

Workshop programme

Wednesday, 4 November 2026

Venue: Matís offices · Vínlandsleið 12, Reykjavík

TIME	SESSION / PRESENTATION	SPEAKER / AFFILIATION
13:00-13:15	Welcome and introductions	Jónas R. Viðarsson - Matís (Iceland)
13:15-13:35	Distribution and populations of marine mammals in the North Atlantic	Birna Daníelsdóttir & Guðjón Már Sigurðsson - MFRI/Hafró (Iceland)
13:35-13:50	Ecosystem-based approach to management: How is the role of marine mammals in the ecosystem assessed?	Bjarni Mikkelsen - Havstovan (Faroe Islands)
13:50-14:05	The role of IWC, NAMMCO, ICES and national marine research institutes in the management of marine mammals	Jónas R. Viðarsson - Matís (Iceland)
14:05-14:20	ICES Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC)	Lotte Kindt-Larsen - DTU (Denmark)
14:20-14:30	Coffee break	—
14:30-14:45	Socio-economic impacts of marine mammal and human interactions	John Isaksen - Nofima (Norway)
14:45-15:00	Marine mammals as a food source and other alternative uses	Heather Burke - Marine Institute (Newfoundland - Canada)
15:00-15:15	Why is it important to protect marine mammals?	Valgerður Árnadóttir - Whale Friends (Iceland)
15:15-15:30	The impacts of marine mammals on fisheries and the need for managing their populations	Árni Sverrisson - The Icelandic Maritime Officers Association (Iceland)
15:30-16:00	Discussions and wrap-up	—

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15:30-15:45	Why is it important to protect marine mammals?	Valgerður Árnadóttir & Joe Roman - Whale Friends (Iceland)
15:45-16:30	Panel discussions and wrap-up	—