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I INTRODUCTION

This report is presented the Russian research on Cetaceans and Pinnipeds carried out by PINRO in 2013 in the North Atlantic, and in the Barents, Kara and White Seas. Besides, various marine mammal research in the Russia by Scientific-Research Institutes and Institutions of Russian Science Academy, Russian Ministry Environmental Resources research institutes are carry out traditionally. Also monitoring researches by various companies which work and exploit shelf of hydrocarbon raw materials in the Barents Sea is fulfilled.

II RESEARCH IN 2013

a. Species/Stock studied

Pinnipeds

- Ringed seal *Phoca ringedalis* (the White/Barents Seas populations) – White and Barents Seas
- Ringed seal *Phoca hispida* – White, Barents and Kara Seas
- Bearded seal *Erymnotherus barbatus* – White, Barents and Kara Seas
- Grey seal *Melchiorinus grypus* – Barents Sea
- Common Seal *Phoca vitulina* – Barents Sea
- Walrus *Odobenus rosmarus* – Barents and Kara Seas

Cetaceans

- Minke whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* – Barents and Kara Seas, North Atlantic
- Fin whale *Balaenoptera physalus* – Barents Sea, North Atlantic
- Humpback whale *Megaptera novaeangliae* – Barents Sea, North Atlantic
- Killer whale *Orcinus orca* – Barents and Kara Seas, North Atlantic
- White whale (Beluga) *Delphinapterus leucas* – Barents, Kara and White Seas
- White-headed dolphin *Lagenorhynchus albirostris* – Barents Sea, North Atlantic
- Harbour porpoise *Phocoena phocoena* – Barents and White Seas
- Sperm whale *Physeter macrocephalus* – Barents Sea, North Atlantic
- Blue whale *Balaenoptera musculus* – Barents Sea, North Atlantic
- Bowhead whale *Balaena mysticetus* – Barents Sea, North Atlantic
- Common dolphin *Delphinus delphis* – Barents Sea, North Atlantic
- Pilot whale *Globicephala melania* – North Atlantic
- Northern bottlenose whale *Hyperoodon ampullatus* – Barents Sea, North Atlantic
- Bottle-nosed dolphin *Tursiops truncatus* – North Atlantic
- Sei whale *Balaenoptera borealis* – North Atlantic

b. Field Work

Pinnipeds and Cetaceans