

## M.E.E.R. Practical Course 30 March – 13 April 2018



### Welcome to La Gomera!

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

| Date         | Time           | Meeting Point                | Activity   |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| 31.03.<br>SU | 11.00          | OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas        | Opening Meeting:<br>Welcome, Background, Practical Info,<br>MEER-film: "La Gomera" |
| 01.04.<br>MO | 09.30          | Harbour of Vueltas           | 1st Whale Watching Trip  |
| 02.04.<br>TU | 15.30          | Harbour of Vueltas           | 2nd Whale Watching Trip  |
| 03.04.<br>WE | 10.00          | OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas        | Working Meeting I  |
| 04.04.<br>TH | 09.30          | Harbour of Vueltas           | 3rd Whale Watching Trip  |
| 05.04.<br>FR | 10.00          | OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas        | Working Meeting II   |
| 06.04.<br>SA | 06.30          | Harbour of Vueltas           | 4th Whale Watching Trip<br>(Long Trip: 6-8h)                                       |
| 07.04.<br>SU | t.b.a.         | OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas        | Excursion to station for land-based<br>observation of cetaceans                    |
| 08.04.<br>MO | 9.30<br>t.b.a. | Harbour of Vueltas<br>t.b.a. | 5th Whale Watching Trip<br>Excursion to the littoral                               |
| 09.04.<br>TU | 10.00          | OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas        | Work Meeting III   |
| 10.04.<br>WE | 15.30          | Harbour of Vueltas           | 6th Whale Watching Trip  |
| 11.04.<br>TH | 9.30           | Harbour of Vueltas           | 7 <sup>th</sup> Whale Watching Trip  |
| 12.04.<br>FR | 10.00          | OCEANO Gomera/Vueltas        | Work Meeting IV<br>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.