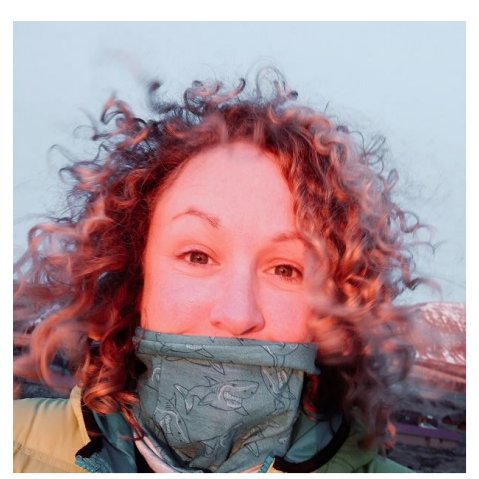


# Joint Cetacean Data Programme

## Creating a data community for the benefit of cetacean science



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### What is the JCDP?

The Joint Cetacean Data Programme (JCDP) is an international collaborative initiative to better facilitate access to standardised and quality cetacean survey data collected from vessel and aerial platforms.

The JCDP platform provides the resources to maximise the value and impact of important cetacean survey data.

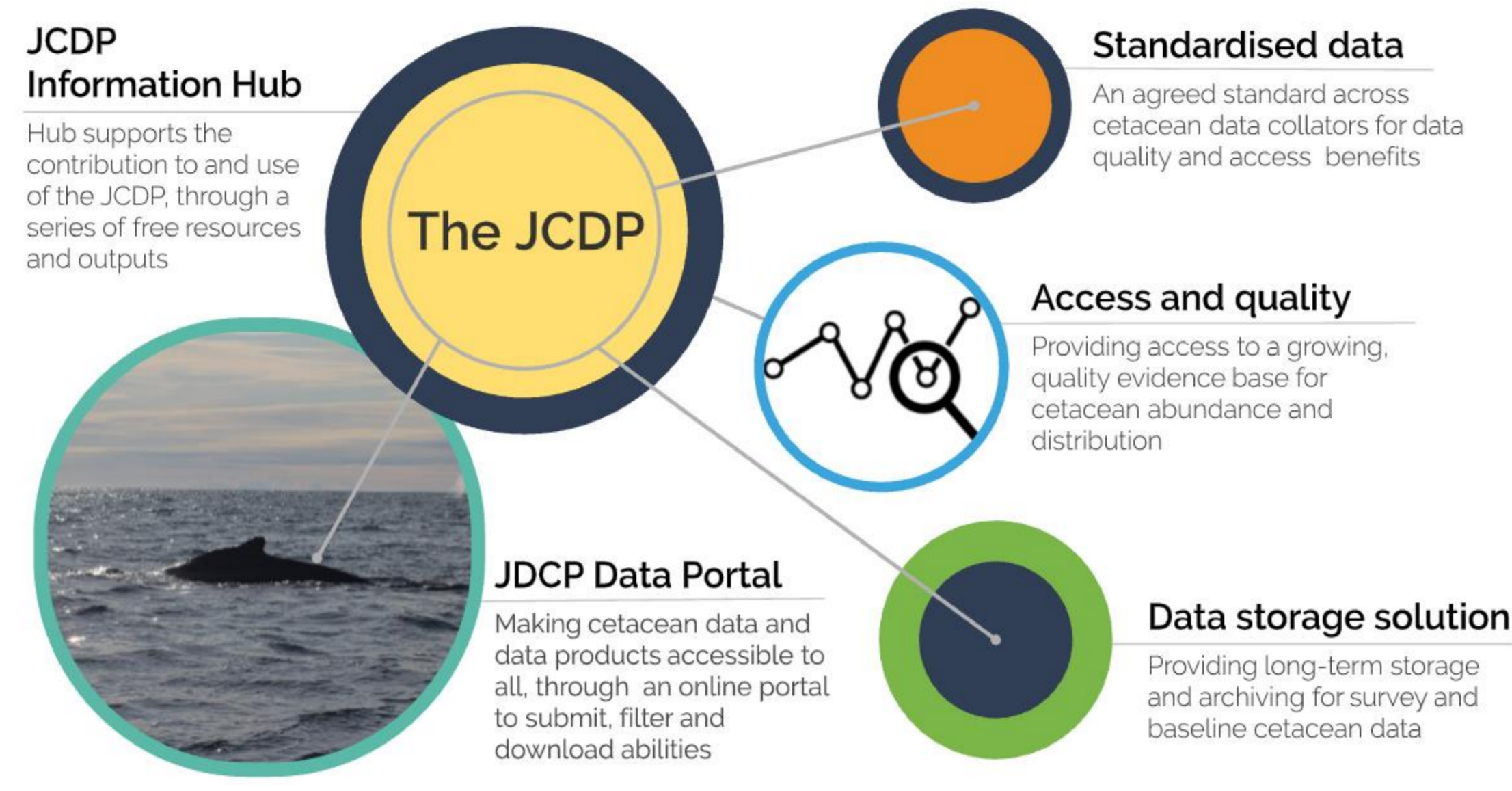
### Vision of the JCDP

Promote and facilitate cetacean data standardisation and maximise value through collation and enabling of universal access.

### Working Group for the JCDP

An ICES working group has been established to govern the JCDP in the long term: the **WGJCDP**. This dedicated group has a growing international membership from across sectors and expertise, working together to ensure the JCDP has maximum benefit and impact.

Get in touch if you want to get involved!  
[www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WGjcdp.aspx](http://www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WGjcdp.aspx)



### JCDP Data Portal

Online data portal hosted in the ICES Data Centre facilitating submission, search and access to cetacean survey data collected across the NE Atlantic.  
[cetaceans.ices.dk](http://cetaceans.ices.dk)

### JCDP Information Hub

A central location for background information and supporting resources for the JCDP, providing context and guidance to support data providers and users.  
[jncc.gov.uk/JCDP](http://jncc.gov.uk/JCDP)

### JCDP Metadata Catalogue

Provides INSPIRE-compliant metadata information for the whole JCDP database and each survey submitted to the JCDP data portal.  
[gis.ices.dk/geonetwork](http://gis.ices.dk/geonetwork)

### Shared universal benefit

By collating cetacean survey data together, we can build a more comprehensive picture of the ecology, abundance and distribution of these cryptic, widely distributed and often data-poor species.

Historically, the process of collating data has had challenges, many of which are being addressed by the JCDP.

### Universal data standard

The JCDP has developed a universal data standard for formatting of data collected through effort-related cetacean survey data.

Standardised data facilitates easy collation of data from multiple sources.

### Data storage and sharing solution

The JCDP provides a free long-term solution to data storage and archiving. Easy access to cetacean survey data ensures future use beyond the original purpose.

Acting as a central data repository and source of cetacean survey data; the JCDP streamlines data access adding value to individual datasets.



[www.JNCC.gov.uk/JCDP](http://www.JNCC.gov.uk/JCDP)

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### Grab a pen! See a data gap on the map?

The JCDP team would like to engage with as many data collectors as possible, and are seeking your help.

Are you aware of at-sea surveys for cetaceans that are missing from the map? Grab a pen, draw the area and add an organisation name.

To provide a more detail, scan the QR code and fill out the online form or put your business card in the box.

You'll be helping the JCDP to expand the cetacean data community, and widen this shared data resource for better research, conservation and sustainable management.

Scan me and submit info on data collection programmes you're aware of

