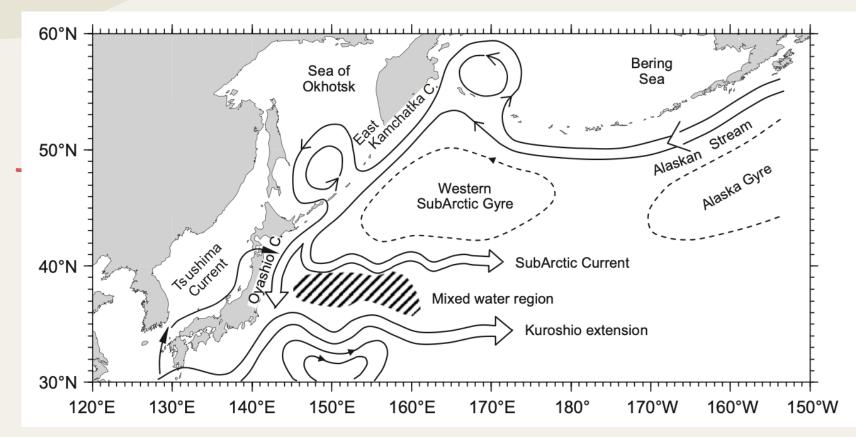
Marine mammals and prospects for sustainable tourism

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Current in the Northwest Pacific Ocean



Sakurai (2007)

Pacific coast of eastern hokkaido

Highly productive fishing grounds





Residential species

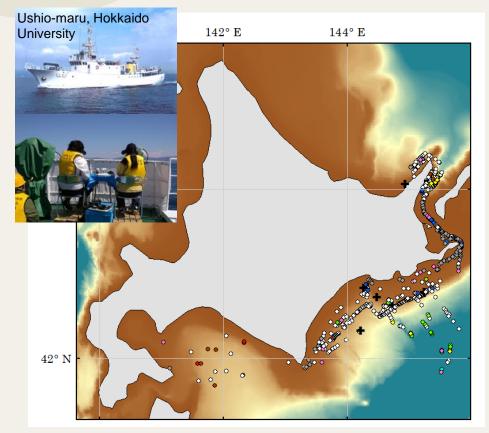






Yatsu et al. (2013)

Cetaceans sighting survey in fall



 \circ Dall's porpoise

- Pacific white-sided dolphin
- + Killer whale
- Baird's beaked whale
- Harbor porpoise
- Sperm whale
- Minke whale
- Humpback whale
- Blue whale
- Short-finned pilot whale







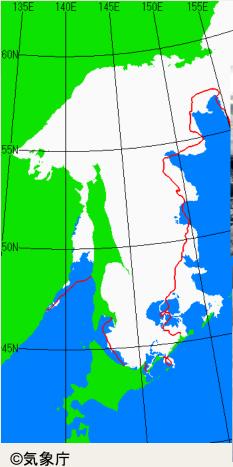








Iwahara & Mitani (unpublished)



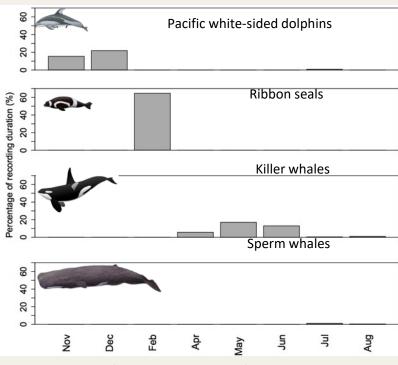




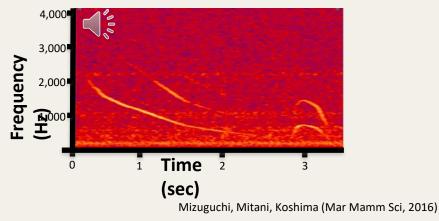


流氷見学で冬の大自然を体感!オホーツク海の流水シーズンは例年1月下旬~3月下旬。往復の格安航空券+借泊に、流氷砕氷 船乗船券がセットになったお得な格安ツアーをご紹介します。豪快&迫力満点の流氷クルージングを楽しもう!

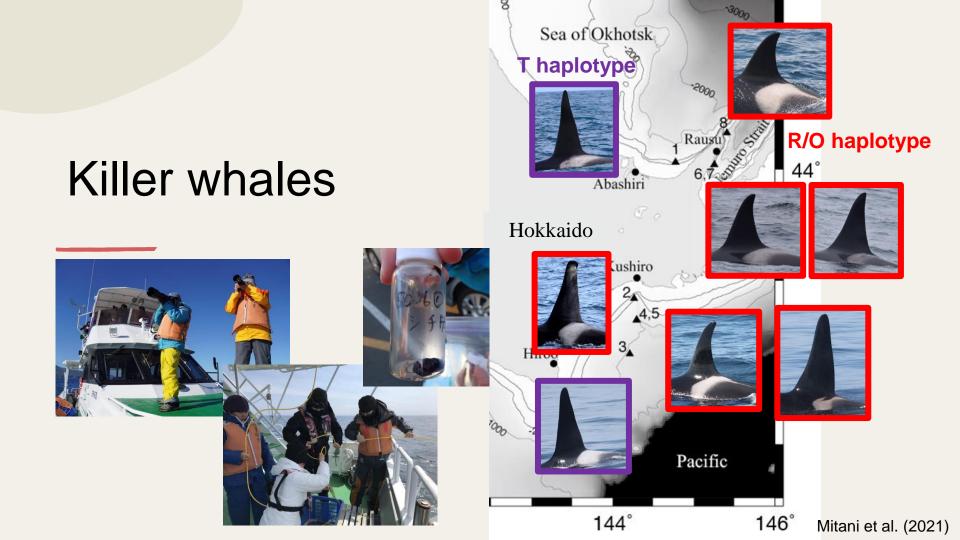
Acoustic monitoring: Seasonal changes in the Nemuro Strait



Otsuki, Mitani et al. (Techno-Ocean IEEE, 2016) Otsuki, Mitani et al. (Polar Biol, 2018) Vocalization of ribbon seal







Seasonal migrant species in the Nemuro Strait



Ecotourism



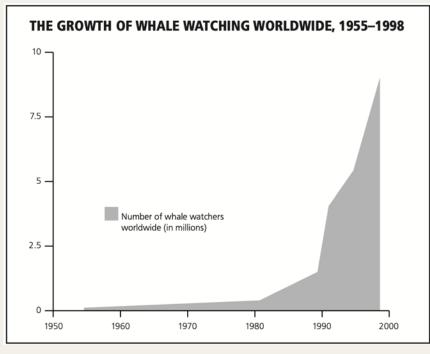
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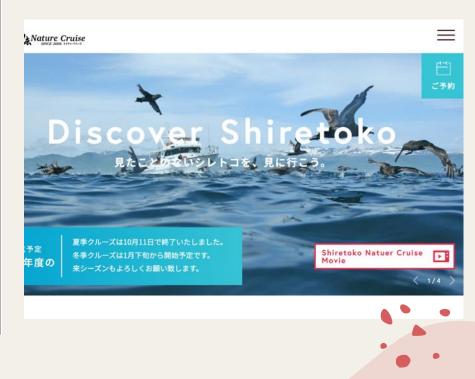
- Non-consumptive & educational tour
- Host destination
 - Undisturbed and undervisited areas
 - Immense natural beauty
 - cultural and historical importance
- Purposes
 - Understanding and appreciating the natural and sociocultural history

(Sirakaya et al., 1999)



Whale watching





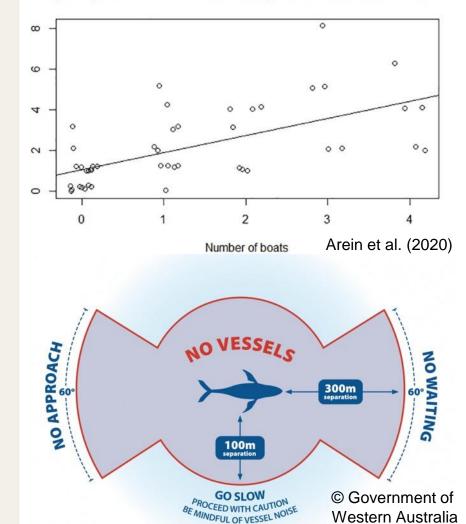
Hoyt (2001)

Whale watching is sustainable?

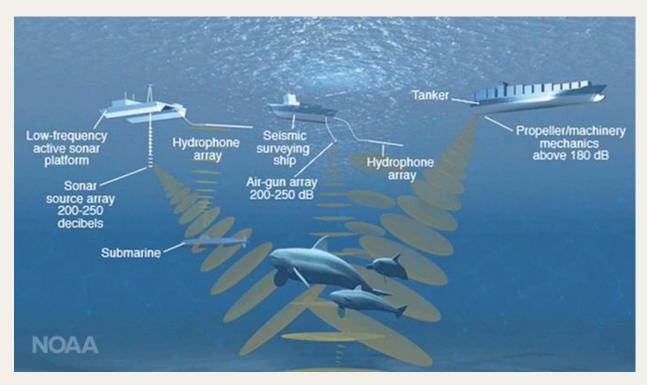


Impacts to whales and regulation of WW

Frequency of Whale Direction Change Related to Number of Boats



Ocean noise



- Disrupting Sound
 Communication
- Cause stress
- Damage to hearing caused by loud sounds
- Reduced foraging time due to escape from sound

WW and citizen science

Citizen Science: new way to conceive research by involving amateur or nonspecialised people

Prospects for sustainable tourism

Long-term monitoring

A consensus-building forum among governments, scientists, industry representatives, and non-governmental organizations

Citizen science and its feedback