



NORTH ATLANTIC MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

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Action requested:

- Take note

Background: The last information document on NAMMCO was from 2003

NAMMCO

Intergovernmental Regional Fisheries Management Organization with advisory mandate

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



Photo: Mario Acquarone

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



Photo: Ragnar Th. Sigurðsson



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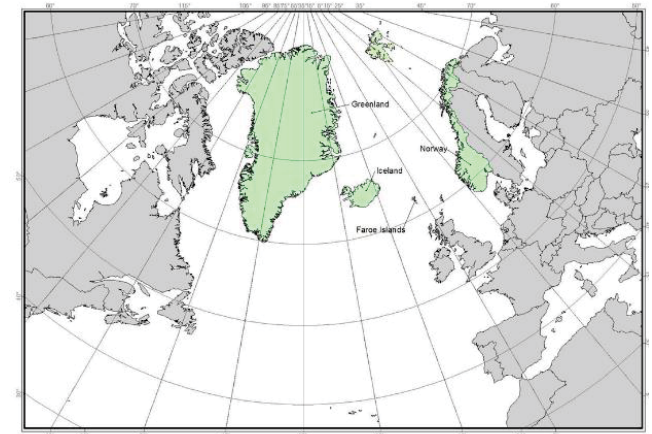
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sustainable use
sustainable communities



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



Photo: Geneviève Desportes

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

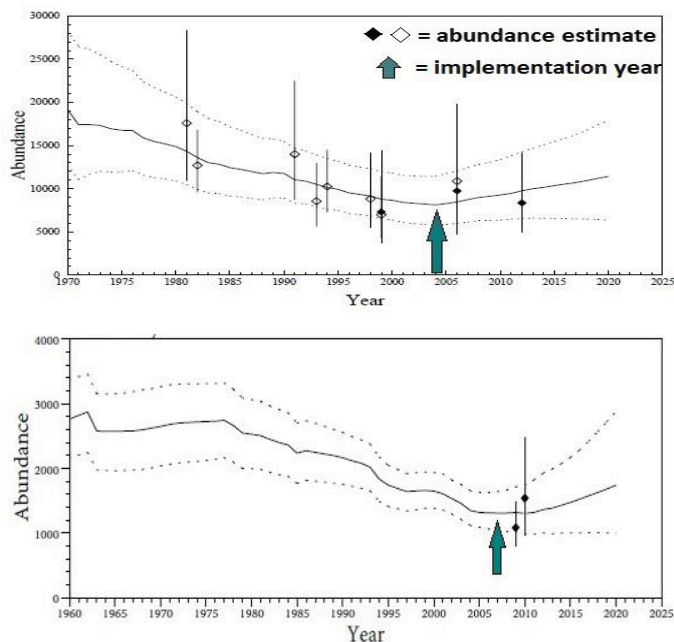
- Compliance with hunting regulations
- Implementation of national inspection scheme

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).



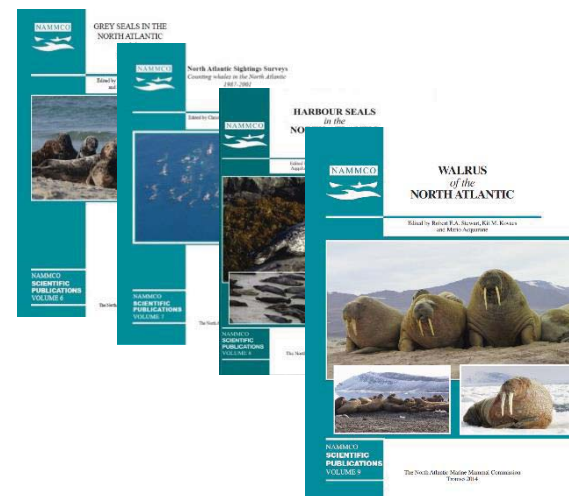
Improving hunting efficiency gives results:

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 penthrate grenade.

Supporting and Disseminating science



Training and Educating hunters



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