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## Harbour porpoises in the Wadden Sea

UNESCO-Weltnaturerbe Wattenmeer Besucherzentrum [Wilhelmshaven, Südstrand 110b](#)

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Organised by Common Wadden Sea Secretariat & UNESCO Wadden Sea World Heritage Visitor Centre

> 9:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>
	<b>Opening and welcome addresses</b>
> 10:00 – 10:30	<i>Rüdiger Stempel - Executive Secretary Common Wadden Sea Secretariat</i> <i>Roger Staves - UNESCO Wadden Sea World Heritage Visitor Centre</i> <i>Jenny Renell - ASCOBANS Coordinator</i>
> 10:30 – 12:45	<b>Session I: Population Status and Monitoring</b>
> 10:30	Keynote I: <i>Porpoise conservation status in the Wadden Sea - muddied waters</i> <i>Meike Scheidat - Wageningen Marine Research</i>
> 11:15	Keynote II: <i>Movements of satellite tagged porpoises and potential future monitoring in the Danish Wadden Sea</i> <i>Jonas Teilmann - Aarhus University</i>
> 12:00	<i>Demersal Young Fish Survey - Stock indices for selected forage fish in the German Wadden Sea</i> <i>Holger Haslob - Thünen Institute of Sea Fisheries</i>
> 12:20	<b>Plenary discussion</b>
> 12:45 – 14:00	Lunch break
> 14:00 – 16:40	<b>Session II: Threats</b>
> 14:00	Keynote III: <i>Anthropogenic activities and their effects</i> <i>Ursula Siebert - Institute for Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Research</i>
> 14:45	<i>Is the Wadden Sea a warm bath or a dangerous desert for harbour porpoises?</i> <i>Mardik Leopold - Wageningen Marine Research</i>
> 15:05 – 15:30	Coffee break
> 15:30	<i>Effects of underwater noise related to offshore windfarms in the German North Sea on harbour porpoises</i> <i>Johannes Baltzer - Institute for Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Research</i>
> 15:50	<i>Marine debris and plastic pollution - Is it a threat to harbour porpoises?</i> <i>Elisa Bravo Rebolledo - Bureau Waardenburg</i>
> 16:10	<b>Plenary discussion</b>
> 16:40 – 17:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>