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With the second largest exclusive economic zone in the world (in excess of 11 000 000 km²), the metropolitan and overseas territories of France are host to 71 species of marine mammals. This book – the first of a series focusing on the wild mammals of France – marks a considerable progress in knowledge on the distribution of the 16 Carnivora, 53 Cetartiodactyla and 2 Sirenia found in the French waters. It synthesizes over 90 000 observation data collected since 2000 by some thirty agencies.

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