

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

Final Report Template for Grant Recipients

The CBT wants to know about the success of your project!

Please save this document under a new file name before completing the form. Once completed, please submit electronically to curtis.cook@clayoquotbiosphere.org. In addition, please electronically attach any press materials or other appropriate materials such as scientific reports, brochures and newspaper articles. Photos are greatly appreciated! All final reports will be posted on the CBT website. Proponents are strongly urged to present their project results at CBT sponsored events in the region.

1. Organization Information

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2. Project Details

Project Title: **Clayoquot Communities and Marine Mammals Workshop**

CBT Funding received: **\$1200**

Total Project Budget: **\$ 3200**

3. Final Report Questions: Please briefly answer the following questions in point form or paragraph format. Please limit your responses to the space provided.

a. If your project has changed from your original proposal, please describe how and why it has changed.

The project did not change from the original proposal.



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b. What was the impact of your project at the individual, community and regional level?

Forty marine mammal researchers, government officials, wildlife tour operators and interested citizens from Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds participated in the event. The project provided a forum for the west coast marine mammal community to meet and discuss ongoing projects and areas of potential collaboration before the commencement of the 2010 season. The workshop was successful from the point of view of community members who became more aware of the projects they could support and that could support their work. The local community also became more aware of the BC Marine Mammal Response Network. At the regional level, the workshop gave Fisheries and Oceans Canada marine mammal staff an insight into local marine mammal conservation issues and efforts and identified areas for collaboration and the exchange of information.

The workshop was an important opportunity to raise awareness of the BC Marine Mammal Response Network, the BC Cetacean Sightings Network and the Be Whale Wise Guidelines for Marine Wildlife Viewing. Many Clayoquot and Barkley Sound community members have contacted the organizers to request this become an annual event.

c. Describe the community involvement and collaboration with other agencies.

The workshop was organized by local researcher Wendy Szaniszló and Cetus Society staff and the project was administered by Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society. The workshop was attended by a high percentage of local marine mammal tour company staff, local, regional and international researchers, several local and regional environmental NGO's and government managers and scientists. Refreshments were provided by the Pacific Rim Association of Tour Operators.

Presenters included:

- * Dr. Jim Darling of the Pacific Wildlife Foundation,
- * Rod Palm of Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society.
- * Veterinarian Dr. Marty Haulena, Caitlin Birdsall and Meghan McKillop of the Vancouver Aquarium.
- * Local researchers Brian Gisborne and Wendy Szaniszló.
- * Nicole Koshure of Cetus Research and Conservation Society.
- * Katie Beach, Nuu-cha-nulth Tribal Council

Presentations by government came from Paul Cottrell the acting Fisheries and Oceans' Marine Mammal Coordinator, Lisa Spaven Marine Mammal Response Coordinator and Romney McPhie, Species at Risk Ecologist and Jenn Yakimishyn, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Ken Thomson, President of the Pacific Rim Association of Tourism Operators also presented.

The community at large was invited to attend via advertisements in the Tofino Times and the Westerly.

d. What lessons were learned along the way that should be shared with other groups and/or projects?

The importance of having the larger marine mammal community get together and discuss initiatives in a local and regional context allowed for various members to learn about one another's work and provided a means to encourage collaboration between various groups. The workshop underlined the importance of communication and collaboration in conservation work.



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e. How have you communicated the results of your project to local residents?

A letter to the editor summarizing the meeting and thanking participants and organizers for their attendance at the meeting was published in the Westerly and Canada.com. Ads announcing the meeting were made in the Westerly and the Pacific Rim Association of Tour Operators made announcements to their members of the meeting.

f. How did your project help to achieve the CBT's *Mission*?

The workshop spotlighted local and regional research and conservation projects on marine mammal species at risk. The workshop facilitated the sharing and exchange of community knowledge pertaining to marine mammal species and their habitat by providing a forum to discuss emerging issues and solutions, The objectives which were met by the workshop include: 1) spotlight local research on marine mammal species at risk, 2) provide additional information on related research and initiatives, and 3) promote conservation by providing a forum to discuss emerging issues and solutions.

g. How did your project contribute to the CBT's Measuring Community Health Initiative?

Please see our website for a description of this project and a list of indicators that we are interested in.

The workshop specifically addressed the CBT indicators: negative human-wildlife interactions and species at risk. This was accomplished through the sharing of information on local marine mammals, many of which are listed as species-at-risk by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC); and through presentations / discussions pertaining to approaches which focused on reducing the number of negative human-wildlife interactions, including disturbance, vessel collisions and entanglement. Presentations about the Be Whale Wise Marine Wildlife Viewing Guidelines and the BC Marine Mammal Response Network, in particular, were directed at increasing knowledge about human wildlife interactions and threats facing species at risk and highlighting local and regional initiatives to address these issues.



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4. Project Budget

We require a detailed budget reconciliation . The originally submitted budget should be directly compared to the actual amount spent on the project and explanations for any variances should be provided. Please include contributions from partner organizations and all other sources of funding.

Item & Description	Anticipated cost (from original application)	Actual Cost	Other Contributions (including source)	Total Cost
Salaries & Benefits				
Meeting organization	\$800	\$1095	\$448 (Cetus)	\$1543
Administration Fees (SIMRS)			\$120 (Cetus)	\$120
Facilities Rental				
Meeting room rental	\$200	\$105		\$105
Materials & Supplies				
Other (please specify)				
Refreshments	\$200	\$0	\$231 (PRATO)	\$231
Travel and Accomodations			\$600 (Cetus)	\$600
Total	\$1200	\$1200	\$1399	\$2599



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