



“Marine Mammal History” Workshop

21st April, 09:00-13:30 at the Aquarium

ECS 2007 Donostia – San Sebastian, Spain

Registration Fee: 20€ (25€ on place)

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Objectives:

To join researchers and students interested on the history of marine mammals and on their historical ecology. The purpose of the workshop is to make people more aware of the possibilities of this new and highly interdisciplinary area of research. Marine mammals and humans have a long common history of ecological and cultural interactions. But despite people's great interest in their lives marine animals and humans had also shared a series of conflicts in the use of marine environment. From sea monsters, to captured or stranded animals for human use, and more recently to natural populations that need to be studied and protected, marine mammals have always been present in human cultures all over the world. To address this presence and relationship, with all their historical, cultural and scientific characteristics is the main objective of the workshop. An historical, social and cultural perspective on the changes of mentalities and attitudes towards these protected marine animals will also be addressed.

Organizing Entities:

Escola de Mar

School of Sea - Research, Projects and Education in Environment and Arts.

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Assistants (number):

No minimum number of participants required and the maximum limited to the capacity of the meeting room (40 participants).

Budget and financial support:

Supported by Escola de Mar and their direct sponsors. More particularly, the organization (including Badges, bags and support material), and future publication (during 2007) of the



workshop proceedings (a book in English, Portuguese and Spanish) will be covered by the programmed budget for this workshop.

Program, date & timetable:

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09h00 – Registration

09h20 – Initial remarks

09h30 – Michael Barkham - Historical whaling in the Basque coast

10h00 - Arne Bjorge - Historical overview of marine mammal harvests in Norway

10h30 – Cristina Brito - A first approach to whaling in Portugal since the 13th century

11h00 – Coffee break

11h30 – Nicholas Redman - Decorative and practical uses of the bones of the large whales

12h00 – Odile Gannier - The building of marine mammals knowledge: respective contributions of scholars and seamen

12h30 – Still to be confirmed

13h00 – Group discussion

13h30 – Adjourn

Conditions for inscription:

Pre-registration through email: escolademar@gmail.com until the 5th of April, with personal contacts and motivation for the participation. Cost of pre-registered person: 20€

Payment on place only in cash (Euros). On place registration only on an availability basis with a cost of 25€.