

Diversity of Marine Mammals – Along the Asian Coasts

August 26(Thu) -28(Sat), 2010



In the coastal waters surrounding us in Asia, we have the finless porpoise and gray whale as cetaceans, the spotted seal and Steller's sea lion as pinnipeds, and the dugong as only one sirenian species. The coastal area is familiar to us, but at the same time, it is one of the environments most susceptible to human activities. In this symposium, we will discuss the present status of these sea mammals and coexistence with them.

Open Lecture Aug. 28 (Sat) 9:30-18:30

- Programme**
1. Present Situation of Asian Coastal Marine Mammals
 2. How and What We Can Learn from Marine Mammals
 3. Harmonious co-existence with Coastal Marine Mammals and Humans

Language: Japanese/English Simultaneous interpretation available.

Location: National Museum of Nature and Science,
Auditorium (Japan Gallery 2F)
7-20 Ueno Park, Taito, Tokyo, JAPAN

Reservation: For ages 15 and older. Admission fee 1500yen.
Seats are limited. (70*) E-Mail Reservation required. (Deadline July 30)
Boxed lunch available (reservation required, 1000yen)

* Selection is by lottery if the number of applicants exceeds the capacity.
Lottery result will be sent around Aug. 10 by E-mail



E-Mail Reservation:

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Please Write;

Your name, nationality, age, phone, address, affiliation,
number of your group members and your boxed lunch request.



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Open Lecture Day Programme

1. Present Situation of Asian Coastal Marine Mammals

9:30-9:40 Opening Remarks

9:40-10:00 Conservation of the Yangtze Cetaceans and
Likely Extinct of Baiji

Wang Ding, Wuhan Hydro Biology Center (China)

10:00-10:20 Present Situation of Ganges River Dolphin

Ravindra Sinha, Patna University (India)

10:20-10:40 The Finless Porpoises in Asia

Toshio Kasuya, Teikyo University of Science (Japan)

10:40-11:00 Break



11:00-11:20 Cetaceans in Thai Waters and the Distribution of the Coastal Population

in the Upper Gulf of Thailand

Surasak Thongsukdee, Marine and Coastal Resources Research Center, Upper Gulf (Thailand)

11:20-11:40 Life of the Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin in Japanese Waters

Miki Shirakihara, Toho University (Japan)

11:40-12:00 Pinnipeds around Hokkaido Island

Mari Kobayashi, Tokyo University of Agriculture (Japan)

12:00-12:20 Significance of Seagrass Bed for Conservation of Dugongs in Thailand

Kanjana Adulyanukosol, Marine and Coastal Resources Research Center, Upper Gulf (Thailand)

12:20-13:50 Lunch Break

2. How and What We Can Learn from Marine Mammals?

13:50-14:10 Evaluating Risk Factors of Marine Mammals by Stranding Investigations

Yuko Tajima, National Museum of Nature and Science (Japan)

14:10-14:30 Monitoring Survey of Chemical Pollution Using Stranded Marine Mammals

Shinsuke Tanabe, Ehime University (Japan)

14:30-14:50 How and What We Can Learn from Marine Mammals?

Tadasu K. Yamada, National Museum of Nature and Science (Japan)

14:50-15:10 Break

3. Harmonious Co-existence with Coastal Marine Mammals and Humans

15:10-15:30 How Aquarium Can Contribute to the Conservation of Marine Mammals?

Kazutoshi Arai, Kamogawa Sea World (Japan)

15:30-15:50 Recognition Change toward Whales and Dolphins in Taiwan

Lien Siang Chou, National Taiwan University (Taiwan)

15:50-16:20 General Considerations on Conservation of Coastal Marine Mammals

Randy R. Reeves, Okapi Foundation (Canada)

16:20-17:20 General Discussion and Closing Remarks

17:20-18:30 Exhibit visit