

Table 1. Summary of Photo ID data processing from November 2016 to 10th of July 2018

Season	La				Cc				total			
	Sigh No	Complete	To rename	To do	Sigh No	Complete	To rename	To do	Sigh No	Complete	To rename	To do
Focal1	17	17	0	0	55	46	8	1	72	63	8	1
Gen.	10	10	0	0	17	11	6	0	27	21	6	0
Focal2	24	7	17	0	21	4	15	2	45	11	32	2
Focal3	22	2	17	3	43	3	28	12	65	5	45	15
Focal4	24	2	5	17	47	3	12	32	71	5	17	49
Focal5	6	0	0	6	13	0	1	12	19	0	1	18
Oppor.	11	3	0	8	5	2	0	3	16	5	0	11
Tot	114	41	39	34	201	69	70	62	315	110	109	96
	%	36	34	30	%	34	35	31	%	35	35	30

Currently, number of marked identified individuals is 101 for La and, notably, >600 for Cc. Such high number of marked individuals for Cc contributes in slowing the Photo ID process. **SB** asked if an approximate estimate of the ratio marked/unmarked in the two species is available (interested in comparison with Maui's Dolphins). **MC** mentioned a calculation can be briefly performed to provide such information (indicatively % of marked individuals is very low for La and around 50% for Cc).

[Action **MC** provide draft estimate of ratio marked/unmarked individuals for La]

- Abundance paper is in progress, although writing process has slowed at present for field work and budgeting actions overlapping with Teresa visit. Most parts are completed apart for the Discussion.
- Drone activity has been continued in May, at the moment reduced for duties of field survey.
- First draft of cetacean Species Action Plan has been circulated in May, a meeting was held with **AS** last Monday the 9th resulting in constructive inputs. Work is now in progress; an updated draft is due to be circulated by the end of July.
- MC** attended the ECS conference in April where a poster on results of abundance estimation through aerial survey was presented with positive feedbacks.
- MC** informed that the field report for Focal Survey 4 (February-March) and Focal Survey 5 (June-July) will be merged and finalised in one single document by the end of the project.

Some questions from the partners;

SB asked to receive the final version of the ECS poster. **MC** will circulate the poster; it is also available for download from an active link in the Darwin report.

[Action **MC** circulate last version of ECS poster].

SH is currently working on IUCN red list status assessment for La due to be submitted by the end of July and asked what should be mentioned as most updated reference on abundance. **MC** confirmed the results included in the ECS poster - at present published as abstract - can be used, although the correction for the availability bias has still to be included, thus resulting in a conservative estimate. Data are also available in the field report. **SH** suggested the ECS abstract can then be cited as preliminary source; reference source could be subsequently updated when the paper will be available.

b Darwin Annual Report feedback review

Darwin annual report has been submitted and reviewed with highly favourable feedback. Obtained score was 2 on a 5 points scale, being 1 the highest. Main concern of the reviewers was a. the high amount of data collected still to be processed (Photo ID) and b. the uncertainty in the ability of ranking the increase of awareness on dolphins in the local community.

On point b. **GM** suggested to avoid the circulation of a public consultation suggested by Darwin, providing instead something similar to a satisfaction questionnaire. **MC** suggested this may be obtained from the attendees of the Photo ID training courses and from the school teachers.

On point a. **PB** suggested to identify in the next report the amount of data originally expected and draw a brief comparison with the actual data collected, highlighting the unexpected differences. **PBK** also suggested on this that for the purposes of a Darwin report it is important to be explicit in presenting the performed activities and the obtained achievements. Also related to this **MC** mentioned, as example, the aim of C-pods deployment was not to provide a satisfactory data analysis but to collect data and obtain a preliminary assessment. **GM** expressed his availability in taking a look at the C-pods data and providing some basic data analysis, that should fulfil project commitments on this activity. **SH** also said that a dedicated student or researcher from the University of St Andrews to work on C-pod will be looked for from September 2018.

[Action **MC** send C-pod data to **GM**]

[Action **GM** provide basic data analysis on C-pod data]

4 PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

MC informed after the conclusion of the field activities (Focal Survey 5) the months of August and September will be dedicated to writing and Photo ID activities. Writing will include the finalization of the abundance paper, the draft of the habitat modelling paper, the final Darwin report and Species Action Plan.

SH and **PBK** asked if a prioritization of the future research activities could be provided and circulated.

[Action **MC** circulate the future research plan]

5 PARTNER UPDATES

SC has expressed positive view about the project and said he enjoyed working in it. **MC** has acknowledged the key role of **SC** in the project field activities, in particular by identifying and resolving all possible boat malfunctioning before getting at sea.

SB said his experience in the project was very positive and enjoyable. He also provided updates on the genetic results and his intention to present this results to the next SOLAMAC conference (November 2018, Lima Peru).

PBK asked if other results of the DOKE project can be also submitted for the same conference. On this **SH** suggested that a progress/update of the ECS work could be provided. Deadline for abstract is 15th of July (note: it has been subsequently postponed to the 30th of July).

[Action **MC** discuss with Tara feasibility of attending SOLAMAC conference]

[Action **MC** (in case of positive response from Tara) prepare and circulate abstract for the SOLAMAC conference]

AS and **GM** have also expressed positive view on the project.

SH asked how data can be available after the end of the project. **PBK** and **MC** mentioned the data will be stored in the IMS-GIS database that includes searchable metadata and actual data available upon request.

As final remark **MC** mentioned that this will be the last steering committee meeting. Further communication among partners could be in any case held whenever needed.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINNES and closure

There were no other business and the meeting was declared concluded.

List of actions

1. **MC** provide draft estimate of ratio marked/unmarked individuals for La
2. **MC** circulate last version of ECS poster
3. **MC** send C-pod data to **GM**
4. **GM** provide basic data analysis on C-pod data
5. **MC** circulate the future research plan
6. **MC** discuss with Tara feasibility of attending SOLAMAC conference
7. **MC** (in case of positive response from Tara) prepare and circulate abstract for the SOLAMAC conference

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

Signed as a correct record

Handwritten signature of Arima Costa in black ink.

Chairman