

MONITORING RIGHT WHALES: SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION DURING THE BREEDING SEASON



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BETWEEN AUGUST AND NOVEMBER, PROFRANCA CARRIES OUT MONITORING AT FIXED POINTS, WITH A TEAM OF INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS OF BRAZIL.

One of the main characteristics of the southern right whale is its coastal habit when accompanied by its calves—a common behavior during the breeding season, which occurs between June and November in southern Brazil. Taking advantage of this proximity to the coast, ProFRANCA, sponsored by Petrobras, conducts land-based monitoring at fixed points to track the presence, behavior, and distribution of whales that arrive on the Santa Catarina coast to have their calves.

For the 2025 season, nine Biological Sciences and Oceanography students, aged 20 to 24, were selected to join the monitoring team. Hailing from Minas Gerais, São Paulo, Santa Catarina, and Rio Grande do Sul, they are joining ProFRANCA to experience field research and directly contribute to species conservation.

FOLLOW THIS WORK ON THE SIGHTING MAP



In addition to generating a database for scientific research on the southern right whale, the monitoring records carried out by the ProFRANCA team can be followed on the Sightings Map available for consultation through the ProFRANCA application, obtained free of charge on the platforms

Google Play and Apple Store .

EXPERIENCE AND LEARNING AT THE NATIONAL RIGHT WHALE CONSERVATION CENTER

Interns and volunteers also participate in educational activities at the National Right Whale Conservation Center, ProFRANCA's headquarters in Itapirubá Norte. Throughout the season, they have the opportunity to learn about the daily routine of a conservation organization, interact with the local community, and strengthen the link between science and society.

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