

# New Zealand's Dolphin – *Cephalorhynchus hectori*

Hector's dolphin is the world's smallest marine dolphin, 1.3 m, only found in shallow waters around New Zealand. Continued deaths in fishermen's nets and lack of political will for their protection threaten these coastal dolphins. Philatelically appear on 10 NZ stamps (1991-2012) – they tell the story



First Stamp 1991

Only Pictorial Postmark  
FDI 24 July 1991



**Quadruple Concordance** Hector's image  
Hand-coloured Cachet, Cinderella 50c, semipostal  
stamp 45c, Pictorial postmark FDI 24 July 1991

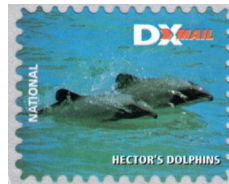
*"Their Future is in Our Hands"*  
Cinderella rouletted 1985



Sir James Hector 1967  
discoverer 1873



Circular S/A 2007



Alternative Postal Operator S/A 2012  
'watermark' 2012 overprinted on front



Setnets entangle & kill Hector's Dolphins

