

Denmark.

Progress report on cetacean research, March 2010 to March 2011, with statistical data for the calendar year 2010.

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1. SPECIES AND STOCKS STUDIED

IWC common name	IWC recommended scientific	Area/stock(s)	Items referred to
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	Davis Strait-Baffin Bay	3.1.1, 4.1
Humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	West Greenland	3.1.1, 3.1.3., 4.1, 4.2, 6.3, 9
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	West Greenland	3.1.3., 4.1, 4.2, 6.3, 9
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	East Greenland / Svalbard	3.1.3
Humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Iceland	3.1.3
Minke whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	West Greenland	3.1.3, 4.2, 6.3
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	Alaska	3.1.3
Harbour porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Denmark	3.1.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 7.3.2, 8
Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Færoe Islands	4.1
Narhval	<i>Molnodon monoceros</i>	Thule Area, Greenland	4.1
Minke whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	East Greenland/Iceland	4.2, 6.3
Fin whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	West Greenland	4.2, 6.2
Whitebeaked dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>	Denmark	4.3, 8
White-sided dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>	Denmark	4.3, 8
Common dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphi</i>	Denmark	4.3, 8
Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Denmark	4.3, 8
Fin whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Denmark	4.3, 8
Minke whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Denmark	8

2. SIGHTINGS DATA

2.1 Field work

2.1.1 Systematic

Target species	Date	Area	No. of sightings	Contact person / institute and references

2.1.2 Opportunistic, platforms of opportunity

2.2 Analyses/development of techniques

3. MARKING DATA

3.1 Field work

3.1.1 Natural marking data

Species	Feature	Area/stock	No. photo-id'd	Catalogue (Y/N)	Catalogue total	Contact person/institute; refs
Bowhead whale	Whole body	Davis Strait – Baffin Bay	135	Y	109	O Tervo AS / KU
Humpback whale	Fluke	West Greenland	67 encounters, 25 individuals	Y	76 (1988-2010)	F. Ugarte, GINR

3.1.2. Artificial marking data

3.1.3 Telemetry data

Species	Tag type	No. successfully deployed	Maximum time transmitting	Contact person/institute; refs
Bowhead whale	Satellite transmitter	57	14 months	M.P. Heide-Jørgensen, GINR
Humpback whale	Satellite transmitter	29	3 months	M.P. Heide-Jørgensen, GINR
Minke whale	Satellite transmitter	1	0 months	M.P. Heide-Jørgensen, GINR
Harbour porpoise	SPLASH tag, Wildlife Computers	6	1.5 years	J. Teilmann, NERI, , jte@dmu.dk

3.2 Analyses/development of techniques

4. TISSUE/BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES COLLECTED

4.1 Biopsy samples

Species	Area/stock	Calendar year/ season - no. collected	Archived (Y/N)	No. analysed	Total holdings	Contact person/institute
Bowhead whale	Davis Strait – Baffin	2010: 22	Y	all	22	O. Tervo AS/KU
Bowhead whale	West Greenland	2010: 114	Y	All	506	M.P. Heide-Jørgensen GINR
Humpback whale	Disko (West G.)	2010: 29	Y	All	60	M.P. Heide-Jørgensen GINR
Harbour porpoise	Belt Sea/inner Danish waters	2010	Y	0	6	Jonas Teilmann, NERI, jte@dmu.dk
Pilot whale	Faeroe Islands	2010	Y	0	15	Rune Dietz, NERI, rdi@dmu.dk
Narwhal	Thule area, Greenland	2010	y	0	7	Rune Dietz, NERI, rdi@dmu.dk

4.2 Samples from directed catches (commercial, aboriginal and scientific permits) or bycatches

Species	Area/stock	Calendar year/ season - no. collected	Archived (Y/N)	No. analysed	Total holdings	Contact person/institute
Bowhead whale	West Greenland	2010	Y	2	-	GINR
Minke whale	West Greenland	2010	Y	117	-	GINR
Minke whale	East Greenland	2010	Y	2	-	GINR
Fin whale	Greenland	2010	Y	5	-	GINR
Humpback whale	West Greenland	2010	Y	5	-	GINR
Harbour porpoise	Inner Danish waters	2010	Y	25	25	Jonas Teilmann, NERI, jte@dmu.dk

4.3 Samples from stranded animals

Denmark: 3 harbour porpoises, 1 whitebeaked dolphin, 1 white-sided dolphin, 1 common dolphin, 1 pilot whale and 1 fin whale.

4.4 Analyses/development of techniques

5. POLLUTION STUDIES

6. STATISTICS FOR LARGE CETACEANS

6.1 Corrections to earlier years' statistics for large whales

6.2 Direct catches of large whales (commercial, aboriginal and scientific permits) for the calendar year 2009

Species	Type of catch	Area/stock	Males	Females	Total landed	Struck and lost
Fin whale	ASW	West Greenland	0	4	4	1
Minke whale	ASW	West Greenland	53	120	179#	7
Minke whale	ASW	East Greenland	4	2	9§	0
Bowhead whale	ASW	West Greenland		3	3	0
Humpback whale	ASW	West Greenland	3	5	9*	0

Including 6 reported catch of unknown gender

§ Including 3 reported catch of unknown gender

* Including 1 reported catch of unknown gender

6.3 Anthropogenic mortality of large whales for the calendar year 2009

6.3.1 Observed or reported ship strikes of large whales (including non-fatal events)

- A skiff collided with a humpback whale off Ilulissat July 2010. Man went overboard, non-fatal, no observation of damage to the whale.
- A skiff collided with a humpback whale off Qeqertarsuaq July 2010. Family went overboard, non-fatal, no observation of damage to the whale.

6.3.2 Fishery bycatch of large whales

- 1 humpback whale in Uummannaq (male with a length of 9.5 m) entangled in pond net for cod, euthanized.

7. STATISTICS FOR SMALL CETACEANS

- Statistics for small cetaceans from Greenland and the Faeroe Islands are available from NAMMCO

7.1 Corrections to earlier years' statistics for small cetaceans

7.2 Direct catches of small cetaceans for the calendar year 2009

7.3 Anthropogenic mortality of small cetaceans for the calendar year 2009

7.3.1 Observed or reported ship strikes of small cetaceans (including non fatal events)

7.3.2 Fishery bycatch of small cetaceans

- 24 bycaught harbour porpoises were dissected by DMU (Signe Svegggaard, sign@dmu.dk)

8. STRANDINGS

Strandings in 2010:

Species	No. strandings	No. post mortems	Contact person(s)/ Institute(s)	Contact email address(es)
Harbour porpoise	115	3	Charlotte Bie Thøstesen FIMUS	cbt@fimus.dk
Whitebeaked dolphin	3	0	Charlotte Bie Thøstesen FIMUS	cbt@fimus.dk
Whitesided dolphin	1	1	Charlotte Bie Thøstesen FIMUS	cbt@fimus.dk
Common dolphin	1	1	Charlotte Bie Thøstesen FIMUS	cbt@fimus.dk
Pilot whale	1	1	Charlotte Bie Thøstesen FIMUS	cbt@fimus.dk
Minke whale	1	1	Charlotte Bie Thøstesen FIMUS	cbt@fimus.dk
Fin whale	1	1	Charlotte Bie Thøstesen FIMUS	cbt@fimus.dk

9. OTHER STUDIES AND ANALYSES

PhD project in progress: Acoustic behaviour of bowhead whales *Balaena mysticetus* in Disko Bay, Western-Greenland. O Tervo AS/KU

Fieldwork to measure the effect of whale watching guidelines on the behaviour of humpback whales started in 2010. T. Boye, M. Simon and F. Ugarte, GINR.

From May 2010- April 2011 6 Danish gillnet vessels (<15m) monitor bycatch by use of CCTV cameras. Data on bycatch from this trial will be available after April 2011.

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Appendix 1. FOA fishing descriptions and codes

FAO FISHING GEAR CATEGORIES:		FALLING GEAR	
SURROUNDING NETS		Cast nets	FCN
With purse lines	PS	Falling gear (not specified)	FG
One-boat operated purse seines	PS1	GILLNETS AND ENTANGLING GEAR	
Two-boat operated purse seines	PS2	Set gillnets (anchored)	GNS
Without purse lines (lampara)	LA	Driftnets	GND
SEINE NETS		Encircling gillnets	GNC
Beach seines	SB	Fixed gillnets (on stakes)	GNF
Boat seines	SV	Trammel nets	GTR
Danish seines	SDN	Combined gillnet-trammel nets	GTN
Scottish seines	SSC	Gillnets and entangling gillnets (not specified)	GEN
Pair seines	SPR	Gillnets (not specified)	GN
Seine nets (not specified)	SX	TRAPS	
TRAWLS		Stationary uncovered pounds nets	FPN
Bottom trawls	TBB	Pots	FPO
Beam trawl	OTB	Fyke nets	FYK
Otter trawls (side or stern)	PTB	Stow nets	FSN
Pair trawls	TBN	Barriers, fences, weirs, etc	FWR
Nephrops trawls	TBS	Aerial traps	FAR
Shrimp trawls (not specified)	TM	Traps (not specified)	FIX
Midwater trawls		HOOKS AND LINES	
Otter trawls (side or stern)	OTM	Handlines and pole-lines (hand operated)	LHP
Pair trawls	PTM	Handlines and pole-lines (mechanised)	LHM
Shrimp trawls	TMS	Set longlines	LLS
Midwater trawls (not specified)	TM	Drifting longlines	LLD
Otter twin trawls	OTT	Longlines (not specified)	LL
Otter trawls (not specified)	OT	Trolling lines	LTL
Pair trawls (not specified)	PT	Hooks and lines (not specified)	LX
Other trawls (not specified)	TX	GRAPPLING AND WOUNDING	
DREDGES		Harpoons	HAR
Boat dredges	DRB	HARVESTING MACHINES	
Hand dredges	DRH	Pumps	HMP
LIFT NETS		Mechanised dredges	HMD
Portable lift nets	LPN	Harvesting machines (not specified)	HMX
Boat-operated lift nets	LNB	MISCELLANEOUS GEAR	MIS
Shore operated stationary lift nets	LNS	RECREATIONAL FISHING GEAR	RG
Lift nets (not specified)	LN	GEAR NOT KNOWN OR NOT SPECIFIED	NK
		SHARK CONTROL NETS	NSC
		DERELICT FISHING GEAR	