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Intergovernmental Regional Fisheries Body with advisory mandate

NAMMCO's mission is the sustainable and responsible use of marine mammal resources in the North Atlantic.



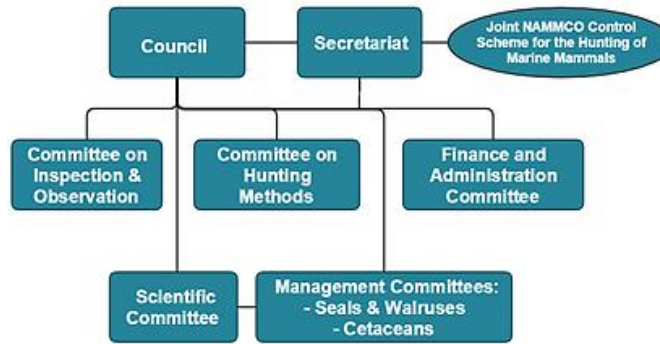
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NAMMCO'S goal is effective conservation and management measures, taking into account the

- needs of coastal communities
- dynamic and changing marine environment
- best scientific evidence and user knowledge



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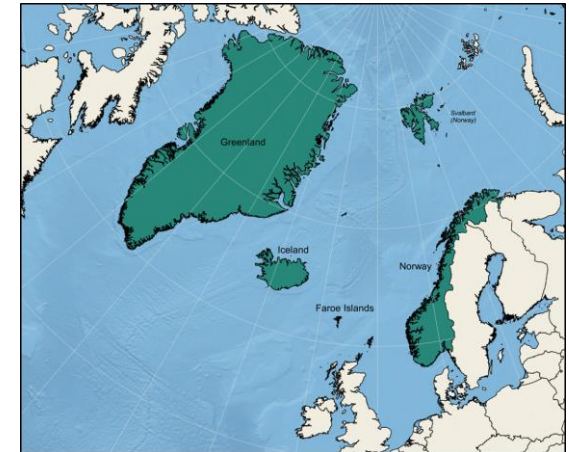
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sustainable use
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North Atlantic
Marine Mammal Commission

- Responsibility
- Best practices
- Ecosystem approach
- Regional cooperation

Species

Whales, dolphins, seals and walrus in the North Atlantic. Many not covered by other international agreements.

Member countries

- Faroe Islands
- Greenland
- Iceland
- Norway



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Mandate

NAMMCO advises Member Countries on

- Conservation status of marine mammal stocks and sustainable removals
- Efficient hunting methods, including hunters' safety and animal welfare
- Control & Monitoring of hunting activities

NAMMCO observes hunting activities

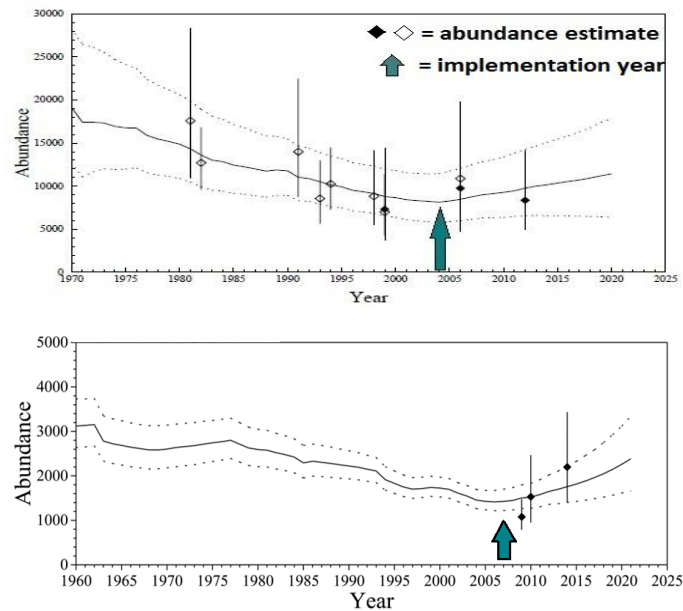
- Compliance with hunting regulations
- Implementation of national inspection scheme

NAMMCO carries out stock assessments

- Coordinating population surveys
- Convening Expert Working Groups

Science-based sound management gives results:

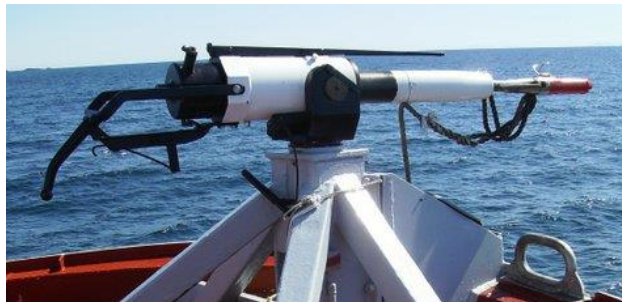
Greenland has set quotas for beluga (2004) and walrus (2007) in response to NAMMCO advice, resulting in a positive effect on the population, as indicated below by population trajectories for West Greenland belugas (top) and walrus (bottom).



Improving hunting efficiency gives results:

An efficient hunting method benefits both the hunters and animal welfare. The instant death rate in Norwegian minke whaling has increased from 17% in 1982 to 82% in 2012.

50mm Kongsberg whaling gun with harpoon and penthrite grenade



Supporting and Disseminating science



Training and Educating hunters



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