

Avoidance of Ship Strikes to Protect Sperm Whales in the Hellenic Trench

Sperm whales in the Mediterranean Sea are classified as «Endangered» by the IUCN Red List. The eastern Mediterranean Sperm whale population numbers just around 200. The single main threat are ship strikes.

INVITATION

Thursday, December 1st 2022, 12.45 – 13.30 • Plenary Room MOP8

OPENING REMARKS

Sigrid Lüber, OceanCare, President

PRESENTATIONS

Simone Panigada, Chair of Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS

Ship strikes, a threat posed to large whales in the Mediterranean Sea, with particular reference to the Hellenic Trench

Alexandros Xydias, Shipping Outreach Coordinator, IFAW & Amalia Alberini, Marine Officer, WWF Greece

Progress made towards the avoidance of ship collisions with sperm whales in the Hellenic Trench and next steps

Stefania Lallai, Vice President Sustainability at MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company (Cargo Division)

An Industry perspective: Cross-sectoral collaboration to reduce risk of collision with whales

Nicolas Entrup, Director International relations at OceanCare

SAvE Whales – the first real-time acoustic observatory of sperm whales to prevent ship collisions. Results and next steps and challenges.

SAVE WHALES VIDEO PRESENTATION (3 min)

DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS

