

Scientific symposium

Bright Future?

Harbour porpoises in the Wadden Sea



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Draft Programme (15-03-19)

> 9:30 – 10:00	Registration & Coffee
	Opening and welcome addresses
> 10:00 – 10:30	<i>Rüdiger Stempel – Common Wadden Sea Secretariat Executive Secretary</i> <i>tbc</i> <i>tbc</i>
> 10:30 – 12:45	Session I: Population Status and Monitoring
> 10:30	Keynote I: <i>Porpoise conservation status in the Wadden Sea - muddied waters</i> <i>Meike Scheidat - Wageningen Marine Research</i>
> 11:15	<i>Local movements of satellite tagged porpoises in the Danish Wadden Sea - how does this compare to other tagged porpoises in the North Sea?</i> <i>Jonas Teilmann - Aarhus University</i>
> 11:35	<i>tbc</i>
> 11:55	<i>Demersal Young Fish Survey - Stock indices for selected forage fish in the German Wadden Sea</i> <i>Holger Haslob - Thünen Institute of Sea Fisheries</i>
> 12:15	Plenary discussion
> 12:45 – 14:00	Lunch break
> 14:00 – 16:40	Session II: Threats
> 14:00	Keynote II: <i>Anthropogenic activities and their effects</i> <i>Ursula Siebert - Institute for Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Research</i>
> 14:45	<i>Is the Wadden Sea a warm bath or a dangerous desert for harbour porpoises?</i> <i>Mardik Leopold - Wageningen Marine Research</i>
> 15:05 – 15:30	Coffee break
> 15:30	<i>Effects of underwater noise related to offshore windfarms in the German North Sea on harbour porpoises</i> <i>Johannes Baltzer - Institute for Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Research</i>
> 15:50	<i>Marine debris and plastic pollution - Is it a threat to harbour porpoises?</i> <i>Elisa Bravo Rebolledo - Bureau Waardenburg</i>
> 16:10	Plenary discussion
> 16:40 – 17:00	Closing remarks