

Project Update: December 2004

Participation in the Third Biennial Conference “Marine Mammals of Holarctic”, Koktebel, Ukraine, October 11-19

On the Third Biennial Conference “Marine Mammals of Holarctic” we presented our project and told the scientific community about the possible consequences of killer whale capturing. We also showed the video-film made from our field footage about Kamchatkan killer whales in the wild and a threat of their capturing.

Fieldwork: During this field season we obtained 9 hours of underwater sound recordings from Kamchatkan killer whales, which will help us to define their pod and population structure. We made photo and video shooting for the photo-identification and popularization activities. We have also obtained (due to our colleagues A.M.Burdin and V.N.Burkanov) some recordings from killer whales of Komandor and Kuril Islands, which will also help to define population structure in the region.