



BASKING SHARKS – A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Conservation, Management and Research

Isle of Man

2nd – 5th August 2009

A Scientific Symposium and Workshop will be held on 2- 5 August, 2009, in Port Erin, Isle of Man, hosted by the Government of the Isle of Man.

The meeting will:

- Promote international collaboration to establish the status of basking sharks globally
- Develop research to assess the extent of individual movement between regions
- Develop strategies for improving conservation
- Refine approaches to management

The meeting will also provide opportunities to present research results, to share experience of conservation and management, and to develop new international collaborations and strategies for supporting basking shark conservation globally.

Organising Committee:

Dr. Leonard Compagno, SaveourSeas Shark Centre & Iziko Museums, South Africa

Dr. Sonja Fordham, The Shark Alliance, Brussels, Belgium

Dr. Fiona Gell, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Isle of Man

Dr. Mauvis Gore, Marine Conservation International, Scotland, UK

Jackie & Graham Hall, Manx Basking Shark Watch, Isle of Man

Dr. Richard Hartnoll, Manx Wildlife Trust, Isle of Man

Ali Hood, The Shark Trust, UK

Dr. Greg Skomal, Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Institute, USA

For further conference information please contact:

Fiona Gell (fiona.gell@gov.im), Mauvis Gore (mauvis@saveourseas.com), or Jackie Hall (Inter.Tech@btinternet.com).

The Wildlife Trusts will also be holding the UK Basking Shark Biodiversity Action Plan meeting on 6 August.

Please contact Dr Lissa Goodwin for more information: lgoodwin@wildlifetrusts.org





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Venue: Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin, Isle of Man

Outline programme:

- Sunday 2 August: afternoon and evening - registration and icebreaker
Monday 3 August: presentations, discussions and posters, evening – social event
Tuesday 4 August: presentation, discussions and posters, evening – conference dinner
Wednesday 5 August: boat trips/ shore based Basking Shark watching or technical workshop for Basking Shark researchers
Thursday 6 August: Basking Shark Biodiversity Action Plan meeting (organised by The Wildlife Trusts)

Registration rates:

Early bird rate (full registration before 5 th May 2009) £95 + £14.25 VAT.	Total price = £109.25
Standard rate (after 5 th May 2009) £125 + £18.75 VAT	Total price = £143.75
Reduced early rate for students £47.50 + £7.13 VAT	Total price = £54.63
Standard rate for students (after 5 th May) £62.50 + £9.38 VAT	Total price = £71.88
Conference dinner Tues 4 th August	Total price = £35

For other concessions and Isle of Man Resident reduced rates please contact Fiona Gell for information.

Further information:

- The registration fee includes lunch, refreshments throughout the day and the conference pack.
- Payment may be by cheque (made payable to 'Isle of Man Government'), BACS or via International Bank Transfer.
- For BACS payments please return the booking form first for an invoice to be raised
- Invoices will be issued on receiving the registration form and receipts will be issued on payment.
- Confirmation of registration will be acknowledged on receipt of booking form and payment.
- Delegates wishing to cancel their booking must do so more than 10 working days prior to the conference in order to receive a refund (minus an administration charge of £20 plus VAT).

Please return completed booking forms to Dr Fiona Gell by email: fiona.gell@gov.im

Alternatively, post the form and payment to:

Fiona Gell, Wildlife and Conservation Division, Knockaloe Farm, Patrick, Isle of Man IM5 3AJ, British Isles

Further details regarding the conference are available from fiona.gell@gov.im or

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Name _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

Telephone / Fax _____

Email address _____

Dietary requirements _____

Special Needs _____

Please register _____ place (s) for conference

Please register _____ places for Conference Dinner.

Please register _____ places for field trip (boat trips/shore based Basking Shark watch) Prices and times to be confirmed – just let us know if you are interested.

Total amount _____

Your ref. / order number _____

Payments can be made by Cheque to 'Isle of Man Government,' BACS or International Bank Transfer (please ask for more details).

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Call for papers and posters

There will be the following main themes on Basking Shark research and management and there are a limited number of slots for contributed papers and posters:

- (a) Fisheries and impacts
- (b) Distribution and abundance
- (c) Reproduction and genetics
- (d) Local movements and photo-ID
- (e) Tagging and migration
- (f) Feeding and behavioural ecology
- (g) Management measures
- (h) Policy and legislation

If you wish to present a paper or poster at the conference on one of these themes please provide the information below and return by 5 May 2009:

1. Title of poster or paper
2. Names of authors with affiliations and address of lead author
3. Abstract
4. Word count maximum 400 words for abstract text
5. Maximum of 5 keywords

On Wednesday 5 August there will be a technical workshop for those actively involved in Basking Shark research. Please contact Dr Fiona Gell for more information: fiona.gell@gov.im

On Thursday 6 August The Wildlife Trusts will be hosting their UK Biodiversity Action Plan meeting for Basking Sharks. If you are interested in attending this please contact Dr Lissa Goodwin for more information: lgoodwin@wildlifetrusts.org