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Start by going to Wikipedia directly (www.wikipedia.org) and search for "dolphin". You should arrive at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolphin>.

The book creator: PDF and OpenOffice

The book creator is a tool available on Wikipedia that allows you to make collections from Wikipedia pages, and then download these collections in various formats, such as PDF files or files suitable for [OpenOffice](#). The PDF format export option is useful if you would like to provide a number of Wikipedia pages for students without modifying those pages. If you wish to modify Wikipedia content after downloading it, you can use the OpenOffice format instead. You can also make collections with your students in class, asking groups of students to compile a set of Wikipedia pages on a particular topic (while thinking about why they include or exclude certain pages as they create).

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The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "Dolphin". In the left-hand menu, under the "Print/export" section, a red arrow points to the "Create a book" link. The main content area shows the article title "Dolphin" and a summary paragraph. A sidebar on the right provides additional information, including a timeline of the dolphin's existence and its scientific classification.

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Dolphin

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A bottlenose dolphin breaching in the bow wave of a boat

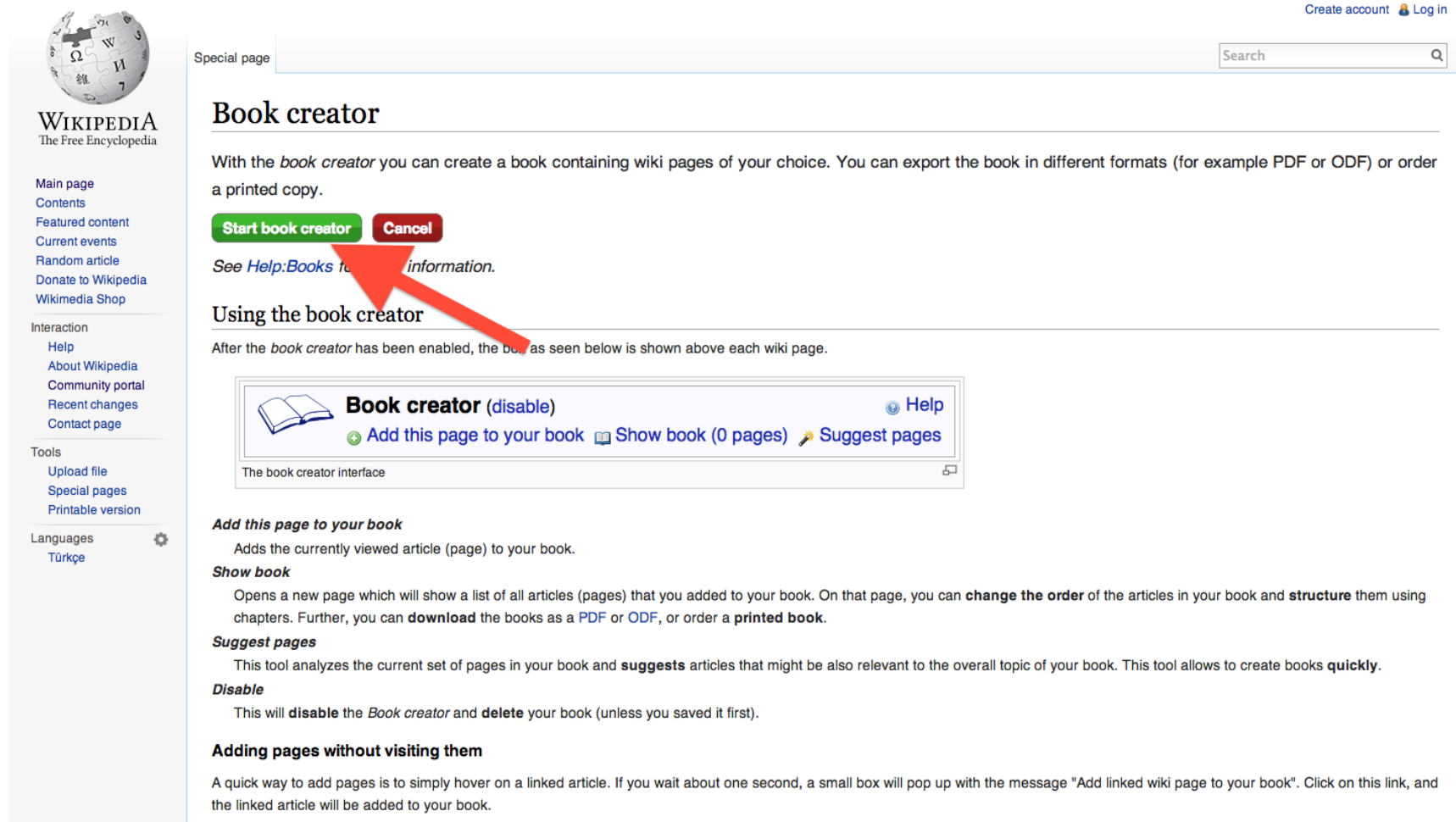
Scientific classification

Kingdom: **Animalia**
Phylum: **Chordata**
Class: **Mammalia**
Order: **Cetacea**
Suborder: **Odontoceti**
Family:

- Delphinidae
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The book creator interface

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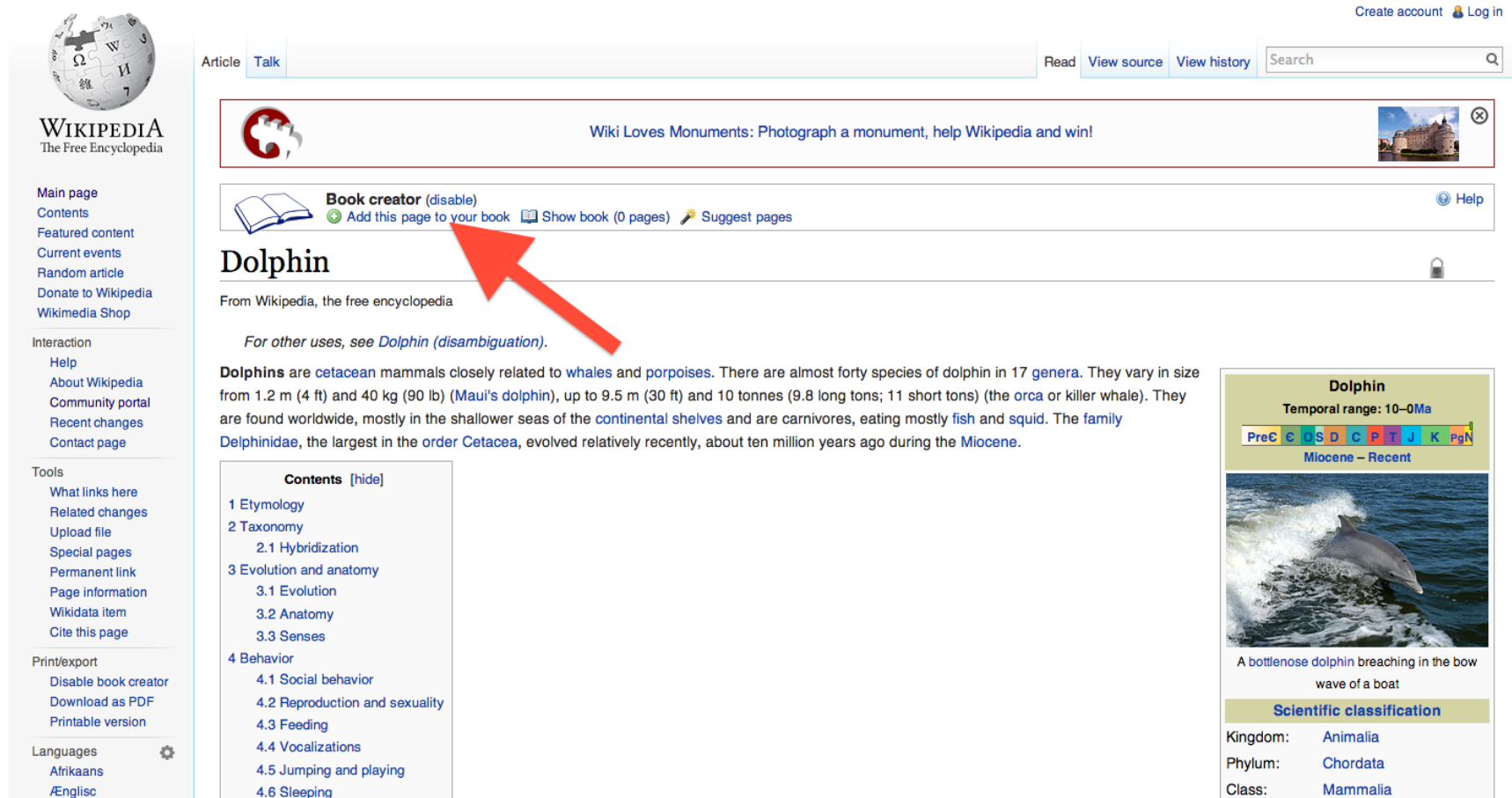
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A **bottlenose dolphin** breaching in the bow wave of a boat

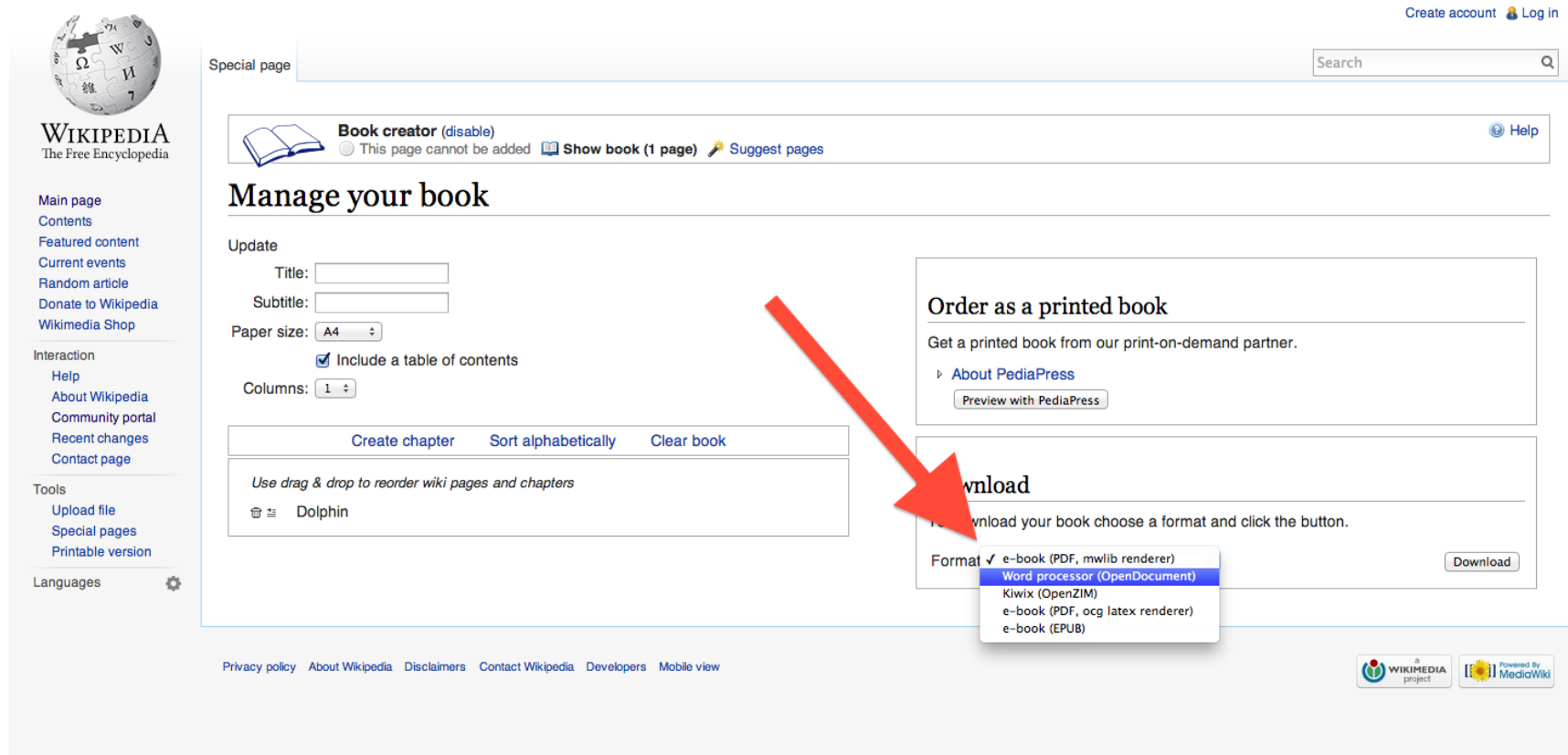
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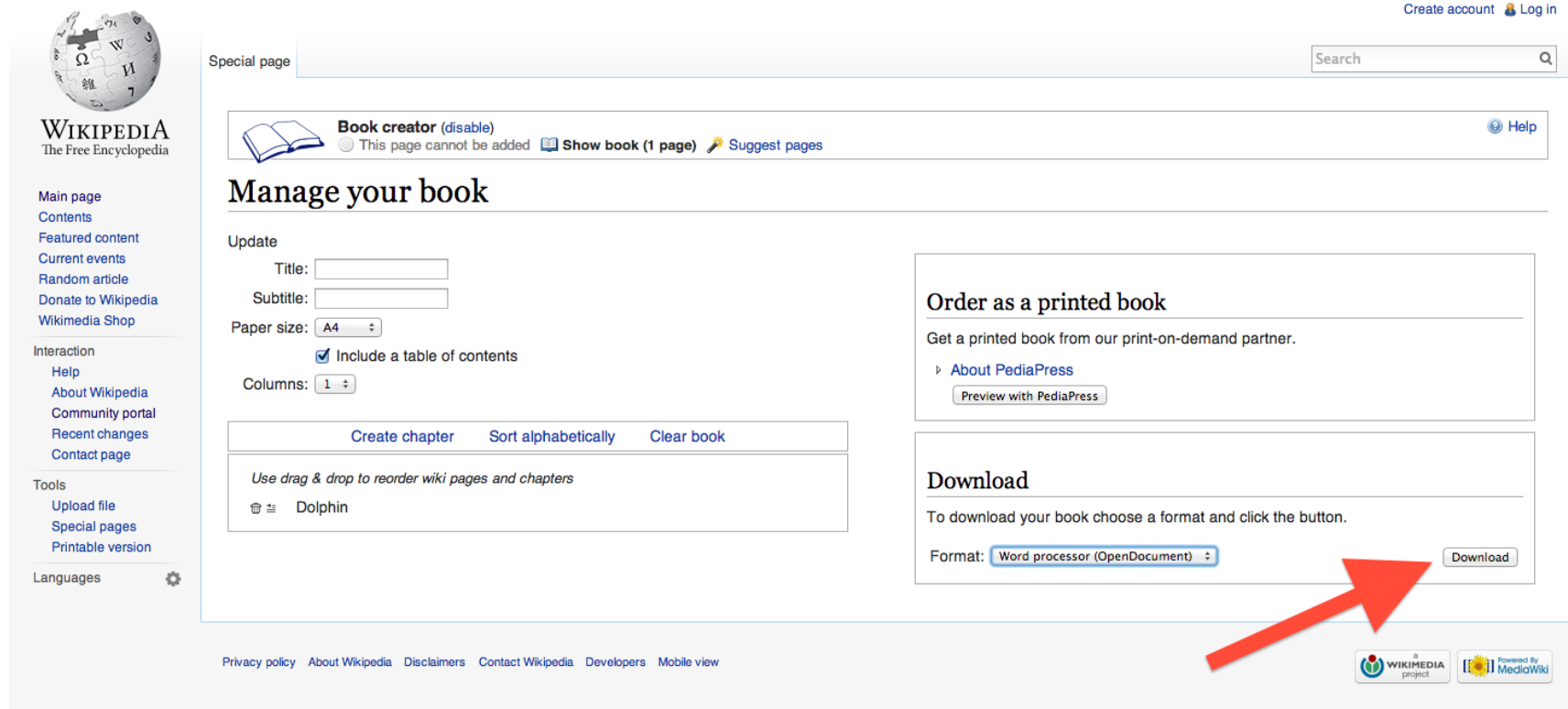
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The screenshot shows the Wikipedia Book Creator interface. On the left is a sidebar with the Wikipedia logo and various navigation links. The main content area is titled 'Manage your book' and includes an 'Update' section with input fields for title and subtitle, a paper size dropdown set to 'A4', a checked checkbox for 'Include a table of contents', and a columns dropdown set to '1'. Below these are buttons for 'Create chapter', 'Sort alphabetically', and 'Clear book'. A drag-and-drop area contains a single page titled 'Dolphin'. To the right, there are two boxes: 'Order as a printed book' with a 'Preview with PediaPress' button, and 'Download' with a format dropdown set to 'Word processor (OpenDocument)' and a 'Download' button. A large red arrow points to the 'Download' button. At the top right, there are links for 'Create account' and 'Log in', and a search bar. The footer contains links for 'Privacy policy', 'About Wikipedia', 'Disclaimers', 'Contact Wikipedia', 'Developers', and 'Mobile view', along with logos for the Wikimedia Project and MediaWiki.

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
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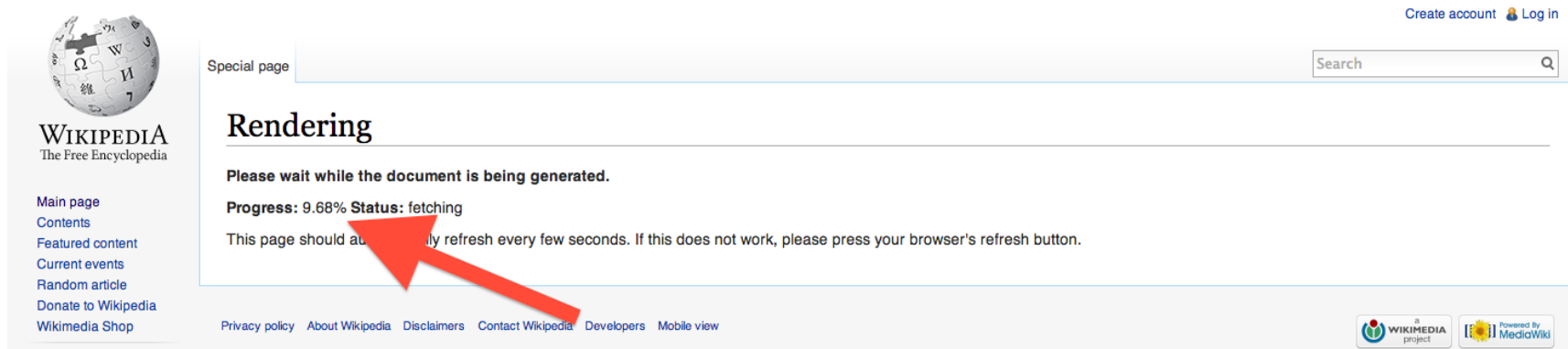
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However, not all software programmes are compatible with OpenOffice files, so this method may not work for you. We now describe another method that you can use to copy text from Wikipedia pages.



Method 2: Copy and paste

If you don't want to create a PDF, or you don't use OpenOffice, you can always use copy and paste. Go back to the Dolphin page and locate the "Printable version" option in the left menu:

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for 'Dolphin'. In the left-hand menu, under the 'Tools' section, the 'Printable version' link is highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area includes a 'Contents' table of contents, a paragraph describing dolphins, and a summary box on the right. The summary box contains a timeline, a photo of a bottlenose dolphin, and its scientific classification.

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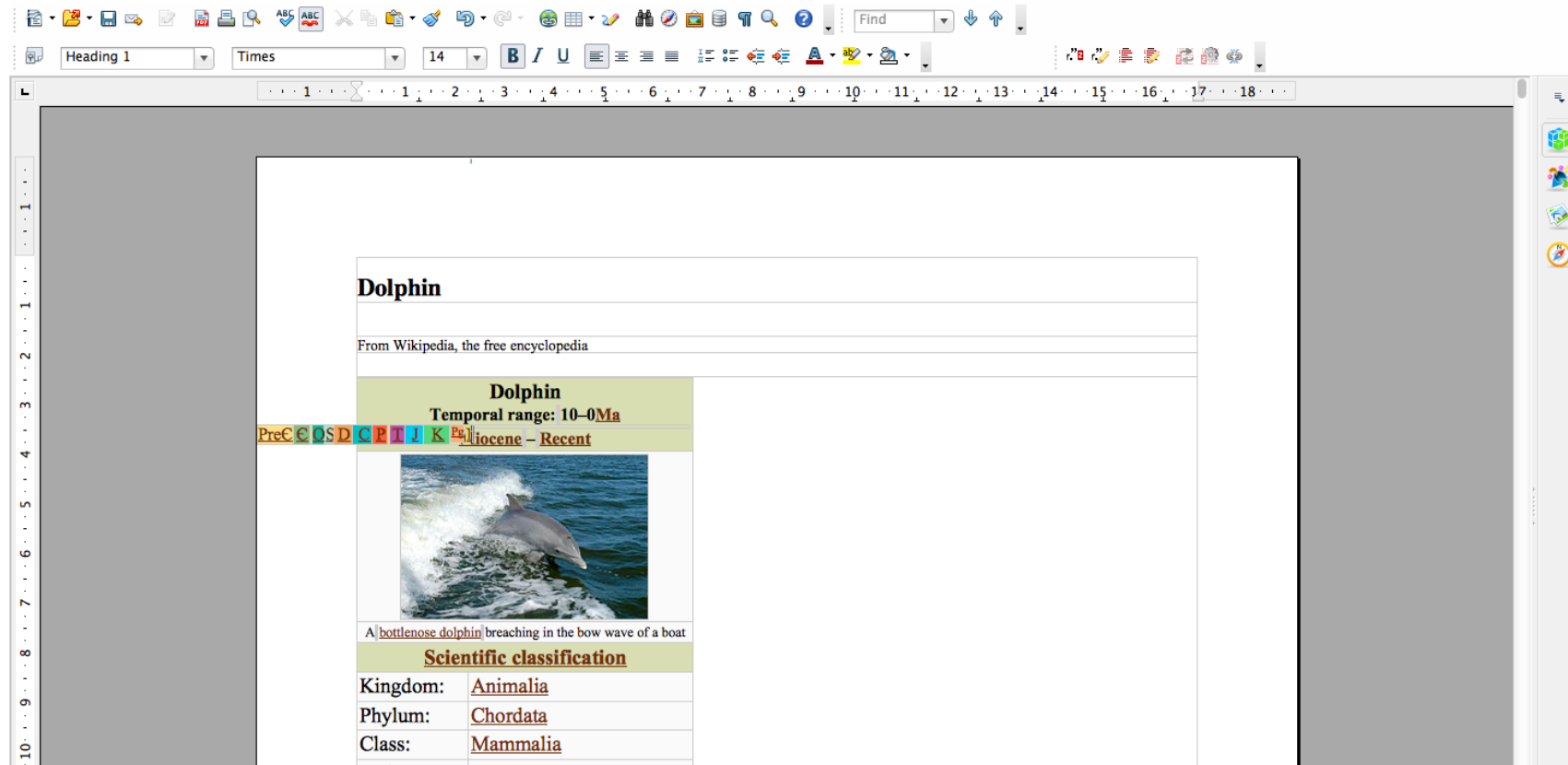
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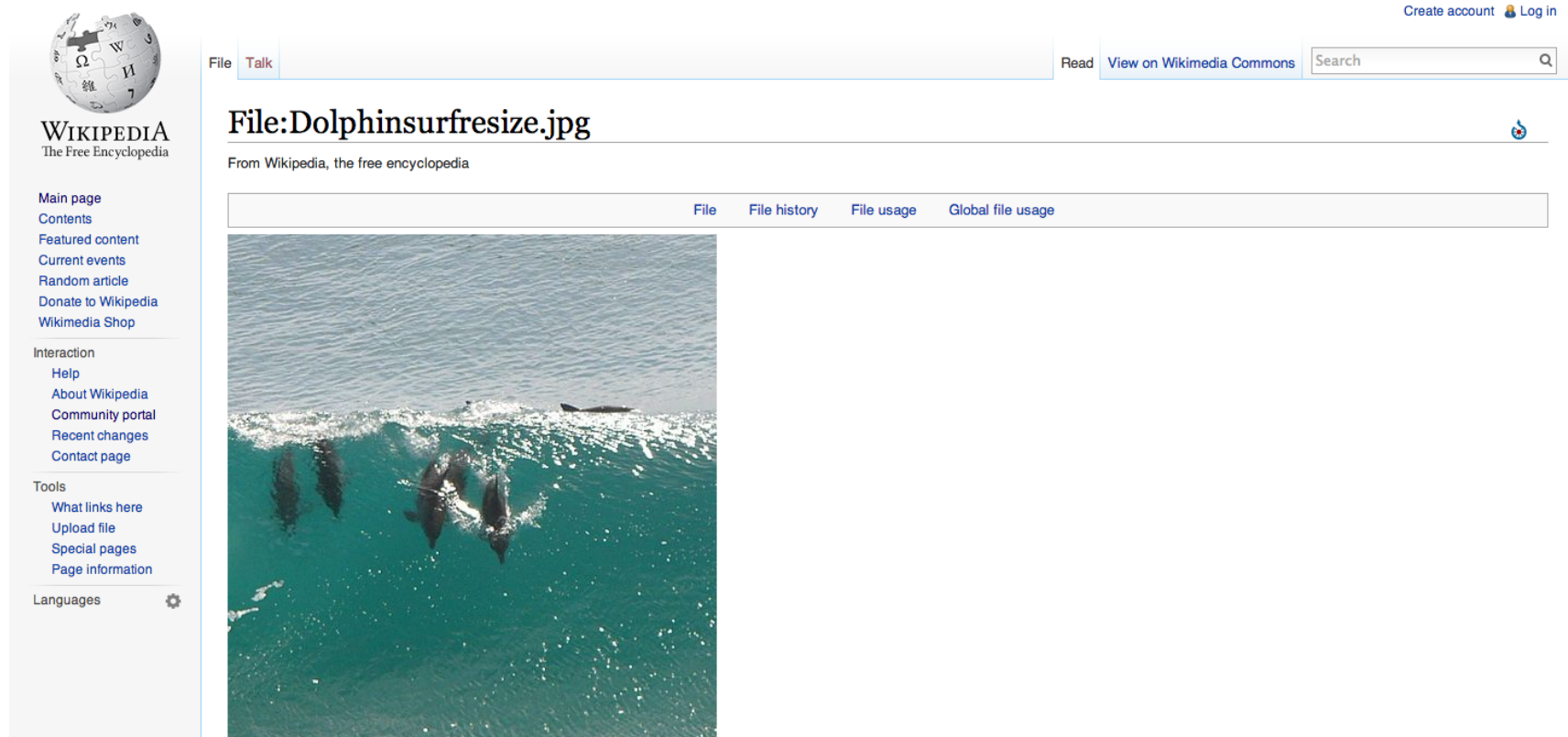


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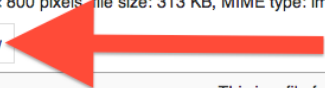
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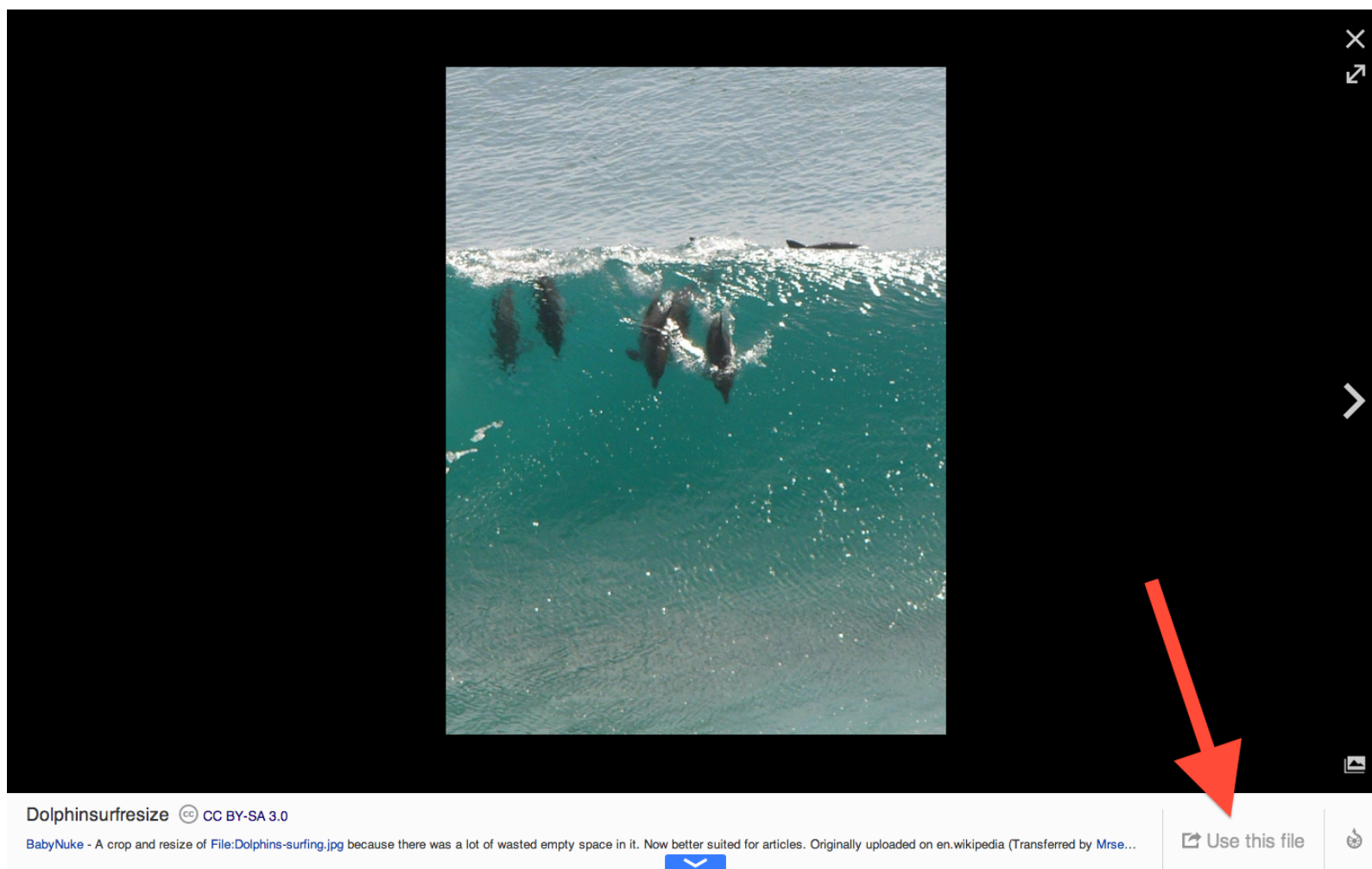
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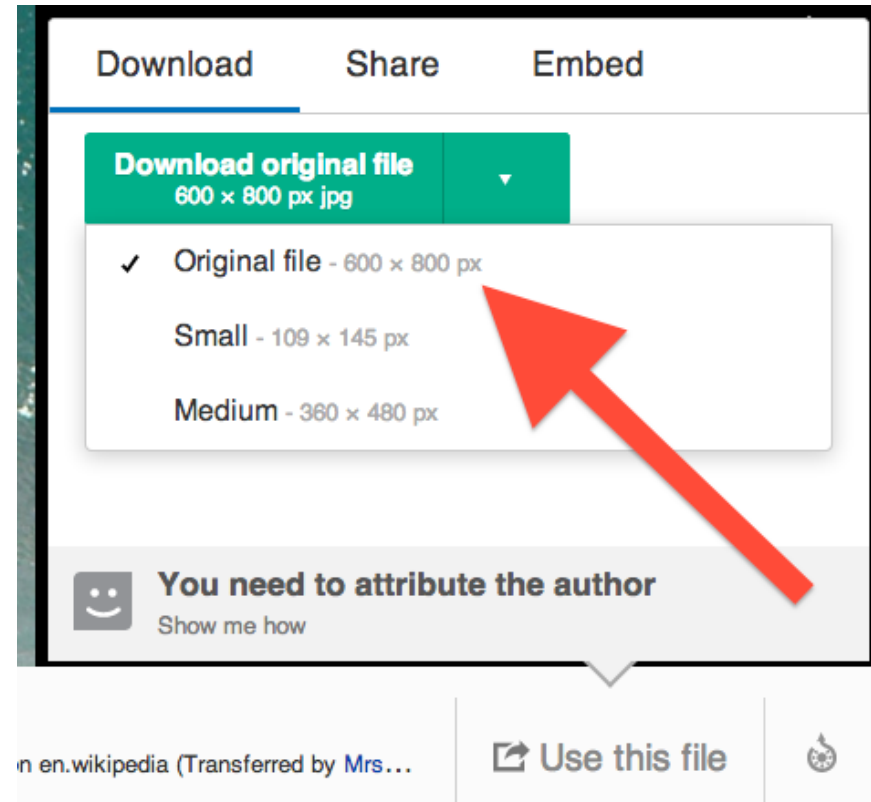
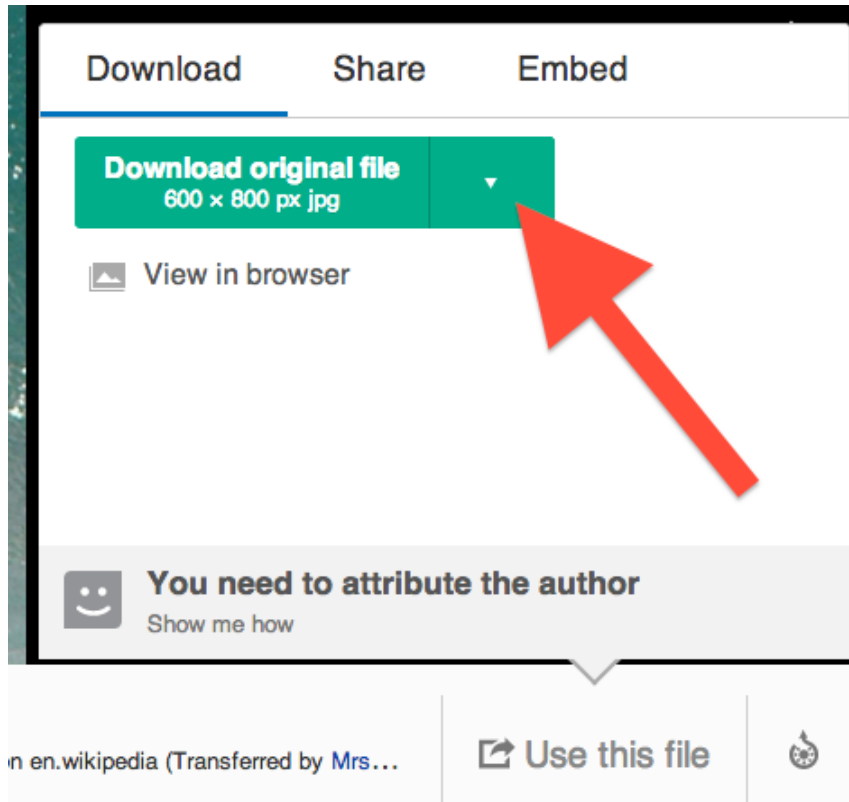
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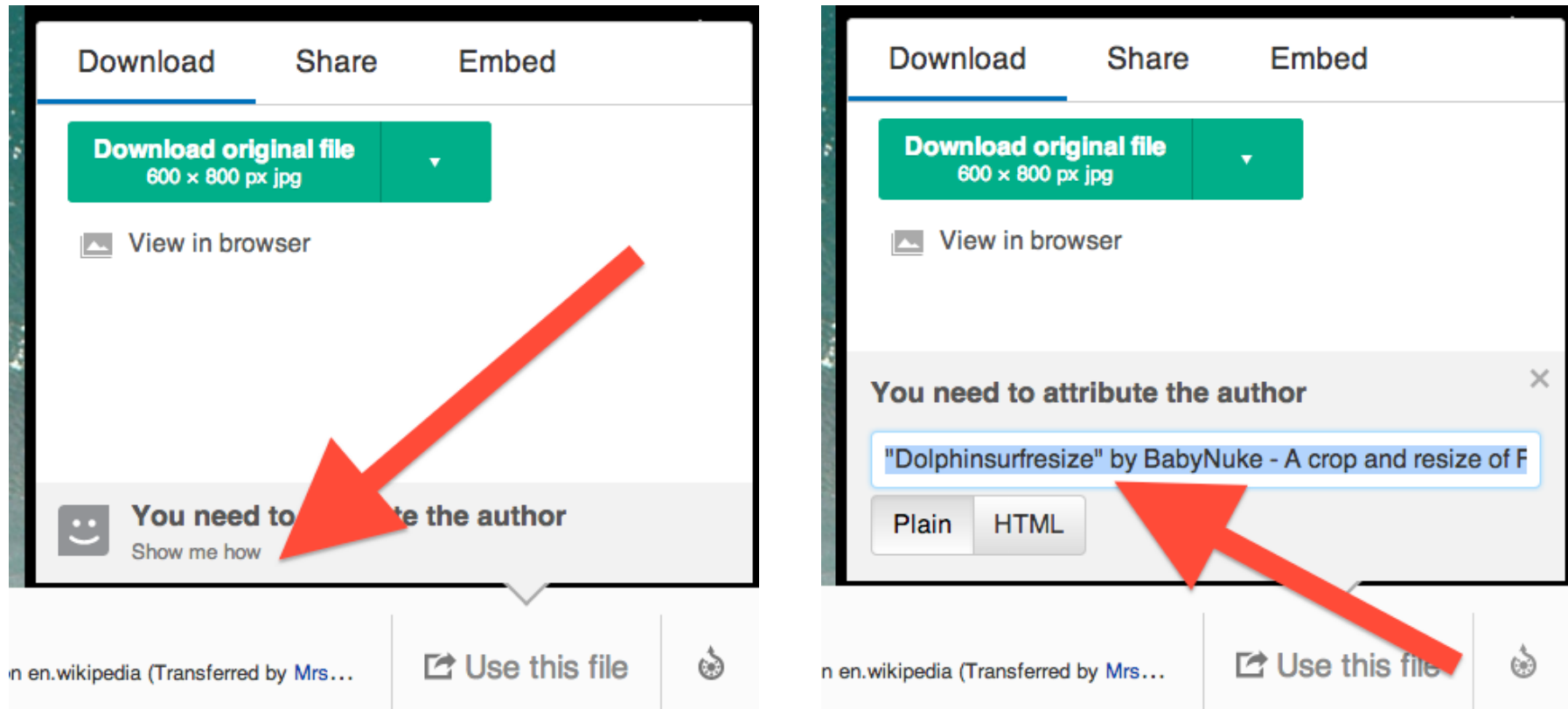
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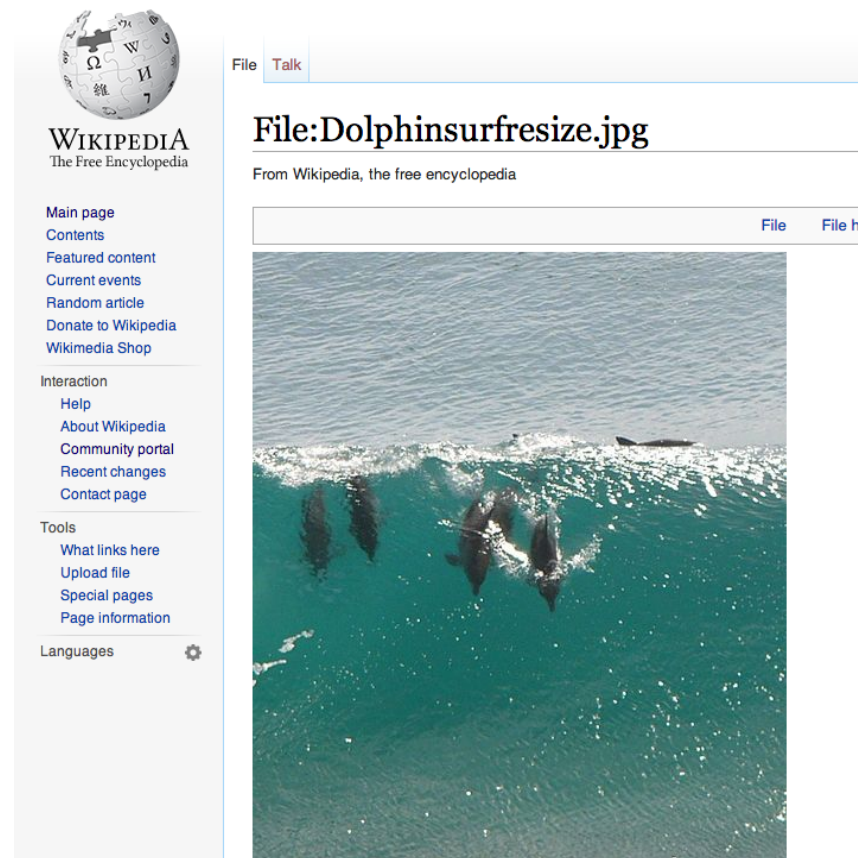
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