



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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WESTERN AFRICAN TALKS ON CETACEANS AND THEIR HABITATS

Adeje, Tenerife, Spain, 16-20 October 2007

OPEN SYMPOSIUM

PROGRAMME

16 & 17 October 2007

Magma Conference Centre

at the kind invitation of the Ayuntamiento de Adeje

9:30 Opening Ceremony

Coffee Break – 10:45-11:15

SESSION 1:

Cetacean Conservation in the Eastern Atlantic Basin

Chairman: Antonio Fernández Rodríguez

11:15 The Small-Cetacean Fauna of the West Coast of Africa and Macaronesia: Diversity and Distribution (Bill Perrin / CMS Scientific Councillor for Marine Mammals)

11:35 Cetaceans in the Eastern Central Atlantic Ocean: Diversity and Threats Faced in the Macaronesia Islands (Manuel Carillo / Canarias Conservation Society)



Threats to Atlantic Small Cetaceans

- 11:55 Functions and Effects of Sound for Cetaceans and the Initiative "Roas" (Natacha Aguilar de Soto / La Laguna University)
- 12:15 GloBAL – Global Bycatch Assessment of Long-lived Species (Jeffrey Moore / Duke University)

*Lunch Break – 12:45-14:15
at the kind invitation of Cabildo de Tenerife*

Reports from Range States on Research and Conservation Action

- 14:15 The Role of the Government of the Canary Islands in the Conservation of Cetaceans (Juan Rodriguez Luengo / Government of Canary Islands)
- 14:30 SECAC's Research Programme on Cetacean Populations of the Canary Islands (Vidal Martín / Society for the Study of Cetaceans in the Canary Archipelago)
- 14:45 Dolphin Conservation Programme for The Gambia (Ruth Leeney / University of Exeter)
- 15:00 Inventory and Status of Cetaceans in Guinea (Idrissa Lamine Bamy / Centre National des Sciences Halieutiques de Boussoura)
- 15:15 Survey for the Conservation of Dolphins in Ghanaian Coastal Waters (Patrick Ofori-Danson / University of Ghana)
- 15:30 Some Preliminary Data on the Frequentation of Cetaceans in the Togolese Marine Waters (Gabriel Segniagbeto / University of Lomé)
- 15:45 An Overview of Cetacean Research and Conservation Issues Along the Namibian Coast (Jean-Paul Roux / Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources)

Coffee Break – 16:10-16:40

International Research and Conservation Programmes

- 16:40 Techniques for Studying Cetaceans: A Review of Benign Research Methods (Vassili Papastavrou / IFAW)
- 17:00 How Pathology Can Help Us without High Technology and Big Science (Antonio Fernández Rodríguez / University of Las Palmas)
- 17:20 Sub-Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of Cetaceans in West Africa (Mamadou Diallo / WWF WAMER)

Discussion

SESSION 2:

Cetaceans and Sustainable Development

Chairman: Michael Iwand



9:00 Opening Remarks

9:15 Blue and Gray Whales in Baja California and the Sea of Cortez: Lessons for Sustainable Development (Stanley Johnson / CMS Ambassador)

9:45 Establishment of a Protected Area for Cetaceans in Macaronesia (Javier Almunia / Loro Parque Fundacion)

10:05 The Year of the Dolphin in Kenya – Report on a Highly Successful Campaign (Abdulaziz Abdulrahim / Pollmans Tours & Safaris Ltd.)

Coffee Break – 10:45-11:15

Sustainable Whale Watching

11:15 CMS – Wildlife Watching and Tourism (Heidrun Frisch / CMS Secretariat)

11:35 Building the Ground for Whale Watching Management – Lessons from a "Best Practice" Perspective (Fabian Ritter / MEER)

11:55 Whale Watching in Spain: Working Towards a National Regulation to Prevent Disturbance (Borja Heredia / Ministry of Environment)

12:15 The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society: Our Role in Sustainable Whale-Watching (Nicola Hodgins / WDCCS)

Discussion

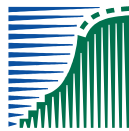
13:00 Lunch on Boat

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Whale Watching Trip

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