



Ben Haskell

The American Model of Protected Marine Areas

Ben Haskell is acting superintendent of the *Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary* in *Massachusetts*, which is managed by the *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*, a U.S. government agency. He oversees conservation, habitat studies, planning and facilities management. Mr. Haskell previously served as science coordinator at the *Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary*.



Marc Richir

Marine Protected Areas in the European Union: State of Play

Marc Richir is a civil servant of the *European Commission*. He works in the department in charge of *Multilateral Environmental Cooperation* at the *Directorate-General for Environment*, where he is a senior expert in international marine issues.

Marine protected areas are widely recognised as an essential tool to protect marine biodiversity, species and habitats. The *EU* and its *Member States* deploy considerable efforts to set up an effective network of marine protected areas that deliver on the global objective of halting the loss of biodiversity. Where do we stand on this issue?

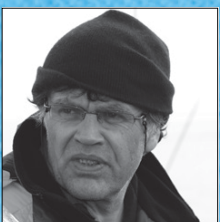


Marianne H. Rasmussen

Cetaceans in Skjálfandi Bay

Marianne H. Rasmussen did her PhD project on acoustic communication in white-beaked dolphins. Since 2007 she has been director of the *University of Iceland's Research Center in Húsavík*, an institute focusing on conducting research on marine mammals.

Various long and short-term research projects about cetaceans have been conducted in *Skjálfandi Bay* over the last 10 years.



Gísli Víkingsson

An Overview of Distribution of Cetaceans in Icelandic Waters i.a. in Relation to Threats and Need For Further Protection

Gísli Víkingsson is the head of the cetacean research team at the *Marine and Freshwater Research Institute*. For more than 30 years he has studied various aspects of the biology, behaviour and ecology of cetaceans in Icelandic and adjacent waters.



Huld Hafliðadóttir

Skjálfandi Bay - In Perspective

Huld Hafliðadóttir has over 10 years' experience as a whale watching guide in *Skjálfandi Bay*. For the past five years she has worked as a project manager at both *Húsavík Whale Museum* and the *University of Iceland's Research Center in Húsavík*. With a main focus on education, she has been involved in different projects in and around the museum.

The unique nature of the *Skjálfandi Bay* and recent thoughts on marine protected area.

Reception in the exhibition hall at 5pm - 6pm