

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE NORTH ATLANTIC MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION (NAMMCO)**  
**AND THE**  
**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEAS (ICES)**

Based on their mutual interest in

1. Promoting and enhancing cooperation on research on marine mammals, their role in marine ecosystems including their relationship to exploited species;
2. Better understanding the effects on marine mammals of marine pollution and other human activities;
3. Providing scientific information to member governments, and the regulatory commissions with which cooperative relationships have been established;

The North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission, with office address at the Science Park, Sykehusveien 21-23, N-9294 Tromsø, Norway, and hereinafter referred to as NAMMCO, and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, with office address at H.C. Andersen Boulevard 44-46, DK-1553 Copenhagen V, Denmark, hereinafter referred to as ICES, agree to undertake the following activities:

1. Each Party will keep the other informed of activities that may be of mutual interest.
2. There shall be reciprocal consultations between the Parties on matters related to the exchange of relevant data, such as on marine mammal abundance, distribution and utilisation.
3. There shall be reciprocal exchange of observers at meetings where matters of mutual interest are discussed.
4. The Parties will coordinate programmes, and avoid unnecessary duplication in the study of marine mammals and their role in the marine ecosystems of the North Atlantic and its adjacent seas.

**ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST**

Strengthening scientific research as the basis for conservation and sustainable management of marine living resources. In this respect, the cooperation will be of mutual benefit for both NAMMCO and ICES.

Developing a common approach to and cooperating on specific issues, for example through joint workshops, symposia or conferences on key issues related to marine science, as well as through cooperation on education, training and technology transfer.

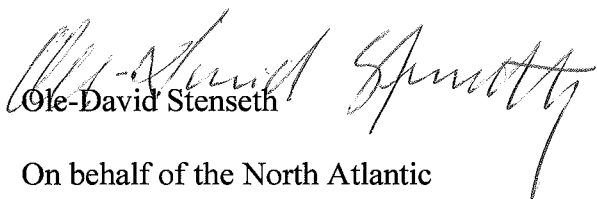
Facilitating mutual access to relevant Committees and Expert Groups, and co-sponsoring existing and new groups where appropriate.

Publishing and otherwise disseminating the results of collaborative activities covered by this Agreement.

Signed on behalf of NAMMCO and ICES:

Date: 4/11-11

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Marine Mammal Council

  
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Council for the Exploration of the Sea