



Dear colleague,

For several decades, there has been a concern about increasing levels of anthropogenic sound in the ocean. Since 2006, the Sea Mammals and Sonar Safety (3S) project has been performing Behavioral Response Studies (BRS) on six cetacean species. In 2015 a second round of experiments and analysis will be completed, and 3S together with other related projects has made major steps forward in the past ten years. The 3S experiments have involved a number of stakeholders including researchers and sponsors from five nations; USA, UK, The Netherlands, Norway and France. The aim of the 3S-project is to generate knowledge useful to the navies to establish safety limits for sonar operations.

We would hereby like to invite researchers in the field and other stakeholders (e.g. navy, regulators, NGO, industry) for a two day symposium addressing the progress in the field of understanding the impact of anthropogenic sound in the ocean. Not only the results of the 3S project will be presented, but also from related research projects. There will be ample time for discussion focusing on future research needs and opportunities. Input from scientists, NGOs, industry and regulators is aimed for.

Programme

Preliminary outline of programme:

- Day 1, 27 October, 09:00-18:00 Plenary presentation of BRS studies on effects of sonar on cetaceans
- Day 2: 28 October, 09:00-15:00 Work sessions to identify outstanding management issues across countries and develop scientific approaches to address these challenges.

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The symposium is free of charge, but registration is required for logistical reasons. There is limited space in meeting rooms available; please make your reservation by registering below.

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Location

The conference is hosted at the University of St.Andrews, Scotland.

We hope to see you on 27-28 October 2015 in St.Andrews

On behalf of all the members of the 3S-project,

Frans-Peter Lam