



## **Changing values, uses and practices regarding marine mammals: From the Iron Age to early modern and contemporary times**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 9h30 to 17h30**

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Joint workshop of the COST ACTION OPP – Oceans Past Platform - WG 2 and WG 4

### **Location**

Auditorium of Espaço de Memórias João Carlos Abreu – Regional Ministry of Tourism,

Transports and Culture (Secretaria Regional do Turismo, Transportes e Cultura)

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### **Abstract**

All across human history and geography, humans have settled in coastal regions. Over time, people have perceived, explored and exploited marine resources in coastal lagoons and bays, estuaries and shores, which led to changes in those habitats and their natural populations. Consequently, coastal communities changed their values and perceptions of the sea, as well as their way of living and of using natural resources. Humans have historically interacted with marine mammals that stranded (dead or alive) and lived near the shore, and have treated them as valuable resources. But practices and perceptions regarding these animals have changed in different periods of time.

The main goal of this workshop is to address changing values, uses and practices regarding marine mammals, from the Iron Age to early modern and contemporary times, combining archaeological and historical evidence. This is a joint workshop of Working Group 2 (Coastal Settlements) and Working Group 4 (Changing Values) contributing directly to the general aims

of the Oceans Past Platform. WG 2 aims to understand changes in the scale and character of marine resource use (influencing settlement locations, regional specializations of labour, trade and globalization), over the last two thousand years. WG 4 aims to document the changing relationships of society and marine life in a comparative trans-disciplinary and integrative way. In particular, it aims to address the long-term interaction of humans and marine mammals in medieval and modern Europe, and how changes unfolded across the centuries to the present day. Key sources will include historical or archaeological information and reports regarding whaling and strandings, in combination with the works of naturalists and other evidence for new views of nature. Folklore, traditional local knowledge, and ethnozoology will also play a role in this research.

## Communications

*9h30 – Registration*

10h00 – **Opening**

Cristina Brito and Carlotta Mazzoldi

### Back then

10h10 - **A Whale of a Problem: Zooarchaeology and Modern Whaling 10 years on**

Sally Evans and Jacqui Mulville

10h30 - **Biomolecular whaling: Capturing cetacea via proteomics**

Jacqui Mulville, Sally Evans, Camilla Speller, Keri Roswell and Krista McGrath

10h50 - **Whales in Norwegian prehistoric and historic archaeological bone assemblages**

Anne Karin Hufthammer

*11h10 – Coffee break*

11h30 - **Social and biological implications of medieval European whaling**

Youri van den Hurk

### Medieval and early modern

11h50 - **Deconstructing and reconstructing the early modern sea mammal**

Elizabeth Cook

12h10 - **The contribution of Portuguese sources in designing the history of Atlantic whaling**

Nina Vieira

12h30 - **Perceptions of large marine animals over time: Are they Antique, Medieval or Modern?**

Cristina Brito

*12h50 – Lunch break*

### Contemporary

14h30 - **Whaling memories: Preliminary results of an oral history project in the Azores**

Francisco Henriques

14h50 - **Public perception towards cetaceans: A global study on countries attitudes**

Ioannis Givos, Elena Akritopoulou, Shotaro Nakagun, Amalia Floriou-Servou, Beatrice Savinelli, Myron Papadopoulos, Loriane Mendez, Sergio Calle Lobo, Georgios Orfanidis and Dimitrios Moutopoulos

15h10 - **Changes in perception and use of marine animals: Drivers and consequences for management and conservation**

Carlotta Mazzoldi and Alison MacDiarmid

15h30 – **Round tables**

*16h00 – Coffee break*

16h30 – **Round tables and final presentations**

17h20 – **Final remarks and closing**