

Research Project

Skin alterations in cetaceans in the strait of Gibraltar

Project funded by own resources

Project title Skin alterations in cetaceans in the strait of Gibraltar

Principal Investigator(s) [Holm, Patricia](#) ;

Organisation / Research unit

Departement Umweltwissenschaften / Aquatische Ökologie (Holm)

Project start 01.08.2015

Probable end 31.03.2017

Status Completed

Skin alterations are often observed in cetaceans. They are helpful indicators for numerous skin diseases, parasites and injuries, as well as for malfunctions due to immuno-depression or accumulated contaminants in these marine mammals. The foundation firmm (Foundation for information and research in marine mammals) set up a database created over 16 years by opportunistic whale watching vessels in the Strait of Gibraltar from 1999 to date. Seven species of cetaceans are regularly observed. Photo diagnosis, together with knowledge on the history of numerous individuals provide with us data which will be evaluated with regard to macroscopically visible skin alterations. Diagnosing the alterations will provide important insights to assess the condition and the health status of these animals.

Keywords integument, pathology, injury, disease, marine mammal, whale, dolphin, Strait of Gibraltar

Financed by

University funds

Add publication

Add documents

Specify cooperation partners

ID	Kreditinhaber	Kooperationspartner	Institution	Laufzeit - von	Laufzeit - bis
3401227	Holm, Patricia	Herr, Helena, Scientific Collaborator	Institute for Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Research, University of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover	01.08.2015	31.03.2017
3401233	Holm, Patricia	Selling, Jörn, Scientific Collaborator	firmm, Tarifa	01.08.2015	31.03.2017