



Marine Mammals Science Education

Using marine mammals for making science education and science careers attractive for young people

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Marine Mammals – Project partners



Importance of our project

- Decline of interest in STEM - we want to enhance scientific literacy, in our case ocean literacy / marine mammals literacy
 - Marine mammals are great animals to arouse students' interest
 - Science is fun, interesting, challenging and engaging
 - Career paths for young people in science, research and environmental protection
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- Active participation, e.g. observations, experiments
 - More out-of-school science learning

Our project

- Learning materials
- Teacher trainings
- Summer schools
- Symposia
- Podcast series
- Interactive poster
- Expedition boxes, skeleton





Marine Mammals – Project film



**Marine
Mammals**



Learning materials

Learning materials

A1-Marine-mammals-An-overview-170728.pdf

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A2-Marine-mammals-Introduction-to-marine-mammals-170728.pdf

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A3-Marine-mammals-Physiology-Worksheets-for-students-Primary-school-170728.pdf

A3-Marine-mammals-Physiology-Worksheets-for-students-Secondary-school-170728.pdf

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A4-Marine-mammals-Hot-topics-in-marine-mammal-science-170728.pdf

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B-Marine-mammals-Plastics-in-the-ocean-170728.pdf

B-Marine-mammals-Plastics-in-the-ocean-Mystery-Game-17072.pdf

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C-Marine-mammals-Chemical-pollution-170728.pdf

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D1-Marine-mammals-Acoustics-170728.pdf

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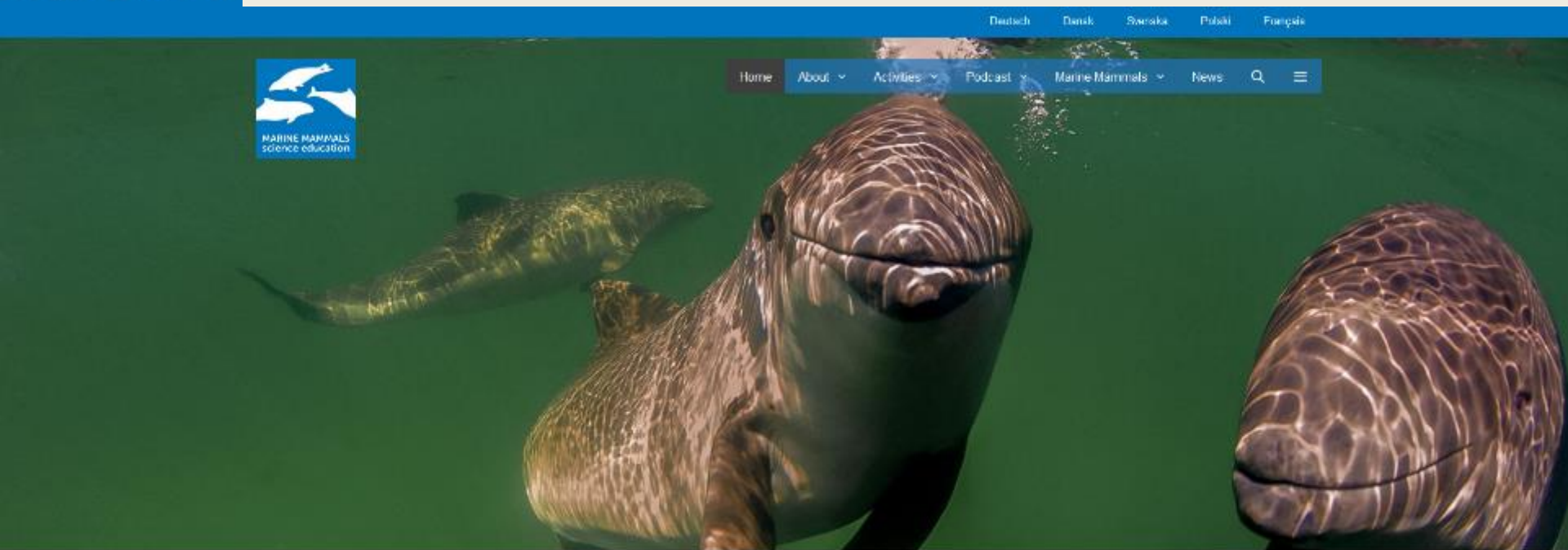
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Webpage



Project & Partners



Activities



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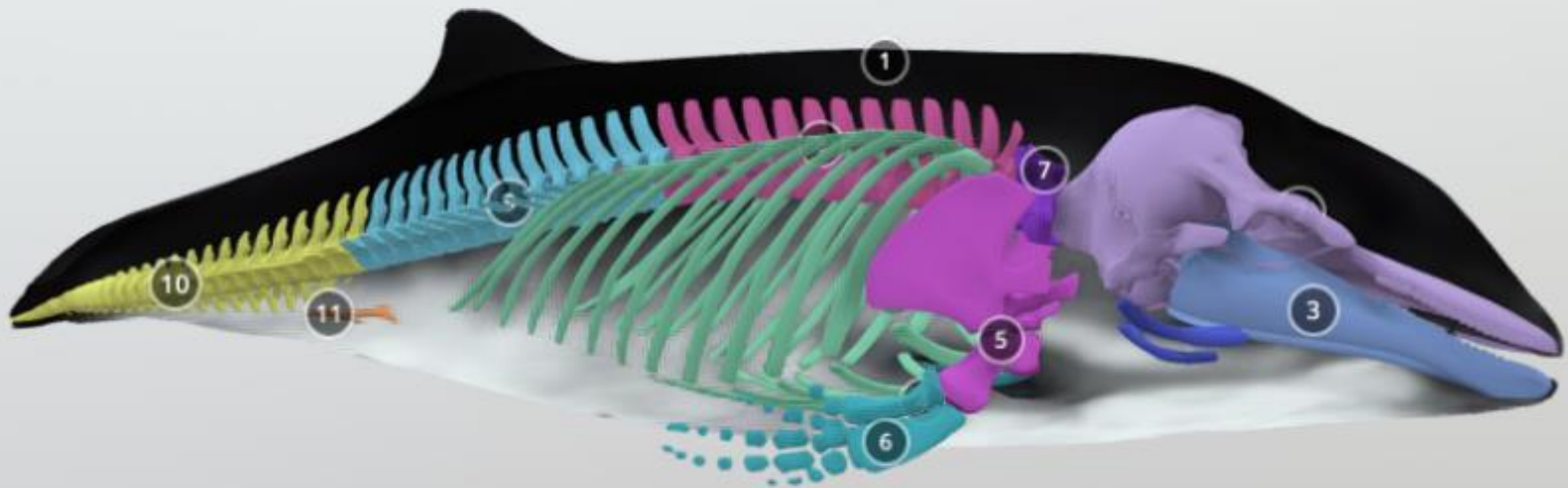


News & Stories



www.marine-mammals.com

Webpage



<https://marine-mammals.com/marine-mammals/harbour-porpoise/>

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Teacher trainings, > 400 teachers from 14 countries



Summer schools, >250 school children in 5 countries



Symposia



> 1000 participants
in 5 countries

Podcast series

Scientists and their daily work

Scientists & their research topics

Expert interviews on the project

3D Animations



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Interactive poster



Expedition boxes



Harbour porpoise skeleton Somso



Total impact of the project

National teacher trainings	367
International Teacher trainings	42
Summer schools	278
Edu-actions	6500
Symposia	1148
Kiel School class visitors	192
Kids university	600
ERN Germany	7600
Kiel week	8000
Blue school project, porpoise days	20620
Swedish teachers and educators	517
Swedish students	300
Swedish politicians	30
Total direct contacts	>45,000
Total indirect contacts	>135,000
Digital/social media contacts	>100,000

Marine Mammals – a Deep Dive into the World of Science

1. Preface
2. Introduction to marine mammals
3. Acoustics of marine mammals
4. Fisheries, whaling and seal culling
5. Plastics in the ocean
6. Chemical pollution and diseases of marine mammals
7. How to become a marine mammal scientist



Thank you for your attention!

Nine scientific and educational research institutes plus NGO's from Germany, Poland, Sweden, Belgium and Denmark joined forces for this project:

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Project partners:

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