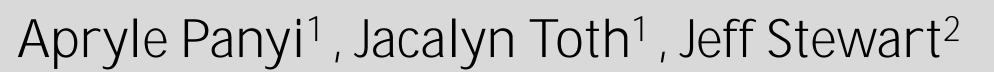
## Xenobalanus globicipitis: Occurrence patterns and use for stock identification in New Jersey bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops truncatus)



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On the US Atlantic coast, bottlenose dolphins are managed according to stock membership (Waring *et al.*, 2013). Photo-identification, satellite tagging, and genetic data help determine temporal/spatial stock differentiation. A stock' is a population of dolphins with distinct movement/behavioral/morphological patterns. Multiple studies have shown that the pseudo-stalked barnacle, *Xenobalanus globicipitis*, may be a useful indicator of stock membership. *X. globicipitis* has a commensal non-pathogenic relationship with bottlenose