

M.E.E.R. Practical Course 13 – 27 October 2018

Welcome to La Gomera!

Here you can find information about the programme of the course and the working meetings (see 2nd page). We are looking forward to work with you!



Date	Time	Meeting Point	Activity
14.10. SU	11.00	OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas	Opening meeting: welcome, background, practical info, MEER film: "La Gomera"
15.10. MO	09.30	Harbour of Vueltas	1st Whale watching trip
16.10. TU	15.30	Harbour of Vueltas	2nd Whale watching trip
17.10. WE	10.00	OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas	Working meeting I
18.10. TH	09.30	Harbour of Vueltas	3rd Whale watching trip
19.10. FR	10.00	OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas	Working meeting II
20.10. SA	09.30	Harbour of Vueltas	4th Whale watching trip
21.10. SU	t.b.a.	OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas	Excursion to station for land-based observation of cetaceans
22.10. MO	09.30 17.30	Harbour of Vueltas t.b.a.	5th Whale watching trip Excursion to the littoral
23.10. TU	10.00	OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas	Work meeting III
24.10. WE	15.30	Harbour of Vueltas	6th Whale watching trip
25.10. TH	06.30	Harbour of Vueltas	7 th Whale watching trip (long trip: 6-8h)
26.10. FR	10.00	OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas	Work meeting IV Closing meeting

For the whale watching trips, please bring water and a snack (especially for the long trip). Don't forget to bring your equipment (goggles, dictaphones, camera, etc.), protection for the head (cap, hat, bandana), sunscreen and a towel. For the afternoon trip and the long trip please also bring long trousers and a jumper/wind breaker. Our meeting point – unless announced differently – is in front of the MEER exhibition.

This plan may be subject to changes where necessary.

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Working meetings



- Working meeting 1**
- *Cetaceans off La Gomera - an introduction* (Power Point presentation)
 - *Behavioural research, basics:* sampling methods, behavioural states vs. behavioural events, definitions
- Working meeting 2**
- *Whale watching - Chances & Problems* (Power Point presentation)
 - *Project M.E.E.R. La Gomera, research details:* behavioural states, boat-related behaviours, sighting categorisation, ethograms
- Working meeting 3**
- *Practical work:* data handling, database structure entering sighting data into the database, data interpretation & analysis, etc.
If time permits: Ship strikes (Power Point)
- Working meeting 4**
- *More practical work:* data handling, entering sighting data into the database, data interpretation & analysis, etc.
- Closing meeting**
- Summary
 - Feedback, questionnaire
 - Having a drink & fun...

(Additional meetings will be held when necessary)

The meetings will take place at the *MEER exhibition* in Vueltas. Please be in time and bring paper & pencil.