



# Hvalaskoðun í skugga hvalveiða

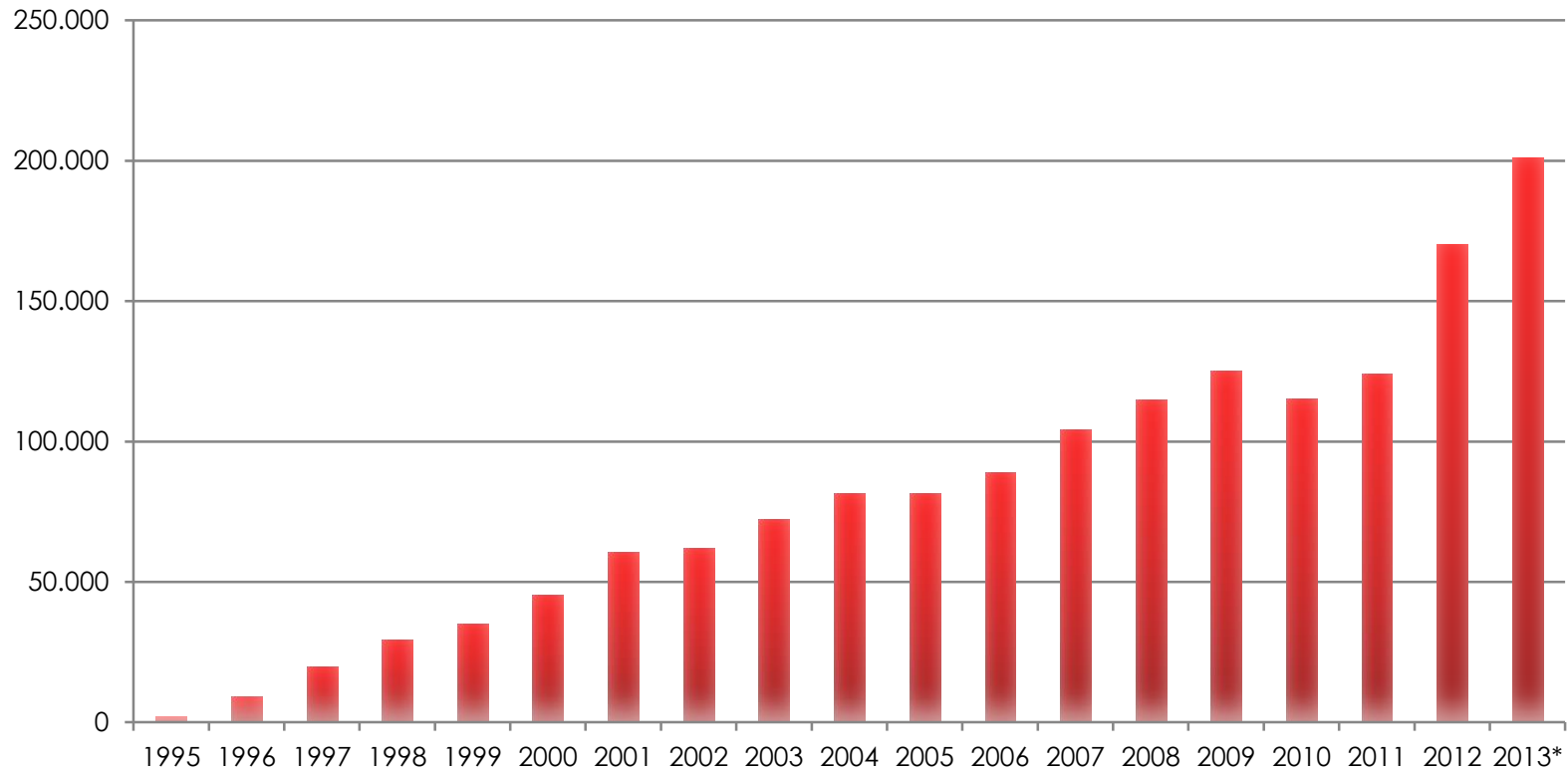
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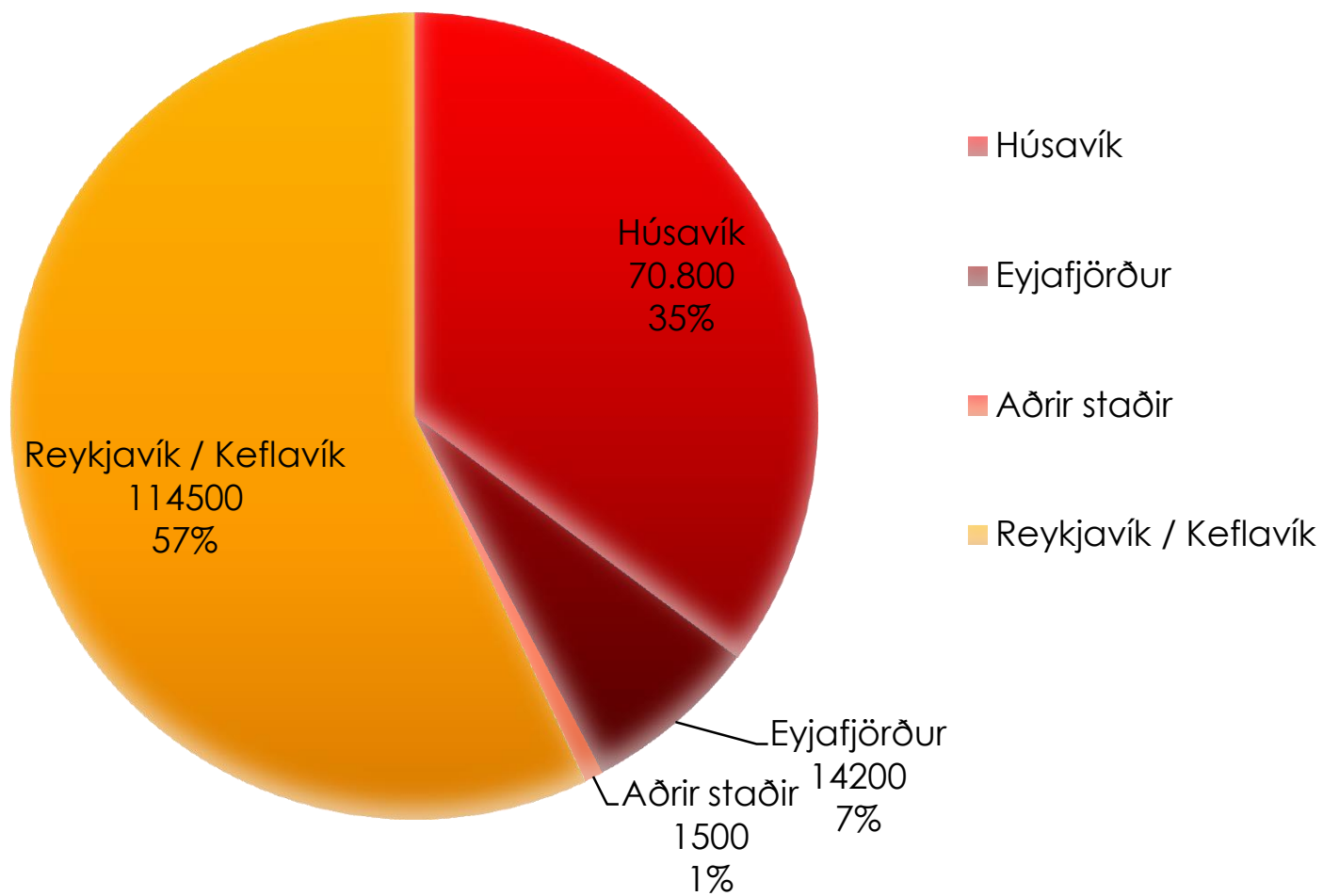
# Hvalskoðun ört vaxandi afþreying



**Fjöld farþega í hvalaskoðun 1995-2013**



## Hvalaskoðun eftir svæðum 2013



# Efnahagslegt gildi

- Áætlaðar tekjur af miðasölu 2013
  - 1.5 – 1.7 milljarður
  - Afleiddar tekjur 2,4 - 2,7 milljarðar
- Störf við hvalaskoðun
  - Sumar (5 mán) um c.a 200 manns
  - Vetur (7 mán) um c.a 70 manns





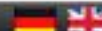
Afhverju gengur svona vel?

# Þrotlaus markaðsetning

- Hvalaskoðunarfyrirtækin eyða u.þ.b 120-170 milljónum í markaðsetningu á Íslandi og hvalaskoðun á ári.
- Áður var einblínt á sumrin en núna bæði á veturna og sumrin.







**Tour Categories**

- Day Tours
- Activity Tours
- Super Jeep Tours
- ATV Tours
- Diving and Snorkeling Tours
- Horse Riding Tours
- Cave Expeditions
- Whale and Bird Watching Tours
- Glacier and glacial water
- Tours In More Languages
- Special Tours
- Points of Interest
- Combination Tours

**Vacation Packages**

- City and Country Breaks
- Escorted Tours
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## AH75 Whale Watching

All year round

**Highlights:**

- Whale watching

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**Tour Description:**

On this fantastic whale watching tour you will observe the whales in their native environment which is an unforgettable experience.

We will sail on Faxaflói bay, home of a unique variety of Minke whale, the Humpback, Harbor Porpoise and the White-beaked Dolphins, which are all common sights on this tour.

The local bird life is also diverse, including such birds as the Arctic Tern, the Gannet and many varieties of Gull.

[How to get to Iceland](#)

[Webcams of Iceland](#)

**Tour is Available:**

- Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

Departure: 9:00 Apr-Sep / 13:00 all year / 17:00 Jun-Aug

Pick-up: 8:00 Apr-Sep / 12:00 all year / 16:00 Jun-Aug

Duration: 3 hours

Complimentary hotel pick-up service.

Children fares:

Child (0 - 6): FREE

Youth (7 - 15): 50% off

Price: 8.500 ISK

**BOOK**

## ■ Reykjavík

- Nálægð við markaðinn (ferðamennina)
- Stuttar ferðir 2-4 klst
- Aðgengið auðvelt fyrir alla aldurshópa
- Möguleiki á ferðum allt árið





# Svo af hverju erum við að kvarta



- Á Íslandi höfum við alltaf byggt hvalaskoðun á hrefnuskoðun ólíkt Normönnum sem skoða búrhvali og háhyrninga.
- Aukning á hnúfubak fyrir norðan, hvölum fjölgar þar þrátt fyrir aukið áreiti hvalaskoðunarbáta.
- Gæði ferðana hefur dvínað á Faxaflóa, ferðir sem hvalir sjást í hefur farið úr 97% í 92% yfir sumarmánuðina.
- Hvalveiðar við hvalaskoðunarsvæðin: Hvalveiðar eru óþarfa áhætta fyrir mikilvæga og vaxandi hvalaskoðun. Ekki nægjar rannsóknir á hvölum og svæðinu.
- Ef virkilegt þörf er á hrefnuveiðum þá ætti að loka stórum svæðum svo hvort hafi örugglega ekki áhrif á hitt.

# Rannsóknir í samvinnu við Háskóla Íslands og Chiara Bertulli frá 2007

## 1) Group size data

survey year	n	Range	Mean	Median	SD
2007	139	1-9	2,76	3,00	1,61
2008	349	1-19	2,95	2,00	3,11
2009	361	1-14	2,01	1,00	1,99
2010	294	1-25	2,34	2,00	2,26
2011	435	1-15	1,74	1,00	1,32
2012	547	1-8	1,00	1,00	1,08

This table shows the size of minke whale group size, divided per year.

The 'n' is the number of sample collected to determine the group size.

'Range' is the min and max number of individuals in each group.

'Mean' the mean number of animals in each group (important value to check!)



# Ástæður fækkunar

- Fæða?
- Súrnun og hlýnun sjávar?
- Hvalaskoðunarbátar?
- Hvalveiðar?

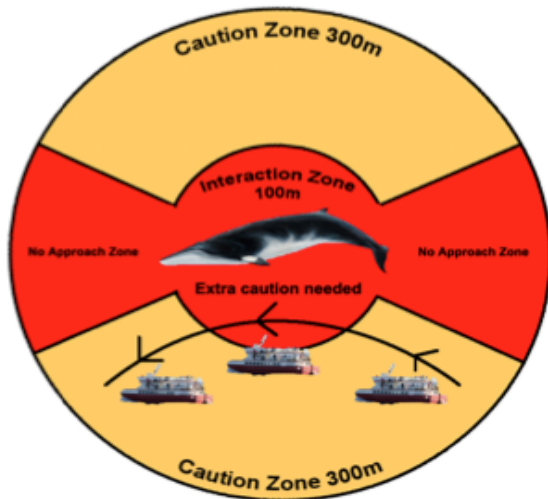
Skotinn hvalur verður ekki sýndur en með ábyrgri hvalaskoðun er hægt að nýta hvalinn aftur og aftur.

Línan fræga....



# Elding Guidelines for Sustainable Whale Watching

These are the guidelines we aim to abide by, however, there are many variables to consider when out at sea, such as the weather, number of whales, prey availability, if there are calves present, animal behavior and so on and so forth. We have to remember that these are wild animals and to enjoy them for the future we need to show them patience and respect. We will try to get you close but how close we get is always on the animals terms as we aim to minimise disturbance.



- No more than 3 vessels in the caution zone.
- Once in the caution zone we maintain a slow cautious speed and any changes in speed should be made gradually.
- Repeated attempts to interact with cetaceans that are showing signs of distress should be avoided.
- Avoid making sudden or excessive noises from both the vessel and the guide on the microphone.
- Do Not sail through pods of concentrated cetaceans, i.e. do not encourage dolphins to bow-ride.

## Potential problems caused by vessel disturbance

- Disruption of behavior (e.g. feeding, migrating).
- Avoidance of important habitats (e.g. feeding areas, resting areas).
- Stress.
- Injury.
- Increased mortality (more deaths).
- Reduced breeding success.

## Signs of distress

- Continuous attempts to move away from the vessel either it be quickly or slowly.
- Regular changes in direction or speed of swimming.
- Hasty dives.
- Changes in breathing pattern.
- Increased times spent diving compared to time spent at the surface.
- Aggressive behaviors such as tail slapping or loud trumpet blows.





**WHALE FRIENDLY**

*We don't sell whale meat*



**IFAW** ice whale

The image is a rectangular graphic with a light blue background and dark blue borders at the top and bottom. It features the text 'WHALE FRIENDLY' in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below this, the phrase 'We don't sell whale meat' is written in a smaller, italicized font. In the center, there is a cartoon illustration of two blue whales swimming towards the left. The larger whale is in the foreground, and a smaller one is behind it. Both have white underbellies and baleen. In the bottom left corner, the IFAW logo is present, consisting of a small whale icon and the text 'IFAW' in bold, with 'ice whale' written below it.

Stutt myndbrot úr ferðum.....





