



“Beaked Whales” Workshop

**26th April, 09:00-13:00 at the Aquarium
ECS 2007 Donostia – San Sebastian, Spain**

Registration Fee: 15€

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Workshop Overview:

The objective of the workshop will be to bring researchers with field data on beaked whales together with the aim of sharing knowledge to improve our understanding of beaked whales. Presentation of field survey objectives, various field platforms (including dedicated surveys, use of whale watch vessels, platforms of opportunity) and techniques (photo-identification, acoustics), as well as identification of data priorities regarding stranded specimens, may determine research priorities and aid facilitation of collaboration in future beaked whale research. We will identify key threats and examine important research and conservation goals, and how integrated research and policy implementation may help to address these.

The workshop will consist of a number of invited talks and submitted presentations with time for questions between talks. The workshop will cost 15 Euros and will run from 9.00 to 13:00h on [date to be confirmed]. This amount will cover costs of the workshop and refreshments during the tea break. A maximum of 50 people can attend, so pre-registration is advised. To register, please email: sarah.dolman@wdcs.org (with the subject line “ECS beaked whale workshop”). We look forward to seeing you there!



Call for abstracts:

Submissions for this workshop on any subject associated with beaked whale research will be considered for inclusion of this workshop. Potential subjects for presentations should be included within the remit of the objectives of the workshop (above). If you are interested, please email your abstract (300 words max and following standard ECS guidelines) to sarah.dolman@wdcs.org by 22nd March 2007. A decision on abstract acceptance will be made by 5th April 2007.