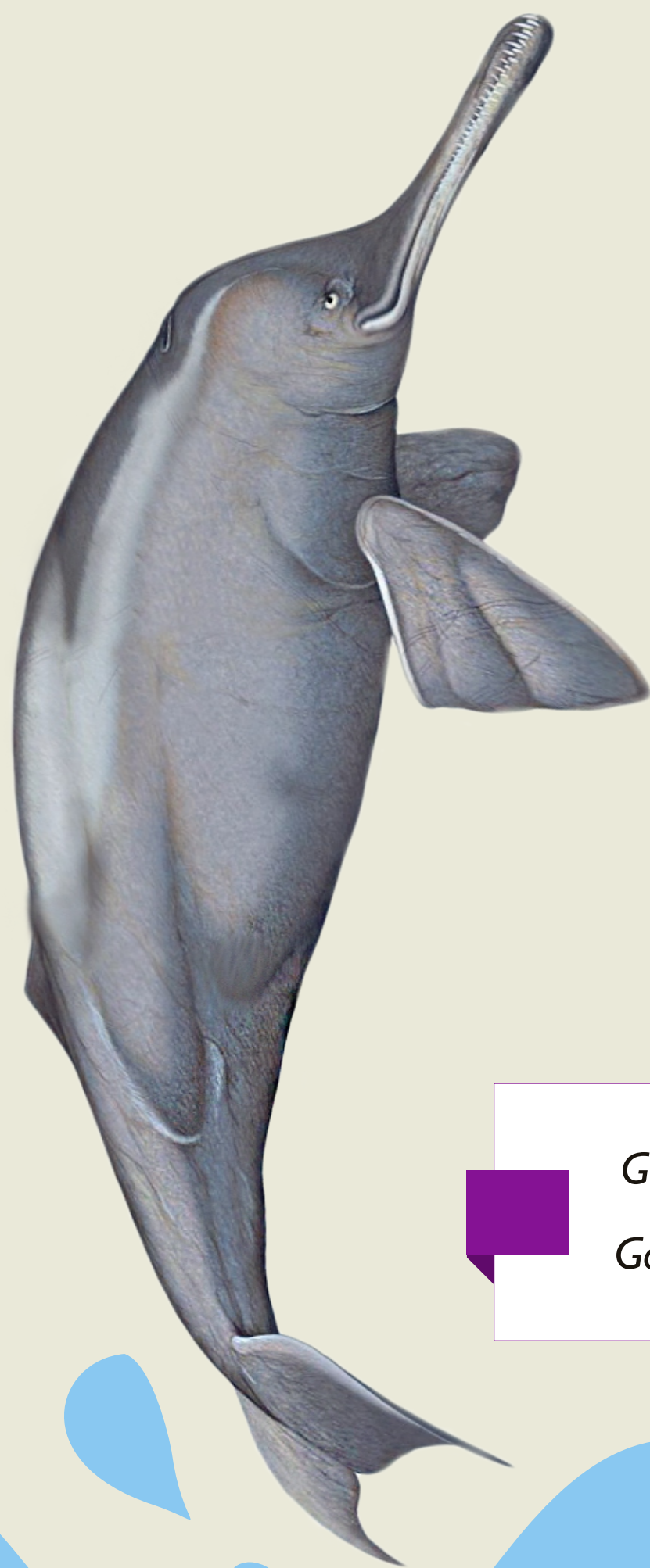


The Gangetic Dolphin is an indicator species for the river ecosystem and is at the apex of the food chain. It is an endemic and rare aquatic mammal found only in Indian subcontinent and is part of our natural aquatic heritage

Every year, India celebrates **Ganga River Dolphin Day** on 5th October



Scientific Name

PIATANISTA GANGETICA



Status

Endangered



Population

1200 - 1800



Length

upto 2.70m (F), 2.12m (M)



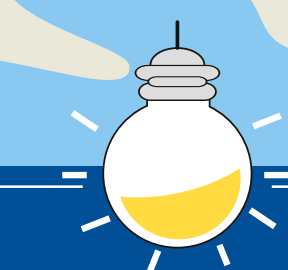
Habitat

Freshwater river

Gestation period : 9-11 months and female gives birth to only one calf, once in 2-3 years.
Gangetic Dolphins are generally blind and catch their prey by emitting an ultrasonic sound.

⚠ Threats

- Boat Traffic
- Poaching
- Range Fragmentation
- Bycatch in Fishing Gear
- Habitat Destruction
- Pollution



The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change notified the Ganges River Dolphin as the National Aquatic Animal on 10th May 2010.

Save Dolphins from extinction...



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