

ECS Rescue Workshop 2016: Madeira

March 13th from 09.30: Auditorium of Conservatório, Conservatório - Escola de Artes – Eng. Luíz Peter Clode, Avenida Luís Camões, nº 1, Funchal. (GPS coordinates: N32.64407 W16.92213).

Introductions

Welcome, overview of issues in Europe and introduction to the day – Mark Peter Simmonds

Opening Speech: The Drive Behind Wildlife Rehabilitation – Leni T’Hart.

10.00

Seal Entanglement

i. A view from Massachusetts - Lisa Sette – Centre for Coastal Studies

ii. Report from the ‘Loose the Loop’ Workshop on seal entanglement at the Society for Marine Mammal Conference – Elizabeth Hogan - WAP

iii. Discussion: Building an international network to address seal (and other) entanglement – Elizabeth Hogan

11.00

Coffee Break

12.00

Whale disentanglement.

i. Recent examples from Europe - BDMLR

ii. Discussion: human safety, capacity building and equipment needs.

12.45 Update from investigations into the North Sea Sperm Whales – Rob Deaville and Paul Jepson

Discussion

Lunch Break (everyone is on their own)

14.15

Responding to stranded cetaceans

i. Updates from Cape Cod including on tagging refloated animals – Brian Sharp, IFAW

ii. Questions

iii. Media madness - Stephen Marsh, BDMLR, reviews the recent sperm whale strandings

iv. Discussion

15.15 Tea Break until 15.30

Structured Discussion

a. What constitutes Best Practice in responding to strandings?

b. And if you are starting a new strandings response group/network, what do you need?

Building the European Rescue Network

Any other matters.

End ~17.00