



“Marine Protected Areas & cetaceans” Workshop

22nd April, 09:00-19:00 at the Aquarium

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Registration Fee: 15€

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Cetaceans are covered under different conventions or similar legal acts, e.g. HELCOM, UN Law of the Sea, OSPAR, the EU Habitats Directive, CMS, ASCOBANS and ACCOBAMS. Under certain of these international commitments, one of the means to protect small cetaceans is the establishment of protected areas.

Objectives:

Specific criteria/guidelines for the identification of sites important for cetaceans are so far lacking. The purpose of this workshop is to analyze and discuss the development, the scope and appropriateness of possible criteria such as high-density areas, feeding or breeding sites, and migration corridors, including methods to identify those sites.

The workshop will explore the efficacy of Marine Protected Areas in conserving cetaceans, drawing upon information on the criteria applied for indicating sites designated for the protection of cetaceans for applied reasons of designation/sufficiency; and the results of existing research indicating important areas.

Those wishing to offer a 15 minutes talk and/or attend this workshop, please contact Dr Peter Evans by 31 March at peter.evans@zoo.ox.ac.uk