

**AGENDA item 9: INFORMATION ON MONITORING IN NORWAY, ICELAND AND GREENLAND****Norway***Responsible authority*

The responsibility for whaling lies with the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries and is regulated, administrated and supervised by the Directorate of Fisheries.

*Monitoring system*

Norway has since 2006 an automated monitoring system that verifies when and where a shot has been fired and when a whale has been taken on board. Consequently, struck and lost whales are also recorded. All licensed whaling boats are equipped with an Electronic Trip Recorder (the Blue Box). The system cannot be manipulated and consists of a control and data logger box (Blue Box) designed to independently monitor and log hunting activity data. An independent GPS and different sensors deployed in certain areas and structures of the boat collect the data, and the programmes are designed for continuous operation and logging of data for at least 4 months. It is equipped with back-up batteries and automatic restart functions if system interruption occurs.

After the hunting season, the encrypted data from the Blue Box are decrypted and analysed by authorized personnel in the Directorate of Fisheries. For more reading see document 6/en, EG: electronic monitoring of Norwegian minke whaling, IWC 2005

*Inspection*

There are also random inspections occurring carried out by inspectors from the Directorate of Fisheries. These inspectors have attended the same training courses.

*Reporting system*

There is no mandatory reporting of TTD or IDL.

The reporting system in Norway is a combination of a self-reporting system and the automated blue box. The automatic monitoring system is a supplement to the electronic catch reporting system. The hunters are obliged to electronically report the catch (or no catch) on a daily basis. This report includes information on catch, position of catch, sex, length, circumference, blubber thickness, foetus/size of foetus and number of grenades used in the catch.

**Iceland***Responsible authority*

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*Monitoring and inspection system*

There are random inspections carried out by inspectors from the Directorate of Fisheries.

*Reporting system*

In Iceland there is a self-reporting system where all catches are reported to the Directorate of Fisheries. Hunters are obliged to report the position, sex and length, foetus/size of foetus for caught animals.