

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The Workshop starts at 13:00 EEST on Tuesday 31 May, and is expected to close by 13:00 EEST on Thursday 2 June 2022.

MEETING VENUE

Hotel Crowne Plaza Helsinki
Mannerheimintie 50, 00260 Helsinki, Finland
<https://helsinki.crowneplaza.com/en>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Participants must ensure that their medical and other insurance covers for the duration of the travel and the workshop.
- Please check the guidance for travelling to/from Finland:
 - [Finnish Border Guard](#)
 - [Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare \(THL\)](#)
 - [The Finnish Government](#)
- Kindly check information regularly, as guidance may change at a short notice. See also [situation update on coronavirus - Helsinki](#).
- Check your health closely before attending in-person meetings. Take note of any [Covid-19 symptoms](#). In case you suspect having Covid-19, please stay home. If you are already in Finland, remain in your hotel room and inform the ASCOBANS Secretariat. The Secretariat together with the Host can help you contact a local medical center if needed (such as [Mehiläinen Helsinki Töölö](#)).
- The Finnish health authority (THL) has lifted its general recommendation on the use of face masks. However, we are still awaiting updated Covid-19 safety guidance from UNEP and will advise when it is available. See also [measures taken by the venue hotel](#). In addition, it is advised to cover coughs and sneezes, maintain good hand hygiene, etc. (see [UN World Health Organisation](#)).



Second ASCOBANS Workshop on the Management of Marine Protected Areas for Small Cetaceans

31 May - 2 June 2022
Helsinki, Finland

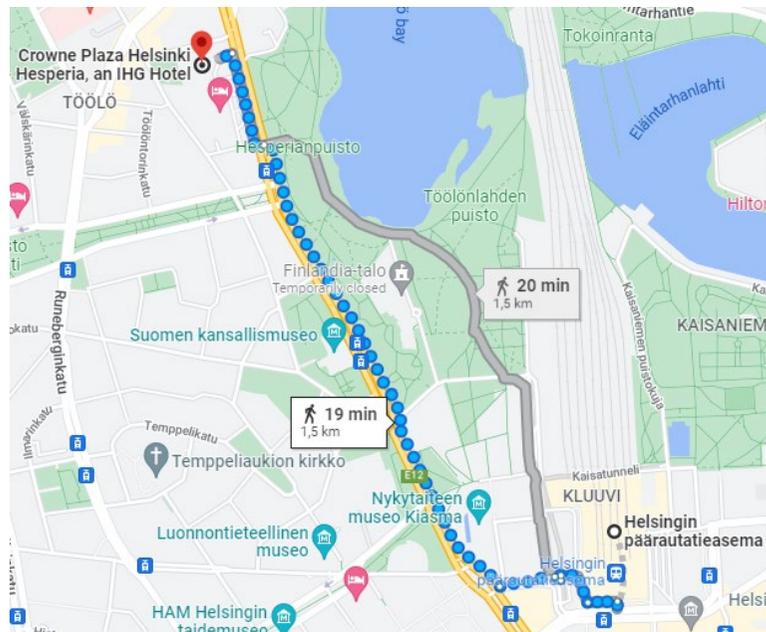
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HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

Ferry: There are direct ferry connections to Helsinki from Stockholm, Tallinn, and Travemünde. Check out more details in <https://www.myhelsinki.fi/en/info/getting-to-helsinki>.

Airplane: Helsinki-Vantaa Airport ([HEL](#)) is well connected. There is convenient train and bus transportation to the city: check out schedules and routes from Helsinki Region Transport: www.hsl.fi/en

- **Train:** From the airport, take commuter train I or P towards Helsinki. The journey takes approx. 30 minutes. To get to or from the airport, you will need an ABC ticket before getting onboard. Tickets can be purchased using the [HSL mobile app](#) or from HSL ticket machines, R-kiosks, and many other [sales points](#).
- **Bus:** From the airport, take bus 615 “Lentoasema-Rautatietori” (to the Central Station). The journey takes approx. 50 minutes. To get to or from the airport, you will need an ABC ticket (see above).



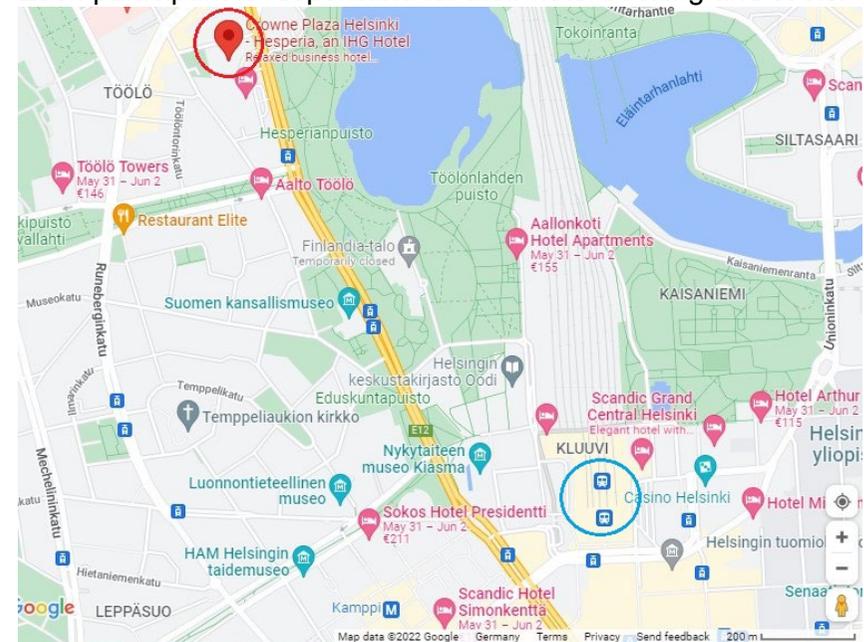
The venue is located 1.5km from the Helsinki Central Station.

- **Taxi:** The journey between Helsinki-Vantaa Airport and the city centre by taxi takes approx. 20 minutes and costs around €40-50.

Tram: Take tram 10 “Pikku Huopalahti” from “Lasipalatsi” stop (300m away from the Central Train Station) to “Hesperian puisto” stop, and walk the rest of the way (250m) to the venue.

ACCOMMODATION

In case you are not staying at the venue hotel (Hotel Crown Plaza Helsinki), there are many other hotels to choose from within walking distance such as [Scandic Park Helsinki](#), [Holiday Inn Helsinki City Centre](#), [Scandic Grand Central Helsinki](#), [Scandic Hotel Simonkenttä](#), [Sokos Hotel Presidentti](#), [Hotel Arthur](#), [Hotel Helka](#). Please consult the hotels for information on their reservation and cancellation policies. Each participant is responsible for their hotel booking and costs.



Red circle indicates workshop venue.

Blue circle indicates the Helsinki Central Station and “Rautatietori”.