



Humpback
Whale
World
Congress

3rd EDITION

HUMPBACK WHALE WORLD CONGRESS 2023

6th - 10th March / Dominican Republic



Blue economy for sustainable development



All about humpback whales



International meeting for humpback whales

The HWWC is an international congress that brings together the latest scientific research and the results of conservation efforts carried out in favor of humpback whales in their breeding and feeding grounds and on their migratory routes.

In 2023, the Dominican Republic will host the 3rd edition.



Born from a festival

A special DNA

The HWWC is born in 2015 in sainte-marie, madagascar, through the whale festival.

The HWWC helps to create links, share experiences and build common projects.

It not only brings scientists, it brings together all the actors of society: students, tourism operators, marine actors, private and public institutions, artists and non-governmental organizations.

The 1st edition addressed the community economy created around humpback whales.

The 2nd edition, dedicated to migration routes, took place on Reunion Island (Indian Ocean) in 2017.

From one ocean... to another

The 3rd edition of the HWWC will be held in the Dominican Republic in March 2023. It will be dedicated to the blue economy for sustainable growth.

Located in the heart of the Greater Antilles, it is bathed by the Atlantic Ocean to the north, the Caribbean Sea to the south and the Mona Channel to the east, which separates it from Puerto Rico.

The Dominican Republic is a highly symbolic place for this species of cetacean because it created the first Caribbean sanctuary for marine mammals in Samana Bay in 1986.



Five objectives

Combating the decline of Biodiversity

This marine species is the subject of international conservation efforts through protected areas as it faces several anthropogenic pressure factors in the oceans.

Sustainable blue economy

The blue economy is a real prospect for local and regional development. The humpback whale is a sustainable economic growth medium for many territories.



Climate change

Humpback whales have been recognised as a major contributor to plankton production and thus play an important role in carbon sequestration.

Capacity Building

The creation of opportunities for young people is a priority objective through the dissemination of knowledge and inter-regional synergies.

Umbrella species

Humpback whales are among the main ambassadors for oceans protection, and allow to many species to be protected as well.

Previsional program

6th March 2023 / 09:00 AM to 05:30 PM : plenary sessions, oral presentations and poster sessions

09:00 AM / Official opening

10:00 AM to 12:00 AM / marine protected areas session

02:00 PM to 04:00 PM / migration routes session

04:00 PM to 06:00 PM / Acoustics session

07:00 PM to 10:00 PM / Ice breaking session

7th March 2023 / 09:00 AM to 05:30 PM : plenary sessions, oral presentations and poster sessions

10:00 AM to 12:00 AM / Behaviours session

02:00 PM to 04:00 PM / Acoustics session

8th March 2023 / 09:00 AM to 05:30 PM : plenary sessions, oral presentations and poster sessions

10:00 AM to 12:00 AM / Visual observation session

02:00 PM to 04:00 PM / Breeding behaviour session

04:00 PM to 06:00 PM / New materials and methods session

07:00 PM to 01:00 AM / Gala

9th March 2023 / 09:00 AM to 05:30 PM : plenary sessions, oral presentations, poster sessions, workshops, regional and international collaboration

10:00 AM to 12:00 AM / economy and human interactions session

03:00 PM to 05:00 PM : Workshops

- Regional consortium workshop - Carimam
- Blue economy
- Student Workshop
- Port activities and marine environment

10th March 2023 : Whale Watching and meeting with professionals consortium

Invited speakers

DR PETER STEVICK
New england
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**HONORARY
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**DR LILIANA BETANCOURT
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**DR JAIME BOLAÑOS-
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Who we are ?

Organising committee



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Alison Stimpert, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories - USA
Alex Zerbini, NOAA - USA

JOIN US

Become a partner of the 3rd edition

Allow to a student to present its work in front of an internationale community, and receive advice from leading scientists.

Allow to the collective intelligence continues to be developped to in order to put in place sustainables mesures adapted to all the actors who working on humpback whales.

Allow to the whole community can benefit from the latest scientific advances on many themes.

Allow to an artist to express himself.

allow humpback whales to be preserved, so that they remain these magical animals of our oceans.



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