

## AGENDA

### WORKSHOP ON CETACEANS AND FISHERIES INTERACTIONS

7 March 2007, Apia, Samoa

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- 9:30 – 9:45            **Welcome by Facilitator**  
**Overview of workshop objectives and outcomes**  
Handout of brochures/factsheets  
Facilitator: Phil Burgess (AG Environment)
- 9:45 – 10:45        **Presentations on Ecological interactions between whales and fish**  
*This session will demonstrate the integral role of whales in a healthy ocean ecosystem and highlight the economic values and other benefits of cetacean conservation. Simple easily understood science based facts enhance understanding of whales and fish interactions.*  
Speakers: Nick Gales (AGAD), Keith Sainsbury (tbc),
- 10:45 – 11:00       **Morning tea**
- 11:00 – 12:30       **Discussions on Ecological interactions**  
*Interactive session addressing issues of concern raised by participants.*
- 12:30 – 2:30        **Lunch**
- 2:30 – 3:45         **Operational interactions between whales and fish**  
*This session will discuss the issues of Depredation/ Entanglement and Bycatch and up-to- date Mitigation and disentangling strategies. Presentations will raise awareness of cetaceans and their relationship to fisheries management issues within the Pacific region. Mitigation is an important issue for discussion.*  
Speakers: Simon Walsh (NSW Fisheries), Dave Matilla (NOAA), Bill Perrin (NOAA), Carlos Moreno (tbc)
- 3:45 – 4:00         **Afternoon tea**
- 4:00 – 4:30         **Wrap up/Next steps**
- 6:00 – 7.30         **Reception**  
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