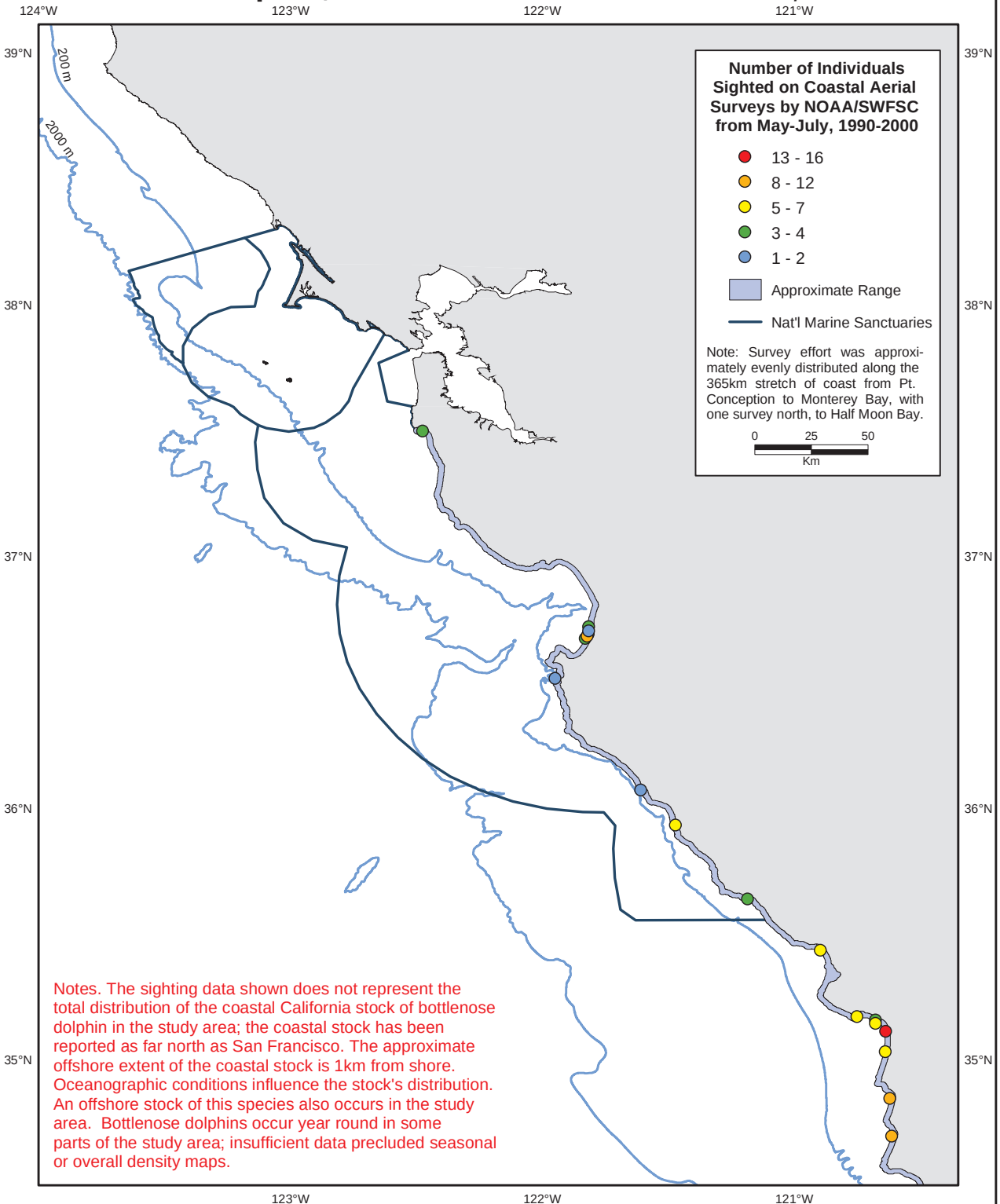
Bottlenose Dolphin, California Coastal Stock *Tursiops truncatus*



Notes. The sighting data shown does not represent the total distribution of the coastal California stock of bottlenose dolphin in the study area; the coastal stock has been reported as far north as San Francisco. The approximate offshore extent of the coastal stock is 1km from shore. Oceanographic conditions influence the stock's distribution. An offshore stock of this species also occurs in the study area. Bottlenose dolphins occur year round in some parts of the study area; insufficient data precluded seasonal or overall density maps.

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