

Scottish Natural Heritage Sharing Good Practice



Caring for nature

Marine wildlife - working together towards a better understanding 17 March 2010, Battleby

Purpose:

Scotland's marine wildlife provides the basis for a popular and growing marine tourism industry. Scotland also has a strong conservation research sector which is discovering more about our fascinating marine life.

As well as creating an environment for networking and forging stronger links between participating sectors, this event will offer opportunities for:-

- **Tourism operators** - improve and update your knowledge of marine wildlife, learn about projects of potential interest and focus on ways of enhancing the marine tourism experience for the benefit of your passengers and your business
- **Researchers** – highlight your research and engage with wildlife tourism operators, resource managers and the general public to improve the quality of data collection
- **For wildlife managers/policy makers** – gain the awareness of change and developments in the marine environment to inform your own policy and practice.

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Who is it for?

Those interested in the marine environment, including wildlife tour operators, researchers, non-governmental organisations, wildlife managers and policy makers.

Content:

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| Opening address | Roseanna Cunningham, Minister for the Environment |
| Plenary talks | |
| Working together to protect our bottlenose dolphins | Paul Thompson, Lighthouse Field Station |
| You don't have to be a scientist to collect data | Richard Fairbairns, Sea Life Surveys |
| Legislation and conservation | Cathy Tilbrook, SNH & Alan Wells, LINK |
| Workshops – select 2 from 4 | |
| Data recording schemes | Alice Walters, Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society |
| Communicating science to the public | Deb Benham, Dolphin Space Programme & Richard Fairbairns, Sea Life Surveys |
| Watching responsibly | Fiona Manson, SNH & Dave McKinnon, Grampian Police |
| Conservation in action | Sarah Dolman, Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society & Cathy Tilbrook |

Times:

10:00 to 16:00 (coffee and registration from 09.30 am)

Venue:

Battleby Conference Centre, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW

Organisers:

SNH in association with Wild Scotland, the Dolphin Space Programme and the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society

Cost:

Free. However, there will be a cancellation fee of £30 (to cover the costs of administration and catering) if you do not attend on the day without letting us know in advance.

Booking:

To book a place, please complete the booking form enclosed and return it by Wednesday 3rd March to sgp@snh.gov.uk

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