

**New and emerging aspects**

Saturday, 15 April 2023 - O' Grove, Galicia, Spain

**Overarching aim:** Achieving a better understanding of the effects of marine debris on cetaceans, including the relationship between marine debris and fisheries and taking into account the relationship between marine debris and other factors.

**OUTLINE PROGRAMME**

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<b>Time CET</b>	<b>Item</b>
08:30	Registration
09:00	<b>1. Welcome and introduction to the workshop</b>
09:05-	<b>2. How to improve collection of relevant data from stranded cetaceans, including identifying best practice guidance for appropriate pathology</b>
	<b>2.1. Best practice for debris recording for both ingested and entangled materials</b> Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of best practice for monitoring methodologies</li> <li>• Entanglement</li> <li>• Ingestion</li> <li>• Global Ghost Gear Initiative.</li> </ul>
11:00	Break 30min
	<b>2.2. Approaches to best investigate the sources of marine debris, including active and lost fishing gear</b> Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALDFG</li> <li>• end-of-life / disposal of fishing gear</li> <li>• Examples of where people have had success collecting discarded gear, e.g. Norway</li> </ul>
	<b>2.3. Best practice for sampling and recording of micro-debris</b> Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is already published/adopted by other bodies</li> </ul>
13:00	Lunch break 1h
14:00	<b>3. Investigating the relationship between ingested marine litter and associated toxic chemicals, pathogens and pharmaceuticals</b> Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of existing information sources</li> <li>• Identification of best practice.</li> <li>• Stranded cetaceans: diagnostic methodologies</li> <li>• Other emerging associations with chemicals etc.</li> </ul>
14:30	<b>4. Identifying high risk areas / hot spots</b> Considerations:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of existing cetacean distribution data</li> <li>• Review of exiting marine debris data</li> <li>• Initiative? Existing modelling exercises?</li> </ul>
15:30	Break 30 min.
16:00	<p><b>5. Discussion, recommendations, outputs, future work</b></p> <p>Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cetaceans as indicator species &amp; relationships to relevant policies, including EU MSFD and Ecosystem Approach of the Barcelona Convention</li> <li>• What remains for the group to do after the workshop and how to organise this</li> <li>• What is being done by other international bodies/fora to ensure there is no duplication of effort</li> <li>• How to best share information with other scientists</li> </ul>
~18:00	<b>6. Close of the Workshop</b>