

**GREENLAND
 PROGRESS REPORT ON MARINE MAMMALS 2015**

Greenland Institute of Natural Resources

Catch, by-catch and strandings statistics provided by the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture

I. INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the research on pinnipeds and cetaceans done in Greenland in 2015 by The Greenland Institute of Natural Resources (GINR), in collaboration with several organizations.

II RESEARCH 2015

A Species and stocks studied

Pinnipeds

- Walrus *Odobenus rosmarus* – Northern Baffin Bay
- Hooded seals *Cystophora cristata* – Western Atlantic
- Harbor seal *Phoca vitulina* – Central West and South Greenland
- Bearded seal *Erigonotus barbatus* – Baffin Bay and South Greenland
- Ringed seal *Pusa hispida* – West and East Greenland
- Harp seal *Pagophilus groenlandicus* – West Greenland

Cetaceans

- Narwhal *Monodon monoceros* – West and East Greenland
- Beluga *Delphinapterus leucas* – East Greenland
- Harbour porpoise *Phocoena phocoena* – West Greenland
- Sperm whale *Physeter macrocephalus* – West and East Greenland
- Bowhead whale *Balaena mysticetus* – West Greenland
- Humpback whale *Megaptera novaeangliae* – West and East Greenland
- Fin whale *Balaenoptera physalus* – West and East Greenland
- Minke whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* – West and East Greenland

B Field work in 2015