

National meetings

Participation of Scientists of the Institute of Cetacean Research in National Meetings in 2018

Annual meeting of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science (JSFS)

The Japanese Society of Fisheries Science (JSFS) was established in 1932. It is a non-profit registered society dedicated to the promotion of all aspects of fisheries science. The society fulfills its global commitment by promoting science, striving to achieve sustainable development while recognizing crucial need of preserving the natural aquatic resources. It also strives to forego relationships with the industry comprising both capture and culture fisheries, the fishing environment, and the concerned trade. The main events organized by the society are the biannual meetings held in spring and autumn in one of the main cities of Japan. In this forum the members present their research activities, exchange information, and create partnerships in vital areas of research. Over 1,500 presentations are given during the meeting and a compendium of the abstracts is promptly published.

The 2018 spring meeting of the JSFS was held at the Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Tokyo from 26 to 30 March, 2018. Three scientists from the Institute of Cetacean Research (ICR) participated in the meeting (Goto, Konishi and Isoda). Goto presented the study titled 'Estimation of stock structure and migratory pattern of common minke whales around Japanese waters' (co-authors Taguchi and Pastene). Konishi presented the study titled 'Tracking sei whales by satellite tags at the foraging area in the western North Pacific' (co-authors Isoda and Bando). Isoda presented the study titled 'Observation of marine debris in the Antarctic based on the Japanese Whale Research Program under Special Permit' (co-authors Tamura and Pastene). Other scientists from the ICR were co-authors in other presentations by scientists external to ICR, on topics related to estimation of abundance of sei whales (Matsuoka and Hakamada), and estimation of the feeding period of Antarctic minke whales in the Antarctic through stable isotope analyses (Tamura, Konishi and Bando).



Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Tokyo.

The 2018 autumn meeting of JSFS was held at the School of Applied Biological Science, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, from 15 to 18 September, 2018. Two scientists from the ICR participated as co-authors in presentations made to the meeting on topics related to population dynamics of sandlance in Sendai Bay (Tamura) and operating models for the North Pacific common minke whales (Goto).



Hiroshima University, Hiroshima.

Annual Meeting of the Mammal Society of Japan (MSJ)

The Mammal Society of Japan (MSJ) was established in 1987 by uniting two academic organizations, the Mammalogical Society of Japan and the Research Group of Mammalogists, which were founded in 1949 and 1955, respectively. The MSJ currently has an enrollment of over 1,100 members including students and non-professionals. The annual meeting of the society consists of academic sessions (symposia, oral presentations, and poster papers), workshops, and a business meeting.

The 2018 autumn meeting of MSJ was held at the

School of Applied Biological Science, Shinshu University, Nagano, from 7 to 10 September, 2018. Three scientists from the ICR participated as co-authors in presentations made to the meeting. The topics of the presentations were on abundance estimation of blue whales in the Antarctic (Matsuoka), estimation of spatial distribution of humpback whales in the North Pacific (Matsuoka), morphological comparison of finless porpoises (Kato) and skull variation among stocks of common minke whales in the western North Pacific (Fujise and Kato).



Shinshu University, Nagano.