

Polperro Dolphin Swims and Marine Education

About Polperro

Polperro runs both water-based activities and land-based presentations that provide students with a unique and potentially life-changing opportunity to see and experience what makes Port Phillip Bay a precious environment. Heavy emphasis is placed on seeing and informing students about the unique marine life living in the bay, the pressures which Port Phillip Bay faces and the management strategies used and available to protect this environment.

Whilst Polperro is able to provide information about a range of topics, the following fieldwork questions relate to Unit 2 Tourism. More specifically, Polperro is able to provide information about

- The broad environmental, economic and socio- cultural impacts of tourism in the Mornington Peninsula.
- The specific impacts of tourism on the marine environment of Port Phillip Bay.
- The management strategies responding to the broad environmental, economic and socio- cultural impacts of tourism in the Mornington Peninsula and the effectiveness of these strategies.
- The specific strategies implemented to protect the marine environment of Port Phillip Bay from the impacts of tourism and the effectiveness of these strategies.
- The importance of eco-tourism in making tourism sustainable.
- The principles of eco tourism Polperro follows to ensure the sustainability of tourism and the marine environment of Port Phillip Bay.

To consider:

As mentioned above Polperro offer both water and land based activities. You can choose to do just one or combine the two together.

The water based activities centre on a boat trip around selected areas of Port Phillip Bay. During this trip students will get the opportunity to see examples of the marine life and a chance to snorkel with dolphins and seals. Whilst on board, the experienced crew of Polperro talk to students about the environmental significance of Port Phillip Bay, the marine life that is seen on the trip and the need to manage this environment. If notified, the crew can concentrate their content to suit the focus of your fieldwork trip/class content (see the above list).

5. Complete the table below outlining the broad environmental, economic and socio - cultural impacts of tourism in the Mornington Peninsula. For each impact describe relevant management strategies and the effectiveness of these strategies.

Impacts of tourism in the Mornington Peninsula.	Management strategies responding to these impacts.	Comment on the effectiveness of strategy (consider factors such as the sustainability of the strategy and whether the strategy achieves the goals set).

6. Complete the table below outlining the impacts of tourism to the marine environment of Port Phillip Bay. For each impact describe any relevant management strategies and comment on the effectiveness of these strategies. PLEASE NOTE - if you wish this table could be changed to look at the impacts of tourism on specific species such as the seals or dolphins.

Impact of tourism to the marine environment.	Management strategies responding to these impacts.	Comment on the effectiveness of strategy (consider factors such as the sustainability of the strategy and whether the strategy achieves the goals set).

7. Polperro is “Eco Certified - Advanced Ecotourism” During your time with Polperro observe and collect information to be able to complete the table below.

Eco tourism principles.	Examples of how Polperro fulfils these principles.
Nature based.	
Aims to be sustainable.	
Involves interpretation and education.	

Provides financial benefits for conservation.	
Generates financial benefits for both local people and private industry.	
Recognises the rights and spiritual beliefs of the indigenous people in the community.	

8. During your trip observe the specific actions taken by the crew of Polperro to ensure the sustainability of their operations/trips. Based on your observations and follow up discussion complete the table below.

Outline and purpose of strategy/ action taken by Polperro to ensure the sustainability of their operations.	Comment on the effectiveness of the strategy/action (consider factors such as the sustainability of the strategy and whether the strategy achieves the goals set).

