

ASCOBANS workshop on management of MPAs for Small Cetaceans

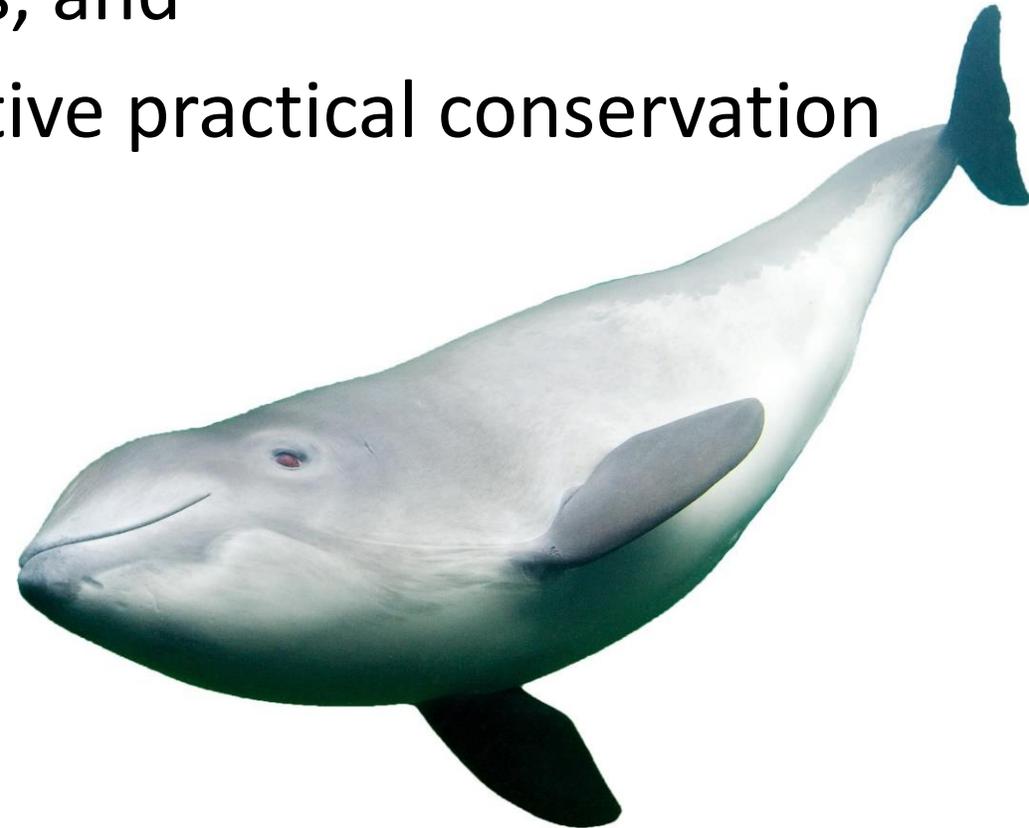
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Objectives of the workshop

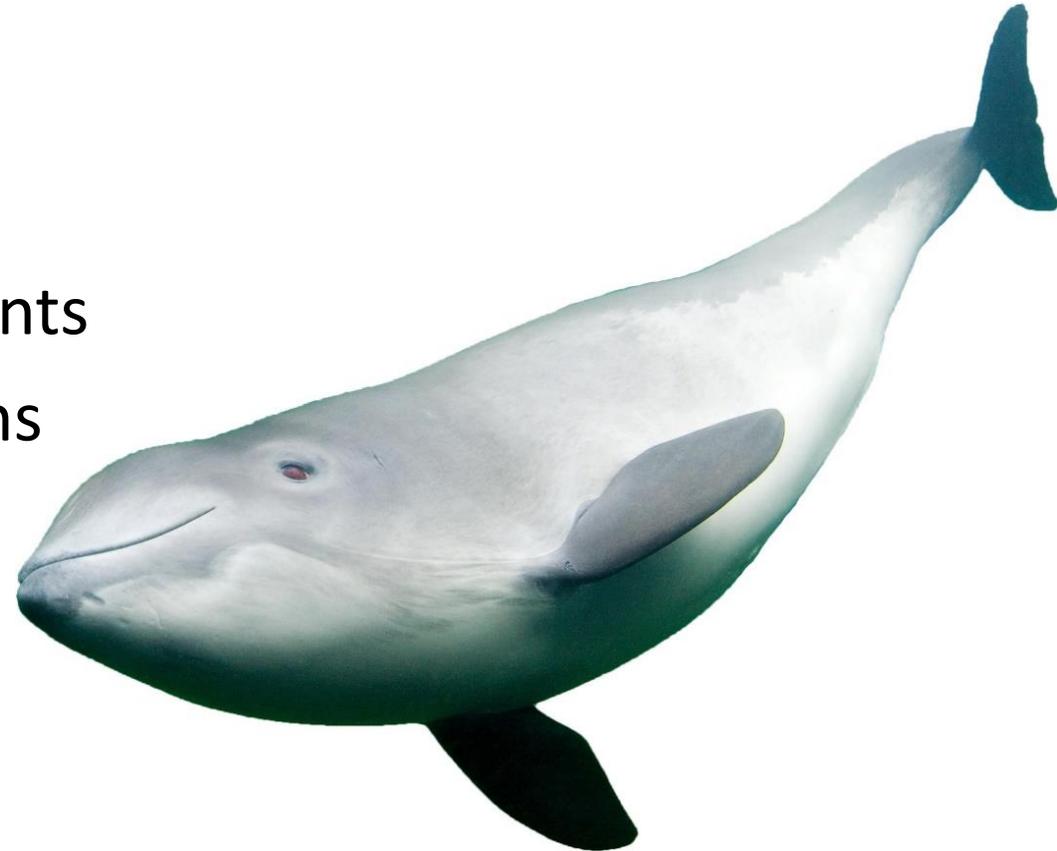
To discuss and make recommendations on

- 1) criteria and clear options for well-formulated conservation objectives for small cetacean MPAs, and
- 2) a toolbox of ambitious and innovative practical conservation measures for small cetacean MPAs



Threats

- Bycatch
- Impulsive/acute underwater noise
- Continuous/chronic underwater noise
- Prey depletion
- Environmental contaminants and pollutants
- Disturbance from the presence of humans
- Habitat quality

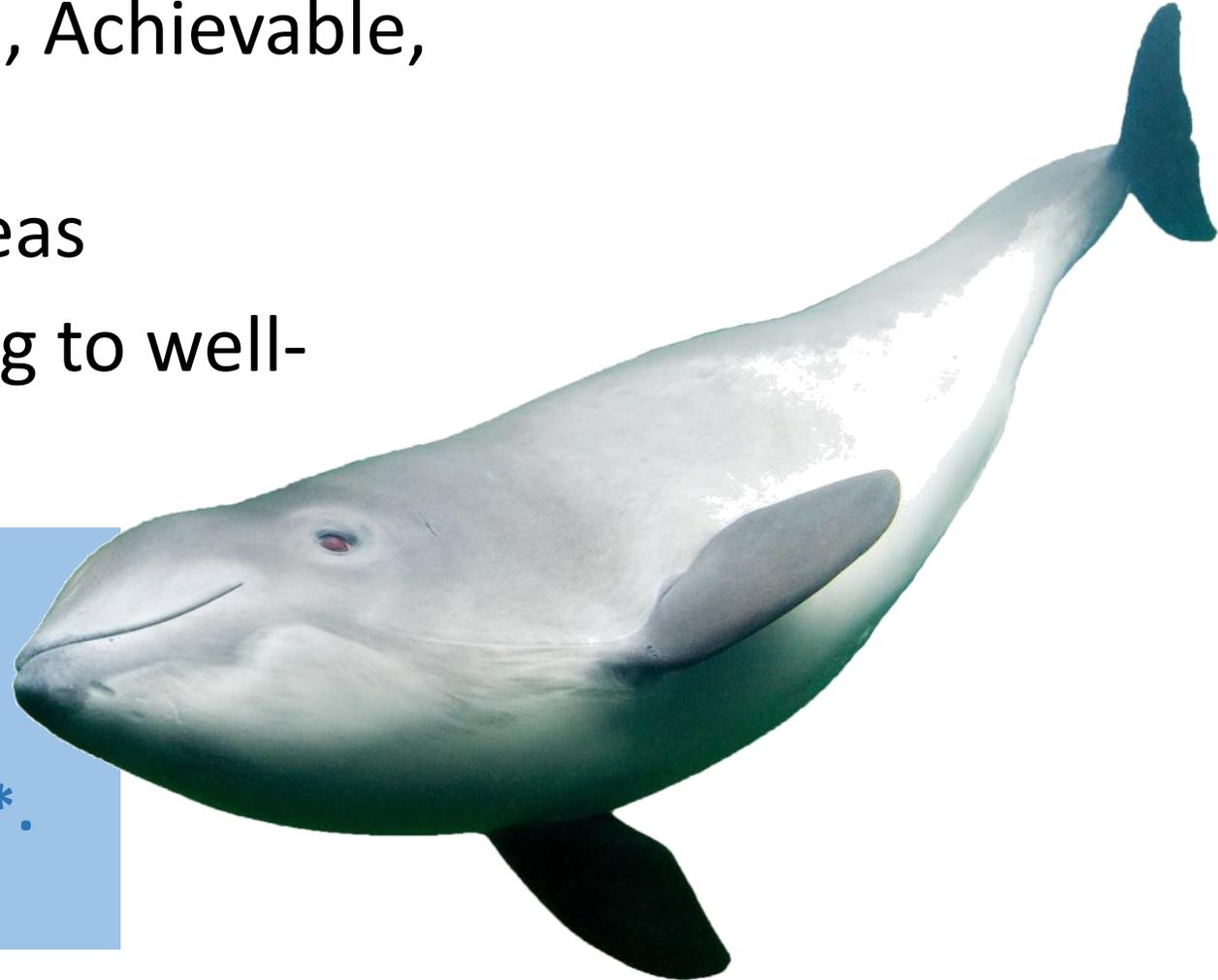


Conservation objectives

SMART – Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Results-oriented, Time-limited

- Suggesting ambitious draft ideas
- Choosing a few and re-wording to well-formulated

By 20xx the relative abundance of *species* during the *period/season* has increased from x to y within *site*.

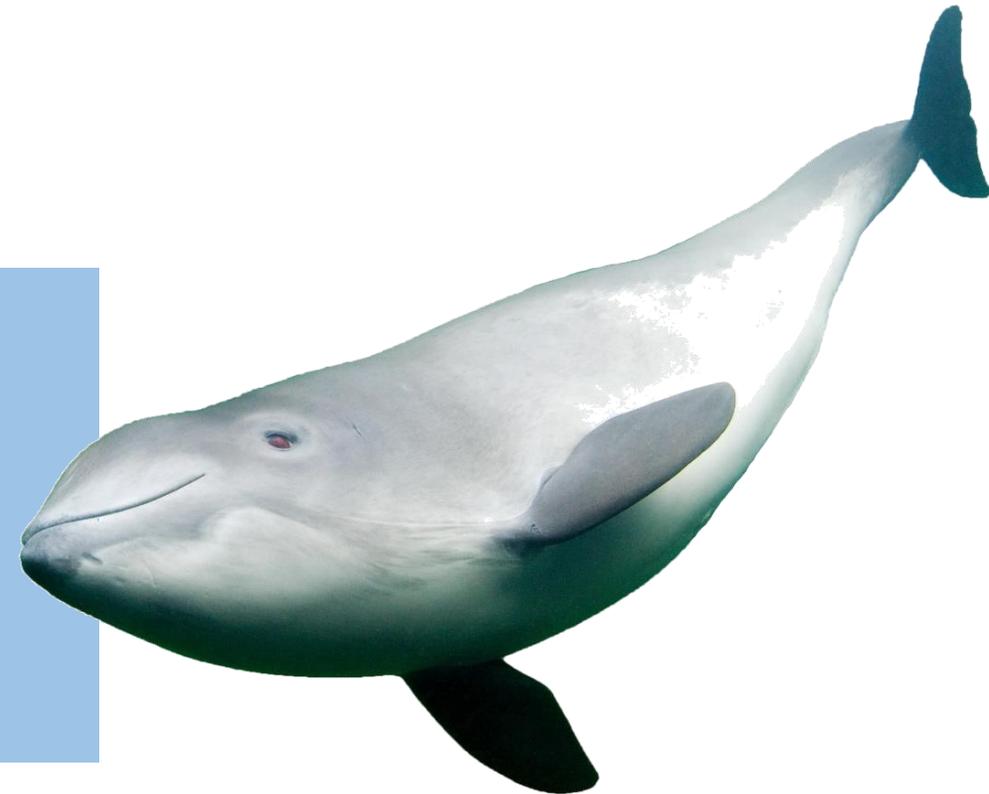


Conservation measures

Ambitious and innovative examples of practical conservation measures

- Creating situation models – what leads to the threats?
- Drafting measures
- Prioritizing and specifying

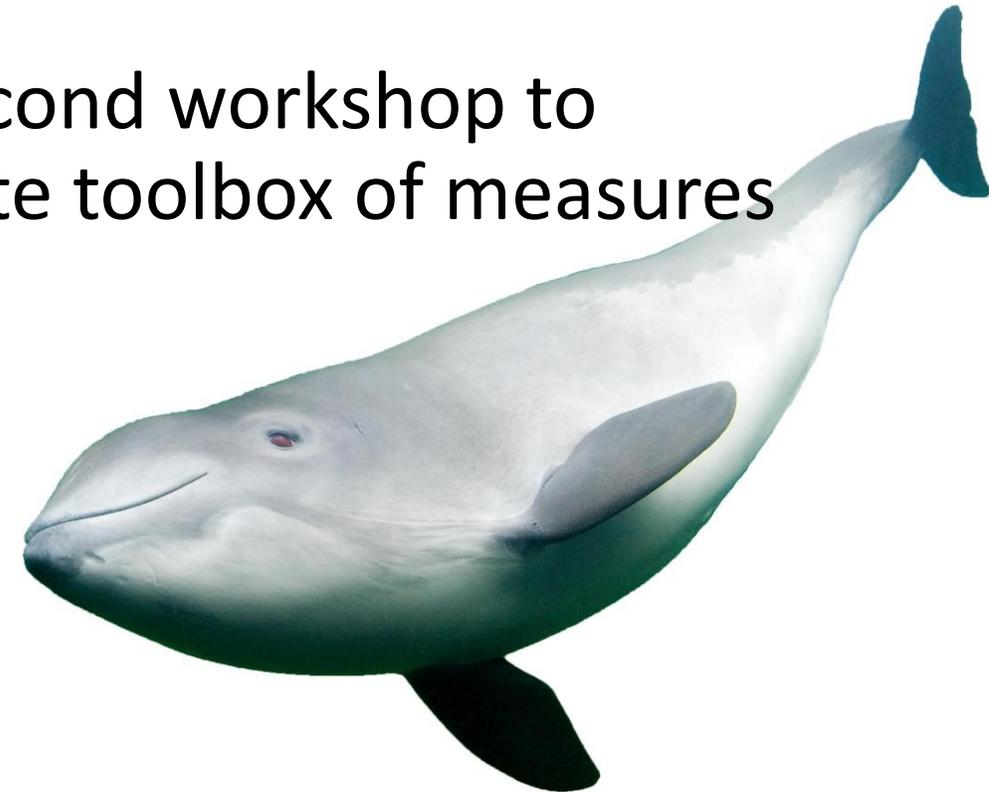
Establish and enforce mandatory use of effective mitigation measures (e.g. bubble curtains, soft start, etc.) during construction and other noise-emitting activities, within MPAs and their buffer zone



What's next?

- We have a good start of the envisioned toolbox
- All participants agreed that we did not have enough time

→ We would very much like to do a second workshop to eventually end up with a more complete toolbox of measures



Thanks!!

- Participants
- Organising committee
- Financiers



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