

2024 - 2025 IMPACT REPORT



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We honor the legacy of Dr. Jane Goodall (1934 - 2025)

Her compassion, courage, and unwavering belief in hope remind us that every action matters

“WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF
DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO MAKE”



MILESTONES

- Whale acoustic monitoring in remote Arctic sailing routes * new
- Second research publication on microplastic pollution
- First HOPE expedition in Svalbard * new
- Whales & Environmental DNA sampling *new
- Expansion of our exhibition room
- +100.000 signatures for puffins protection *new
- 5th year of marine litter monitoring in NE Iceland
- Alliance with Tilvera Expeditions - expanding action area *new
- New alliances for Marine Protected Areas



OUR VISION

Iceland's oceans are home to vibrant ecosystems, extraordinary wildlife, and communities whose livelihoods depend on them. Our vision is to protect these waters by advancing the establishment of Marine Protected Areas. In line with the global 30x30 commitment, we strive toward securing protection for 30% of Icelandic seas by 2030

MEET THE TEAM



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OUR MISSION

“We inspire people to take direct action to protect the ocean”

The ocean is essential to life on Earth. It regulates our climate, sustains biodiversity, supports coastal communities, and provides the oxygen we breathe. Yet it is approaching critical tipping points, and the choices we make today are shaping the present and future of all living beings.

This is why we act as a bridge—connecting people to the sea, building meaningful collaborations, strengthening the protection of marine ecosystems, and co-creating a culture of responsibility, awareness, and care for our oceans.



WHAT WE DO

Ocean Missions

Science

Ocean Conservation

Since 2019, we have been actively gathering **scientific evidence** to highlight the importance of the Northeast Iceland Hope Spot and support its long-term **legal protection**.

Over the past two years, our work has been filled with science, adventure and sailing. We have conducted two annual **citizen science** sailing expeditions and weekly trips in collaboration with North Sailing, and participated in other research programs with the **University of Iceland** and local stakeholders.

By following standardized **scientific methods**, we have been able to analyze marine debris on Icelandic beaches with **hundreds of volunteers**, while also expanding our research into seabird monitoring, whale acoustics, eDNA sampling, zooplankton studies, and Marine Protected Areas.





Education

Ocean Ambassadors

Education is at the **heart of our work**. We believe that by sharing knowledge, experience, and connection with the ocean, we can empower **the next generation** to do even better than us in protecting our planet. Through our **citizen science programs**, we create meaningful learning experiences on land and at sea, where people can witness the beauty and complexity of coastal and marine life firsthand.

By providing knowledge, practical tools, and space for curiosity, we hope to inspire a **deep sense of care and responsibility** for the ocean. Our goal is to help shape **future ocean ambassadors** who are informed, confident, and ready to face the challenges of today and tomorrow.



Regenerative Tourism

**SLOW DOWN, THINK, RESPECT,
ACT RESPONSIBLY**

While mass tourism, green washing, and unregulated activities are becoming an increasing threat in Iceland, now more than ever before, we need **responsible alternatives** to experience our natural world, based on respect, admiration, and **giving back to nature**

Our manifesto on slow, sustainable travel in small islands is the foundation of our travel model during our expeditions.





Purpose-driven sailing experiences

Over the past two years, we celebrated the designation of **the first Hope Spot in Iceland**, launched in collaboration with **Mission Blue** in 2023, and hosted two OM **Hope Expeditions** in 2024 and 2025.

We sailed to **Svalbard** for the first time, combining scientific research with exploration of its fragile Arctic ecosystems and sailing crossings that connect Arctic Hope Spots. Aboard the legendary **Schooner Opal**, and more recently **Hildur** and **Tilvera**, we promote slow, low-impact travel to reconnect with nature and inspire hope for a more sustainable future.

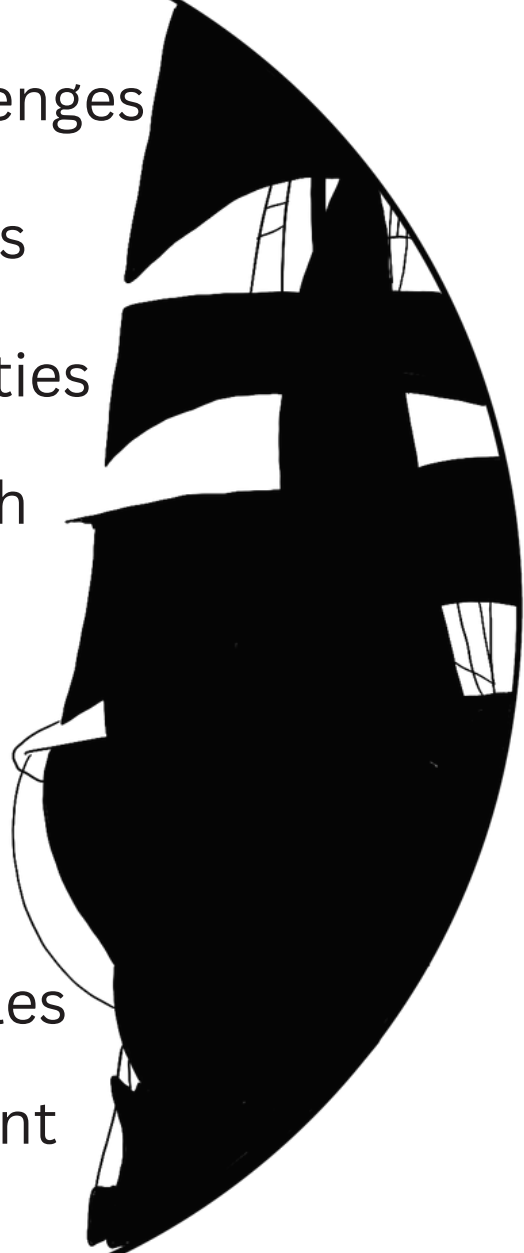
Expeditions



@ Asa Steinars

Sailing Expedition Program

- Sail training & challenges
- Whale and bird surveys
- Engage with local communities
- Microplastic research
- Beach clean ups
- Inspiring talks
- Exploring wilderness
- Plastic and plankton samples
- Personal development



BLUE MISSIONS

An aerial photograph of a sailboat on a dark blue ocean. The water is covered with numerous small, white ice floes. The sailboat is positioned in the lower center of the frame, and its reflection is visible in the water below it. The overall scene is serene and emphasizes the vastness of the ocean.

*“The Ocean we need,
for the future we want”*



Marine litter

Many believe Iceland's nature is untouched and its beaches pristine, but the reality is very different. Plastic pollution is a **global crisis**, and the ocean connects every coastline, including ours.

Since 2020, funding from the **Ministry of Environment** has supported our standardized **land- and sea-based** monitoring of marine litter in Northeast Iceland. In the past two years, we have focused on Langanes, Eyjafjörður, and the Húsavík–Tjörnes area, working with **hundreds of volunteers** and using boats to reach remote sites

Plastic Pollution

Microplastic research

Since 2019, we have conducted Iceland's **first at-sea research** on surface **mesoplastics** (<5 mm) and microplastics (>1 mm).

Using **manta trawls**, we monitor meso- and microplastics (<5 mm) along the Reykjavík–Húsavík route and found the **highest pollution levels within the Hope Spot** in Northeast Iceland. Over the past three years, we have therefore focused our monitoring efforts within the Hope Spot, conducting targeted surveys during expeditions and regular **Whales, Sails & Science** trips in Skjálfandi Bay, in collaboration with Tilvera Expeditions and North Sailing.



Plastic Pollution

Marine Biodiversity

Over the past two years, **51 cetacean** sightings have been recorded by OM. **23 species** occur in Icelandic waters, with humpbacks, minke, and white-beaked dolphins most commonly seen, along with fin, sei, endangered blue whales, orcas, and even blue-fin whale hybrids. Iceland also supports **25 seabird species, 4,500 colonies,** and about 7.5 million breeding pairs. Through **photo-ID, observation, and tracking,** we support long-term research on whales and seabirds at the **University of Iceland,** documenting distribution, movements, rare sightings, and entanglement scars.



Zooplankton

Zooplankton underpins the extraordinary biodiversity of the Hope Spot, sustaining whales, fish, and seabirds. Yet its dynamics and its role in food webs in the Hope Spot remain poorly understood. By monitoring zooplankton communities, we **identify key groups,** seasonal patterns, and links to whale presence. This information supports researchers **studying productivity** and ecosystem functioning, helping us understand and protect one of Iceland's richest marine habitats.





Whale Acoustics

In 2024 we started studying whale acoustics in **remote** arctic sailing routes to better understand **whale distribution, migration, and the impacts** of human activity in arctic sailing routes.

By collecting long-term scientific data in **hard-to-reach areas**, we support existing cetacean acoustic research projects and contribute to ocean conservation efforts



ACHIEVEMENTS

*Protecting the ocean is an act of hope that
ripples forward for generations*

Sailing Expeditions

24th April
2019

28th
September
2020

27th
September
2021

27th
September
2022

23rd June
2023

8th June
2024

24th June
2025



28th May
2020

14th May
2021

7th May
2022

26 May
2023

18th May
2024

10th June
2025





Svalbard Hope Expedition

First collaboration with

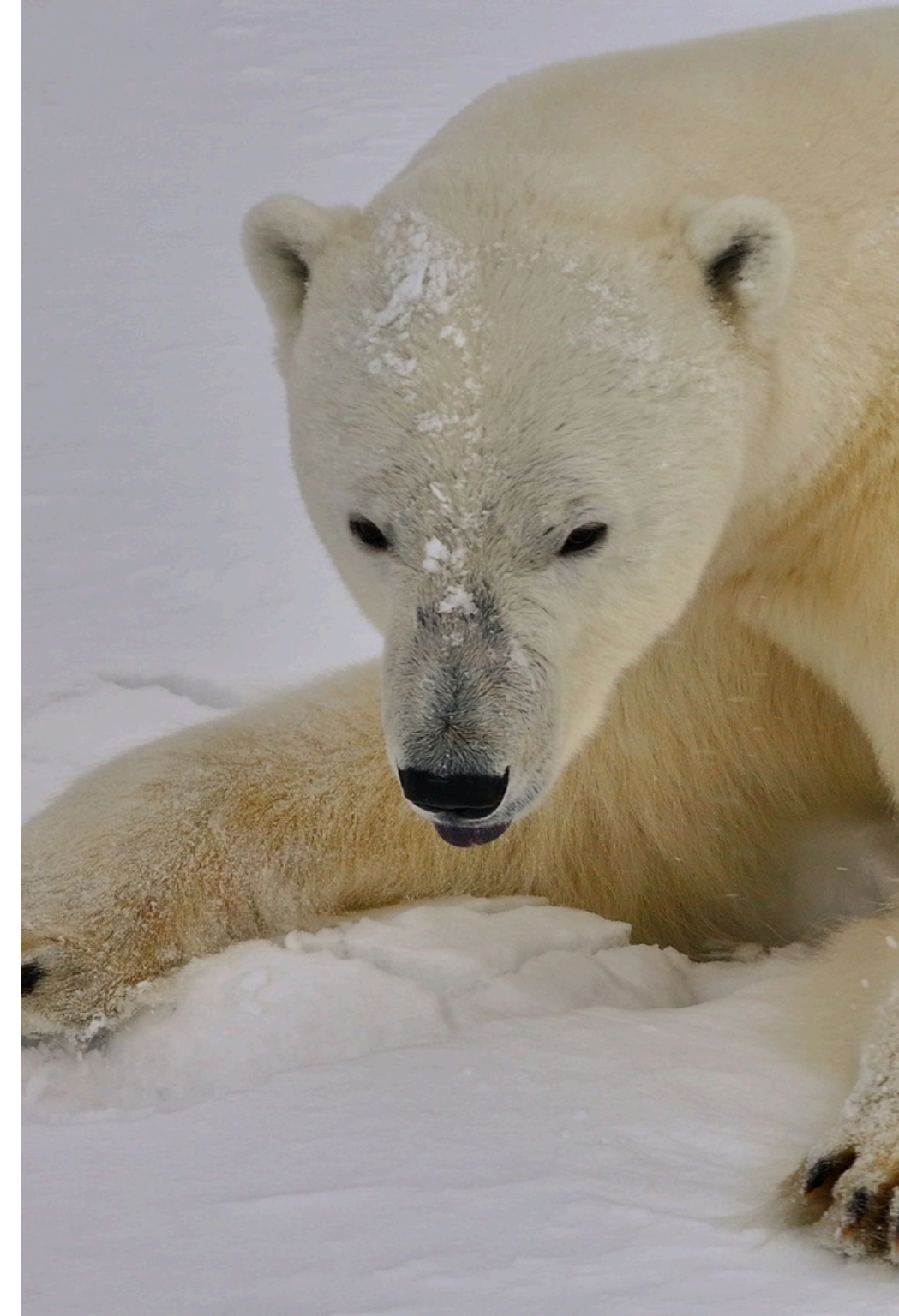


Becoming champions of Iceland's First Hope Spot, the Northeast Iceland Hope Spot, the achievement that lit up our 2023, has also inflated the sails of our 2024, leading us to look further ahead.

Why not create a link between our newly declared Hope Spot and another of the wildest, most isolated, and vital Hope Spots in the Arctic, a link **that allows us to better understand the threats and how to preserve these fragile places and their biodiversity?**


That was the question that gave birth to this expedition

This time we travelled aboard Tilvera, Belén and Heimir's beautiful, sea-worthy, vigorous, and **newly acquired expedition sailing ship**





@ Julia Ochs

An aerial photograph showing a large, white glacier edge on the left, with numerous icebergs of various sizes floating in the dark blue water to the right. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

*And with professional film experts and change makers,
our mission became part of a documentary about saving the
Arctic - "The Arctic Howl"*



The Northern Bottlenose Whale Expedition

Húsavík - Jan Mayen - Svalbard

Since 2024, we have collaborated with **HYPMO** (The Icelandic northern bottlenose whale research group) and **Tilvera Expeditions** on an extraordinary mission: to **identify vital areas for cetaceans** along poorly studied Arctic sailing routes through **acoustic monitoring and citizen science**, with particular attention to the elusive **northern bottlenose whales**.

Following ancient whale migration routes, these journeys combine sail training with whale research along some of the **least-studied Arctic sailing routes**, to reveal the secrets of some of the most mysterious creatures on Earth.

**HYPMO
PROJECT**





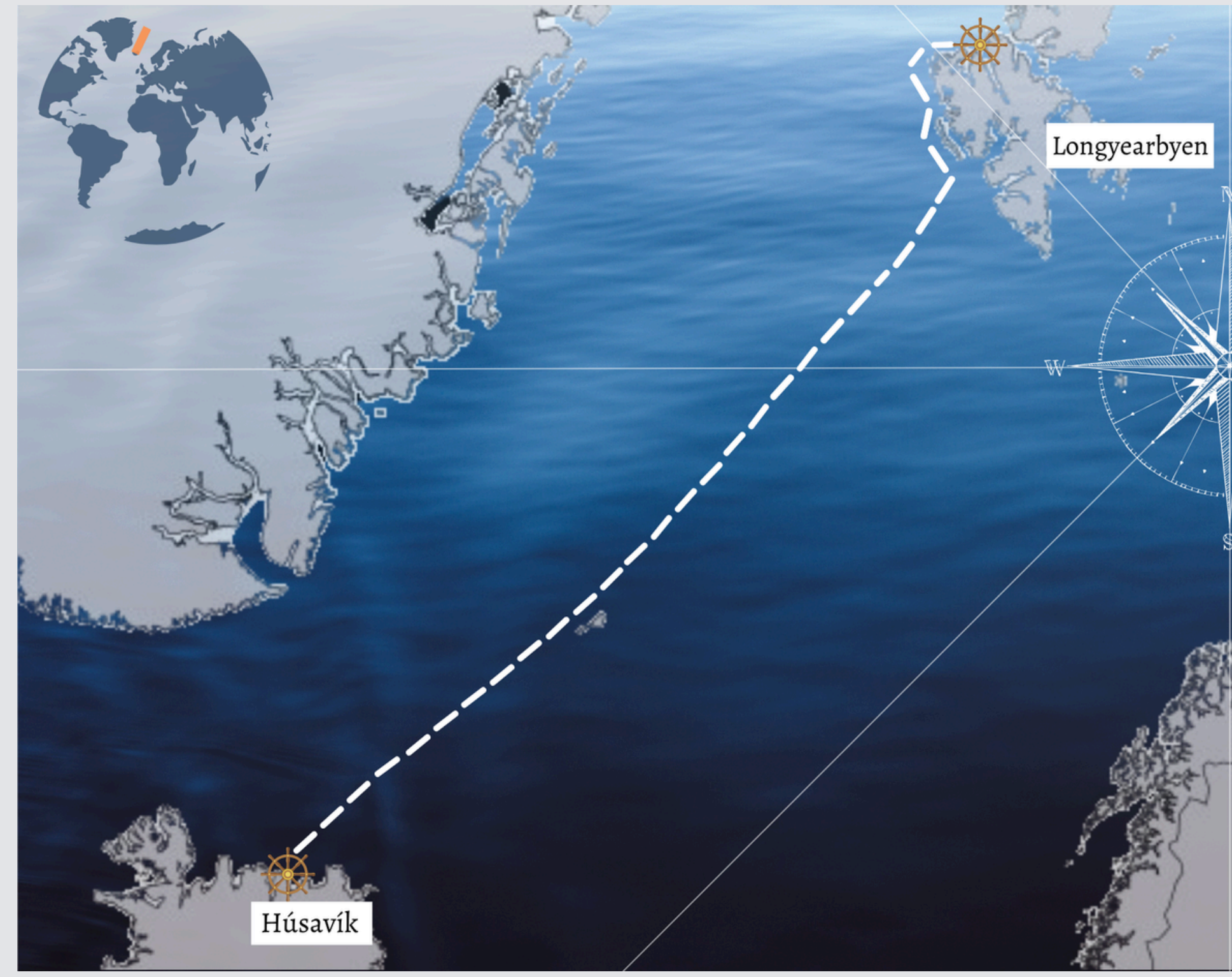
Northern bottlenose whales (mother and calf), spotted in North Iceland in 2025



Exploring the Arctic Soundscape

Along the routes between **Húsavík**, **Jan Mayen**, and **Svalbard** (2024–2025) on board **Tilvera**, we combine **visual sightings** with **underwater recordings** to reveal where whales are present and how they may use these regions as feeding grounds or migration corridors.

In parallel, we're tracking and assessing **shipping noise** along these Arctic routes to better understand how increasing human activity may influence this fragile marine ecosystem.





The Iceland Hope Expedition

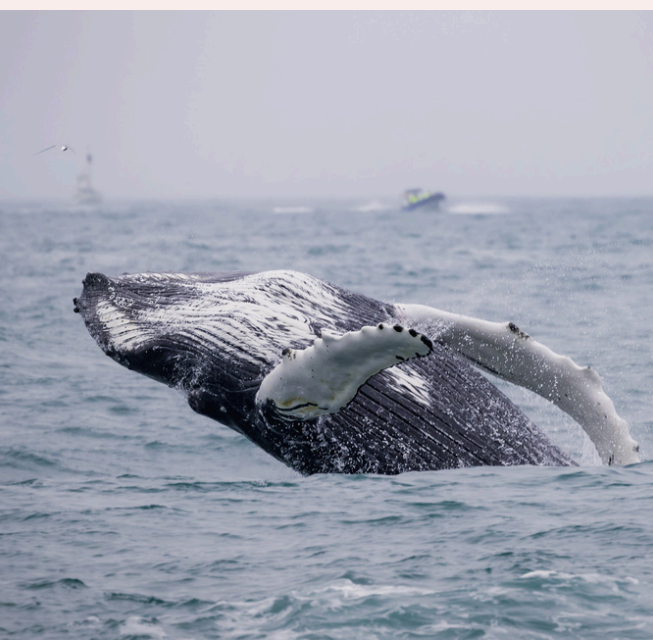
(June 2024)

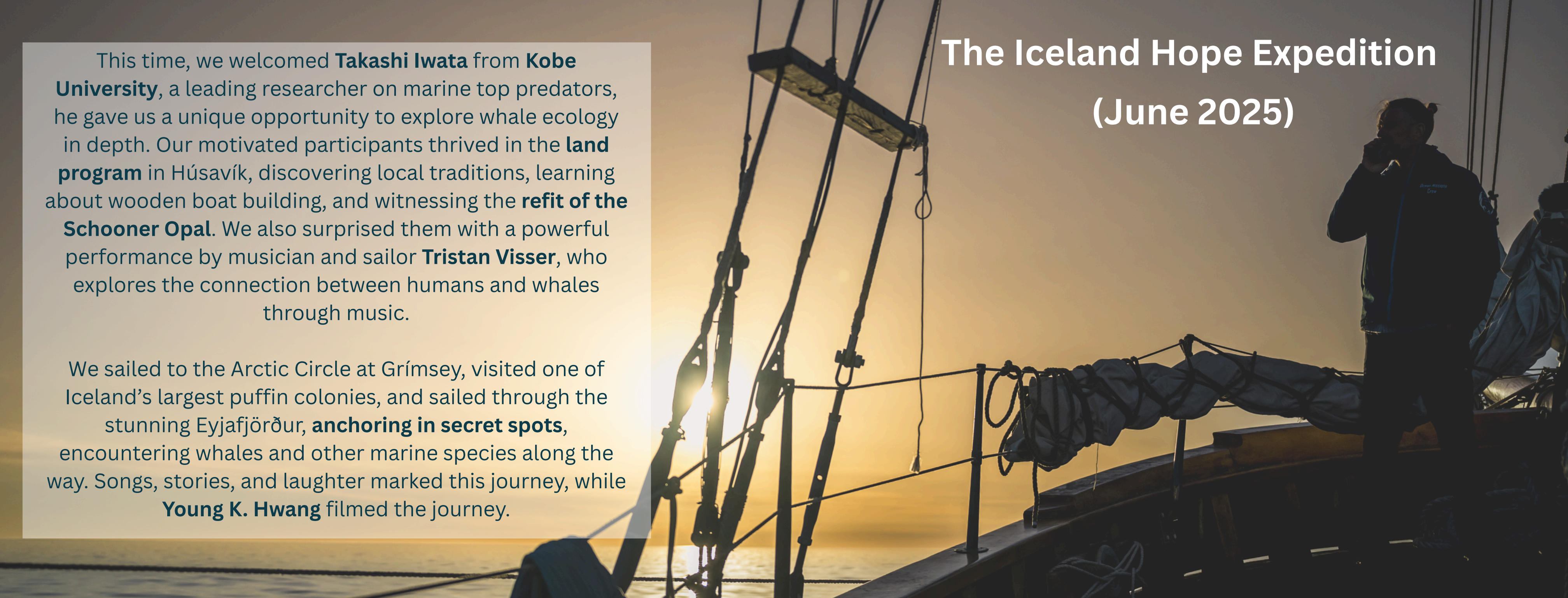
For our **second Iceland Hope Expedition**, we invited a special guest, **Raissa Teles**, an experienced facilitator and “pirate therapist” with over a decade of practice. Our **land-based program** immersed participants in local activities, including talks by experts and researchers on fulmar plastic ingestion, museum visits, cleanups, and data analysis.

We then set sail for four days, this time aboard **Schooner Hildur**, to explore the wonders of the Northeast Iceland Hope Spot and collect data on whales, environmental DNA, and plastic pollution. We reached Grímsey, where we hiked to the **Arctic Circle**. We had exceptional weather conditions and remarkable whale encounters—so much so that we ended up jumping into the water surrounded by humpback whales.



*“One of the greatest freedoms in life is to be able to choose how we react to things in life”
- Raissa Teles -*



A photograph of a person on the deck of a boat at sunset. The person is silhouetted against the bright orange and yellow sky. They are wearing a dark jacket and appear to be looking out at the water. The boat's rigging and ropes are visible in the foreground, and the water is calm. The overall mood is serene and adventurous.

The Iceland Hope Expedition (June 2025)

This time, we welcomed **Takashi Iwata** from **Kobe University**, a leading researcher on marine top predators, he gave us a unique opportunity to explore whale ecology in depth. Our motivated participants thrived in the **land program** in Húsavík, discovering local traditions, learning about wooden boat building, and witnessing the **refit of the Schooner Opal**. We also surprised them with a powerful performance by musician and sailor **Tristan Visser**, who explores the connection between humans and whales through music.

We sailed to the Arctic Circle at Grímsey, visited one of Iceland's largest puffin colonies, and sailed through the stunning Eyjafjörður, **anchoring in secret spots**, encountering whales and other marine species along the way. Songs, stories, and laughter marked this journey, while **Young K. Hwang** filmed the journey.



“This journey brought me to like-minded people radiating freedom and joy. They became friends and a family, who will push me forward in a difficult world” - participant Nicolas Duclos



“On the very first day, I felt transformed. I remembered my childhood love for animals and my inspiration from the sea—and I knew this is where I belong, returning to the roots of everything” - participant Nicolas Duclos



eWHALE project

2nd season of environmental DNA sampling



From **March to November 2024**, we conducted environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling from **whale fluke prints** for second year, aboard whale-watching boats in **Skjálfandi Bay, Húsavík**. The goal is to develop an optimized protocol for eDNA sampling from whale-watching platforms that can be applied worldwide and to understand the diet of humpback whales. In total, we collected **98 water samples**. In February 2025, PhD student Belén García Ovide analyzed the samples at the **University of Innsbruck** (Austria) and is currently leading two scientific publications on this work.



HÁSKÓLI ÍSLANDS



Learn more on [eWhale website](#) or scan the Qr code



eDNA is genetic material shed by whales into the water, and studying it helps monitor populations (eg., distribution, diet, population genetics), without disturbing them.

RESULTS

Whale acoustic in remote Arctic routes

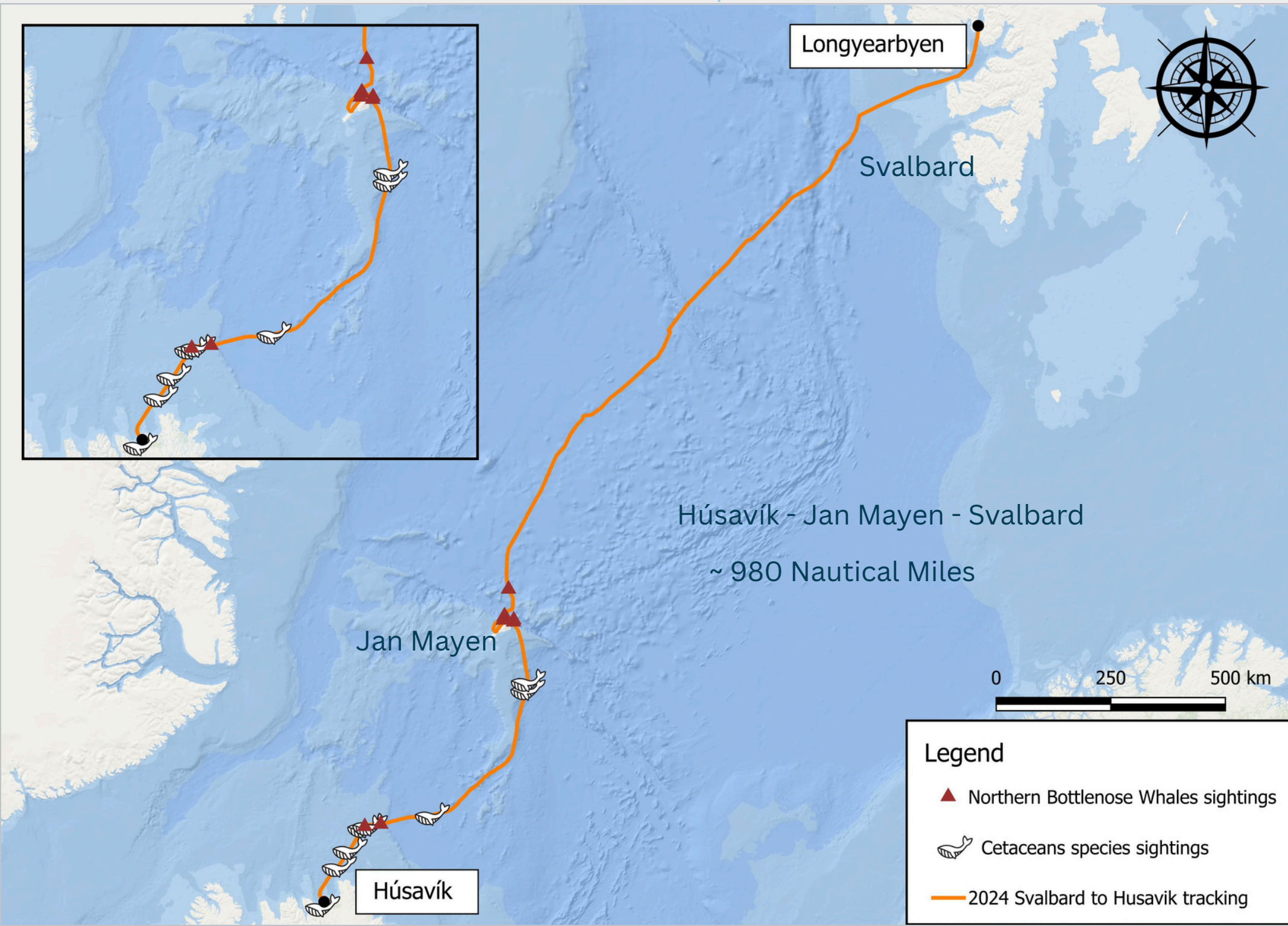
The Northern Bottlenose Expedition

Húsavík - Jan Mayen - Svalbard

(April 2024)

The aim of this expedition was to explore the suitability of Tilvera's sailing expeditions as an opportunistic platform for data collection on the elusive northern bottlenose whale

Jan Mayen island view from the Tilvera



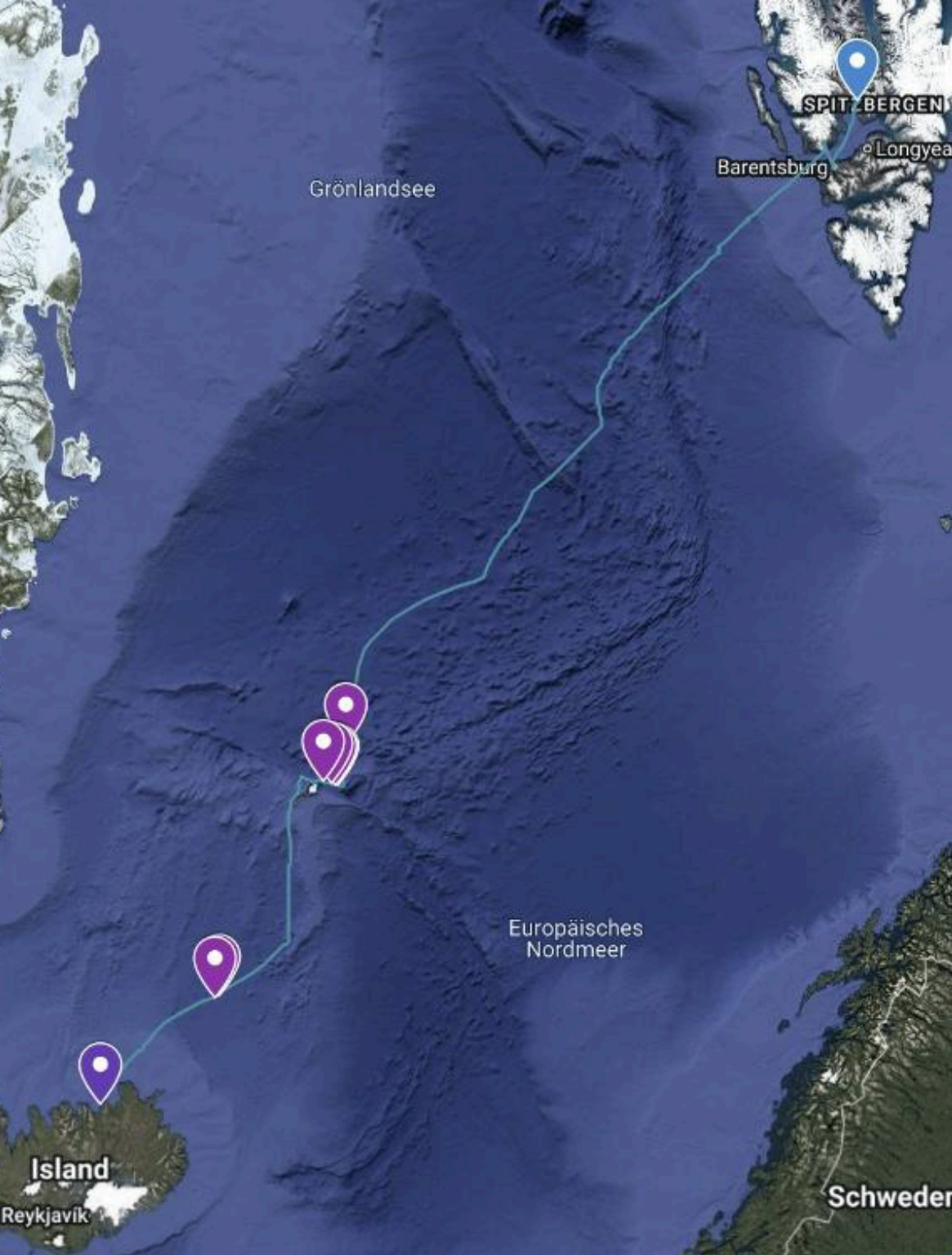
Valuable acoustic data!

An autonomous recorder was towed for nearly **140 hours**, yielding a substantial acoustic dataset. These combined visual and acoustic efforts highlight Tilvera's strong potential for contributing to research on bottlenose whale biology and ecology

Plenty of bottlenose whales!

Tilvera provided an effective opportunistic platform for studying the elusive northern bottlenose whale. Over the course of the research, whales were encountered on **ten occasions**, with **identification photographs** captured during **five encounters** to document group size, composition, and behaviour





Despite rough seas, bottlenose whales were the **most frequently sighted cetacean** species, and detailed visual observations were possible. **Bottlenose whales were encountered on seven occasions.**

Identification photographs were taken of three encounters. An autonomous recorder was successfully towed behind Tilvera for almost **180 hours**, collecting acoustic data. Overall, **nine different species of cetaceans** were recorded.

The Northern Bottlenose Expedition

Svalbard - Jan Mayen - Húsavík

(June 2025)



Tilvera in Svalbard



White beaked - dolphin (*L. albirostris*)



Minke whale (*B. acutorostrata*)



Blue whale (*B. musculus*)



Fin whale (*B. physalus*)



Beluga (*D. leucas*)



Bottlenose whale (*H. ampullatus*)



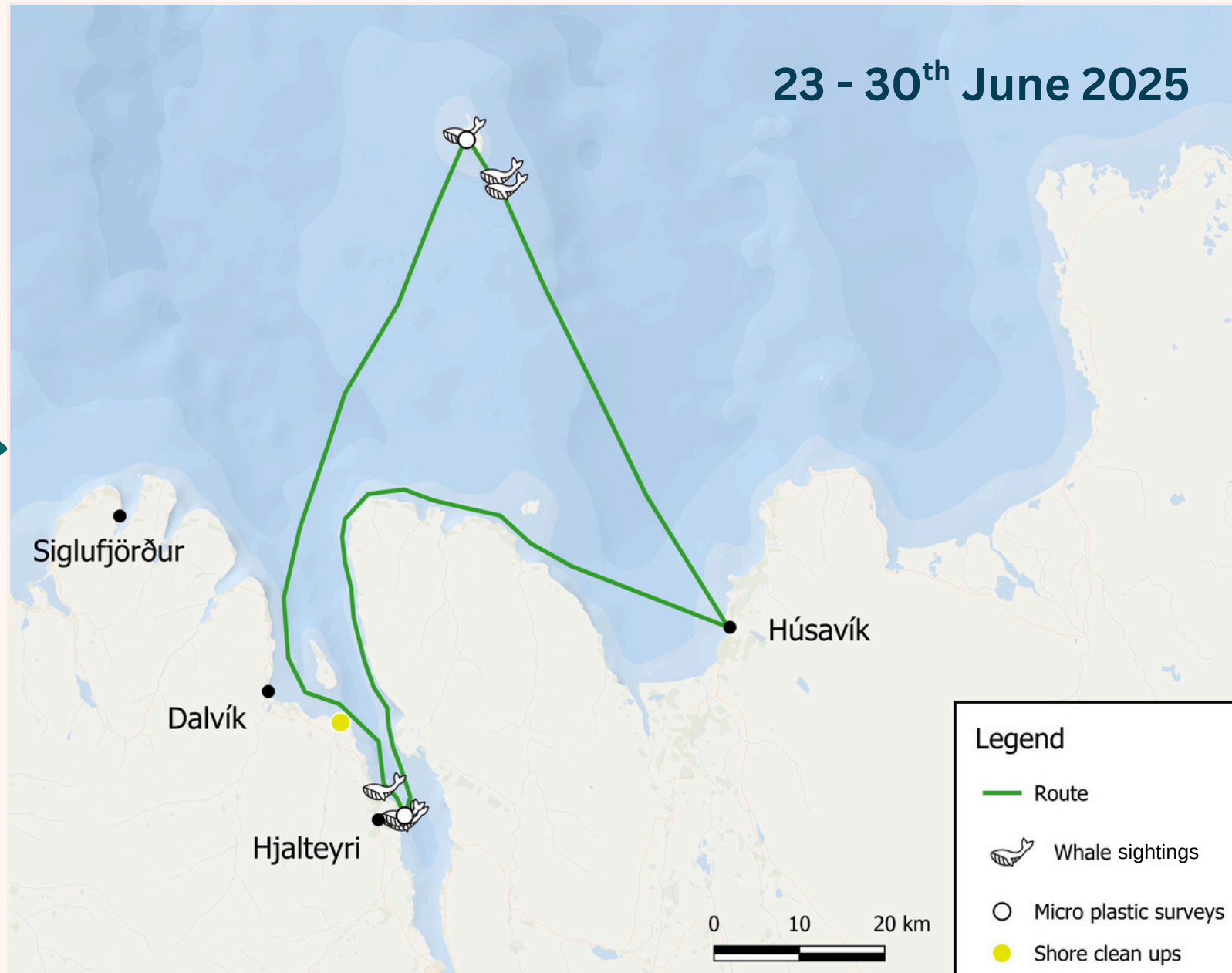
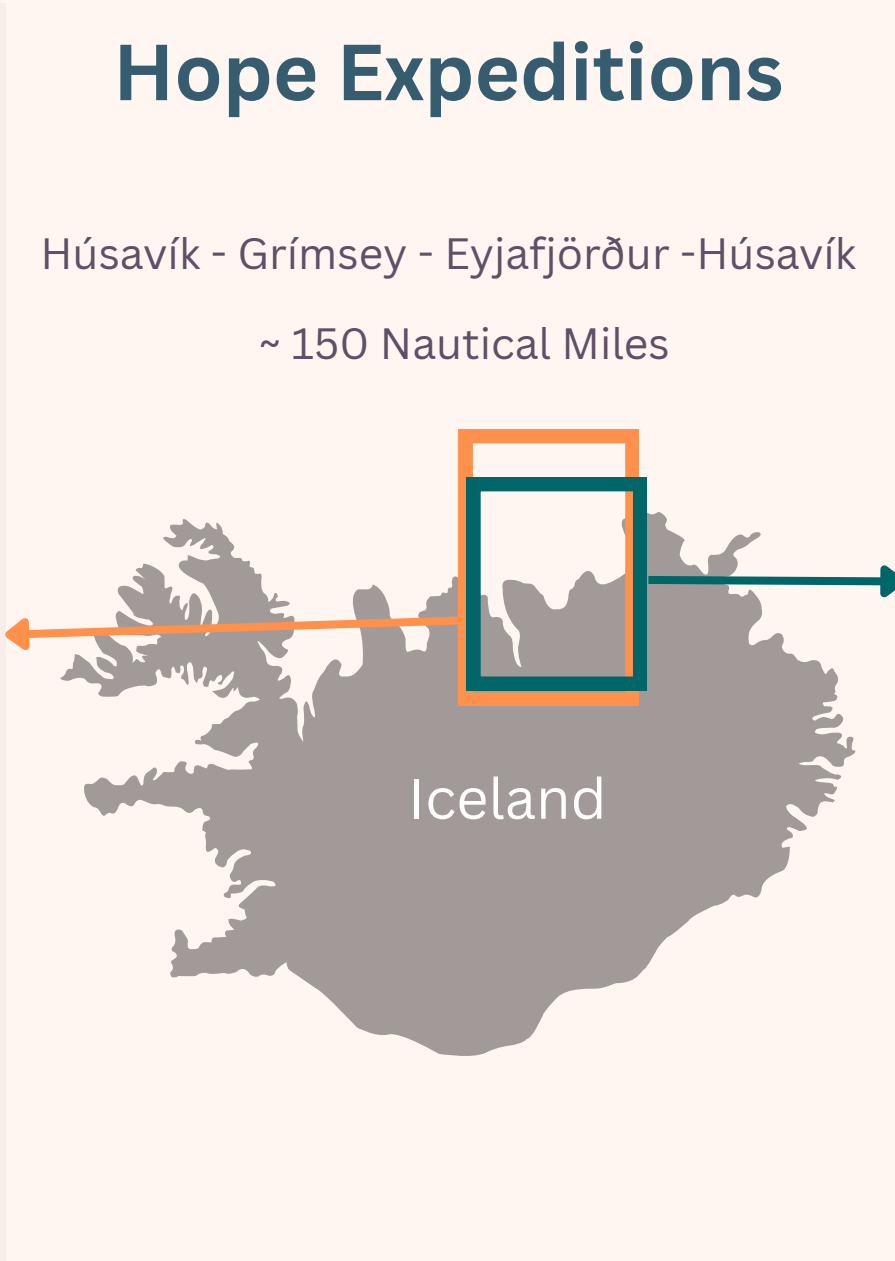
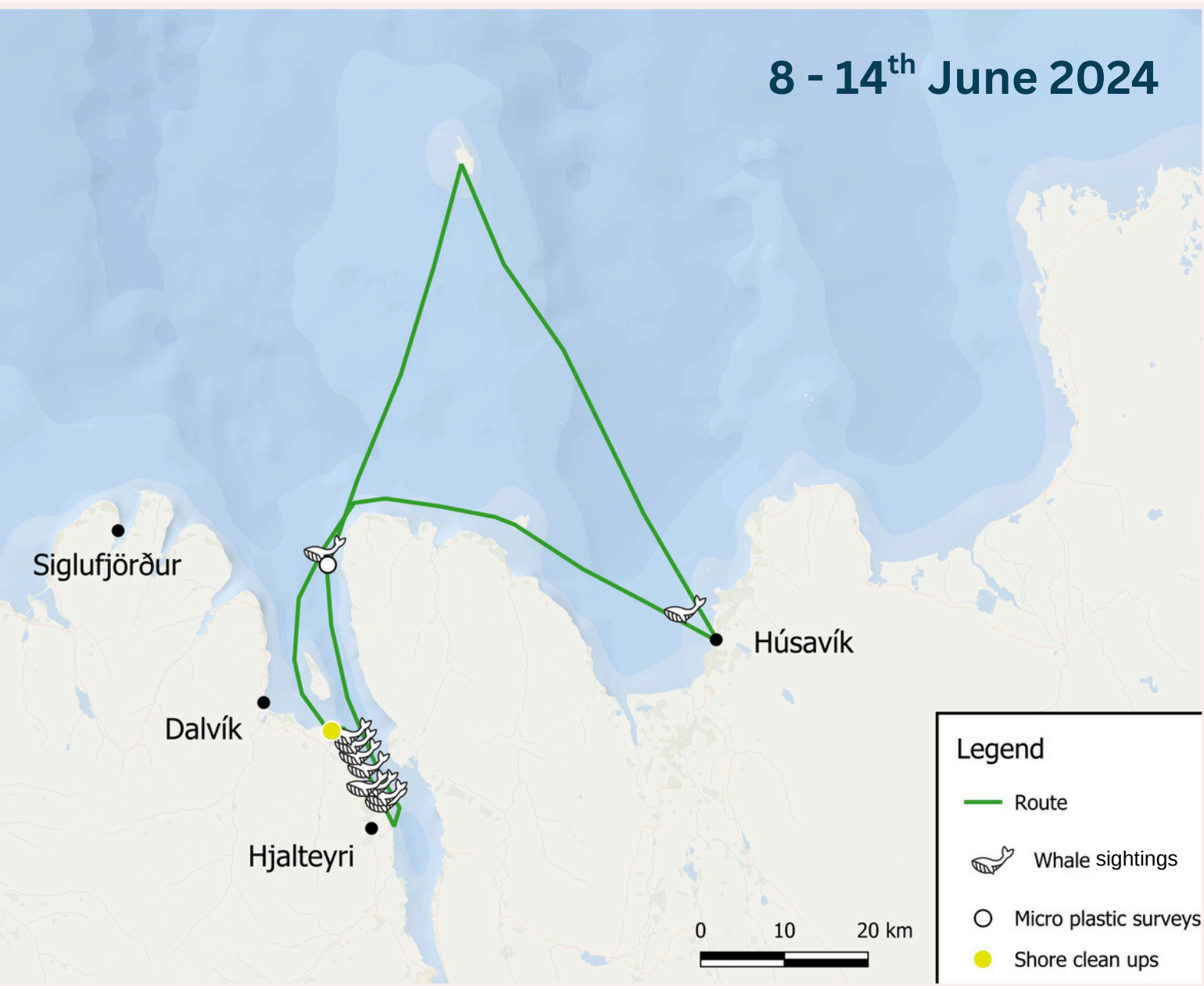
Sperm whale (*P. macrocephalus*)



Orca (*Orcinus orca*)



Humpback whale (*M. novaeangliae*)



Whales & Seabird surveys



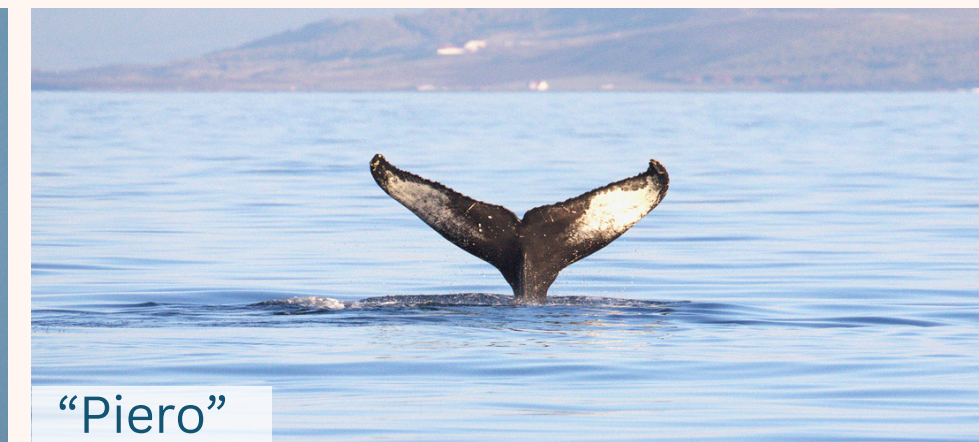
Little auk (*Alle Alle*)

The most interesting bird of the trip was the now **infamous little auk** on Grímsey. The last of its kind residing in Iceland, this individual bird has been associating with oyster catchers on the island for several years. Other species included **Eurasian teal**, **ringed plover**, hundreds of **Arctic terns** and **Atlantic puffins**, and the “fisherman’s friend” the **fulmars**.

During the Hope Iceland Expedition 2024 we managed to photo-identify **seven individual humpback whales**. Six of them were familiar flukes known in the **University of Iceland Húsavík Research Centre catalogue**, including “Zorua”, “Pepsi”, “Santiago”, “Mitsos”, **“Capri”** and **“Piero”**, while one was a new individual to the area. “Zorua” is the most well-known whale of the group, being first seen in Iceland in 2019. “Piero” is an important symbol of Hope, as this whale survived severe injuries due to a **ship-strike** in 2023.



Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)



“Piero”



“Zorua”



Ringed plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)



“Capri”



Minke whale (*B. acutorostrata*)

Whales & Seabirds surveys

Iceland

Hope Expedition 2025

The star of the whale sightings on this expedition was a **familiar fluke, “Capri”**! We also met “Capri” on our Hope Iceland Expedition 2024, confirming that this whale shows “**site-fidelity**” (returning to a certain area repeatedly) to Northeast Iceland. This **humpback whale** was very busy **feeding** close to Tilvera; so close you could see the roqual pleats which allow the whale’s mouth to expand, taking in huge amounts of water to filter for feeding. We also caught glimpses of some shy **minke whales** and breaching behaviour!

Svalbard Hope Expedition 2025

Though we did not encounter any whales during this expedition, which is not uncommon for the time of the year, we did encounter some other incredible **marine mammals that are symbolic of the Arctic**. This included a large colony of walruses (often called a huddle), **bearded seals**, and the Queen of the Arctic, the polar bear. There were three notable bird sightings on this trip: beautiful and curious **black guillemots** resting on the sea ice, a large flock of **king eiders** (approximately 100 individuals!), and an **ivory gull** stealing a snack from the polar bear's seal dinner.



Polar Bear & Ivory Gull @volandovoy



King Eiders @ Fraser Symonds



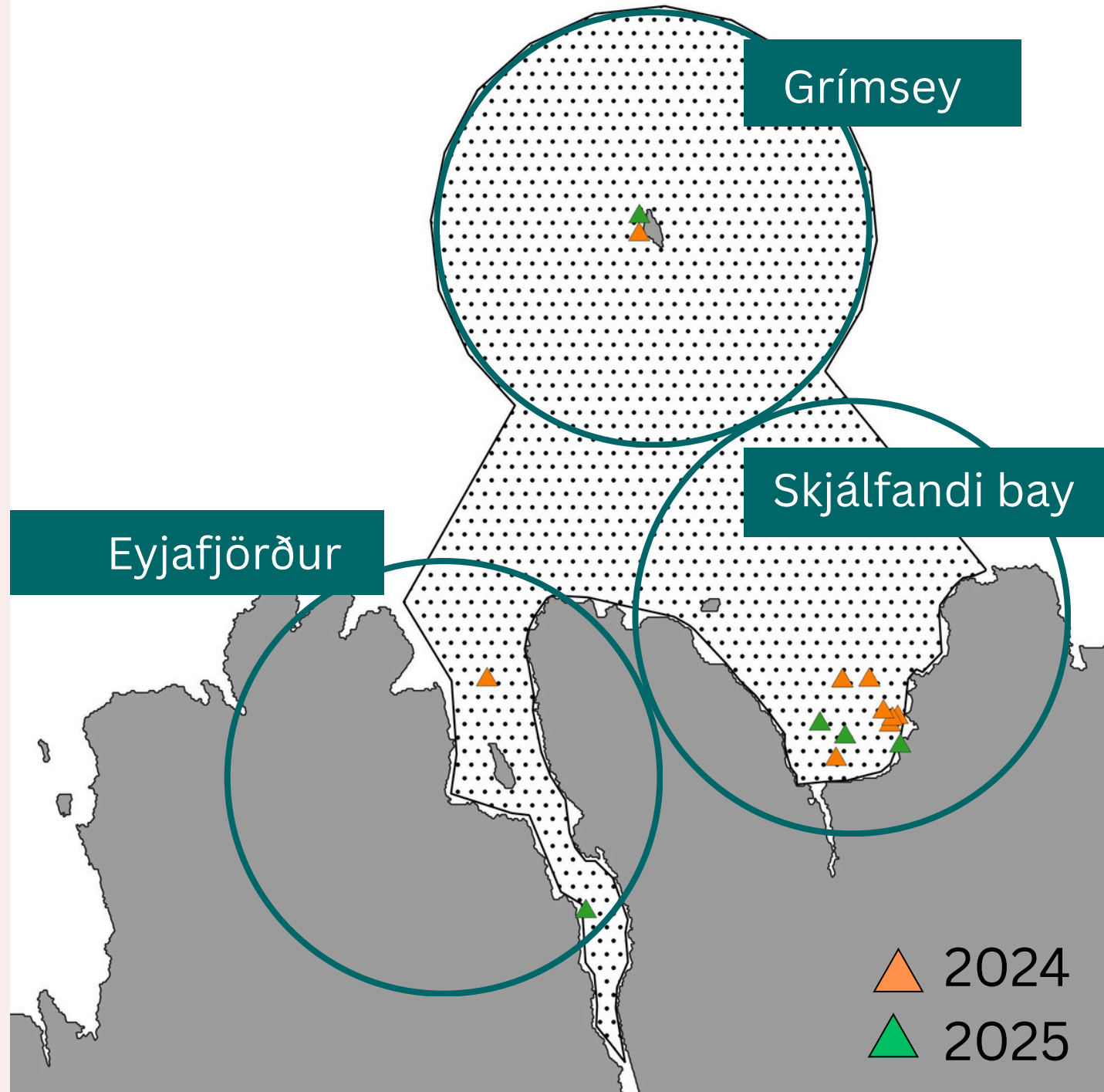
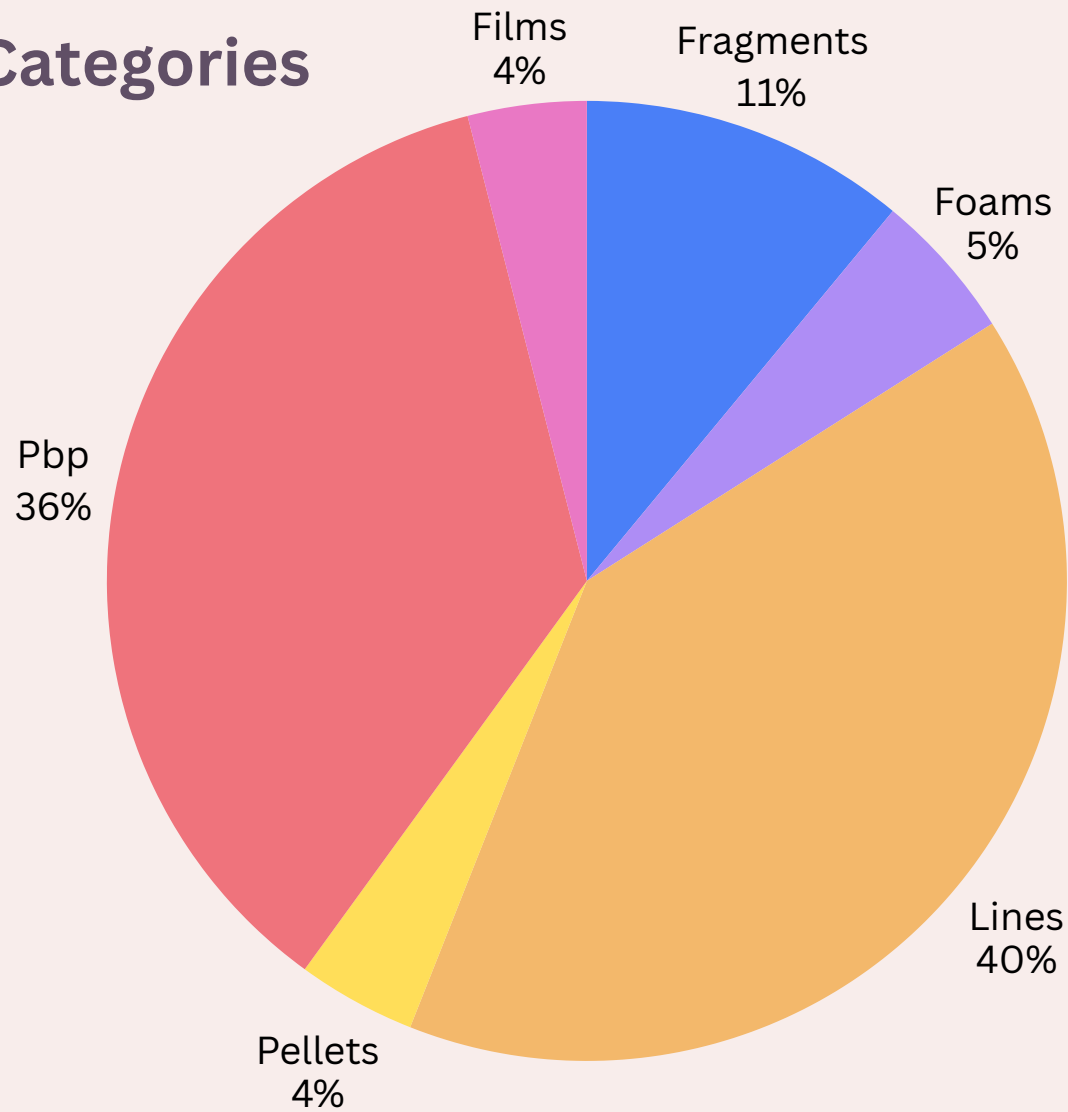
Walruses @enorha_wildlifephotography



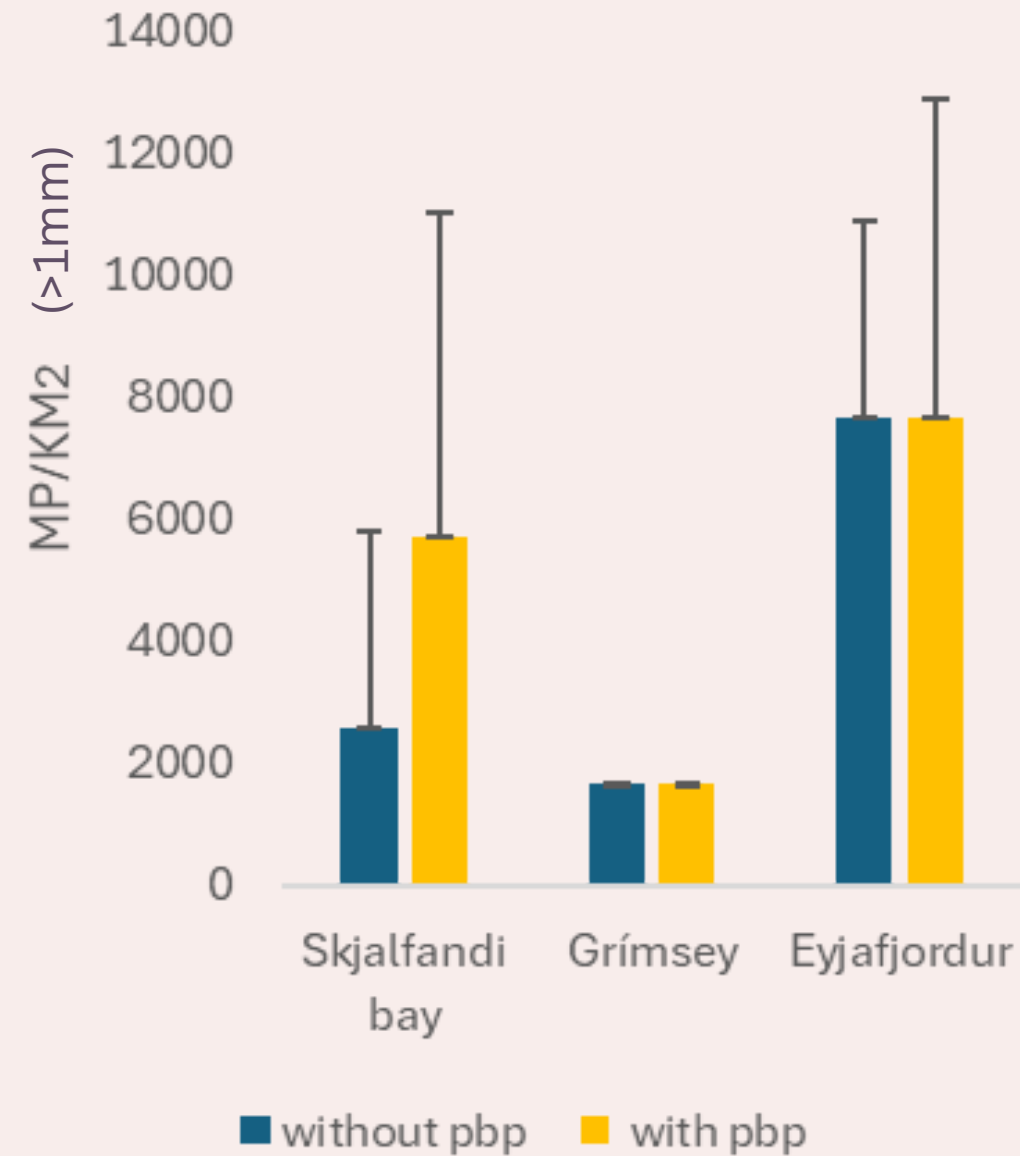
Bearded Seal @volandovoy

Meso/microplastics (2024 - 25)

Categories



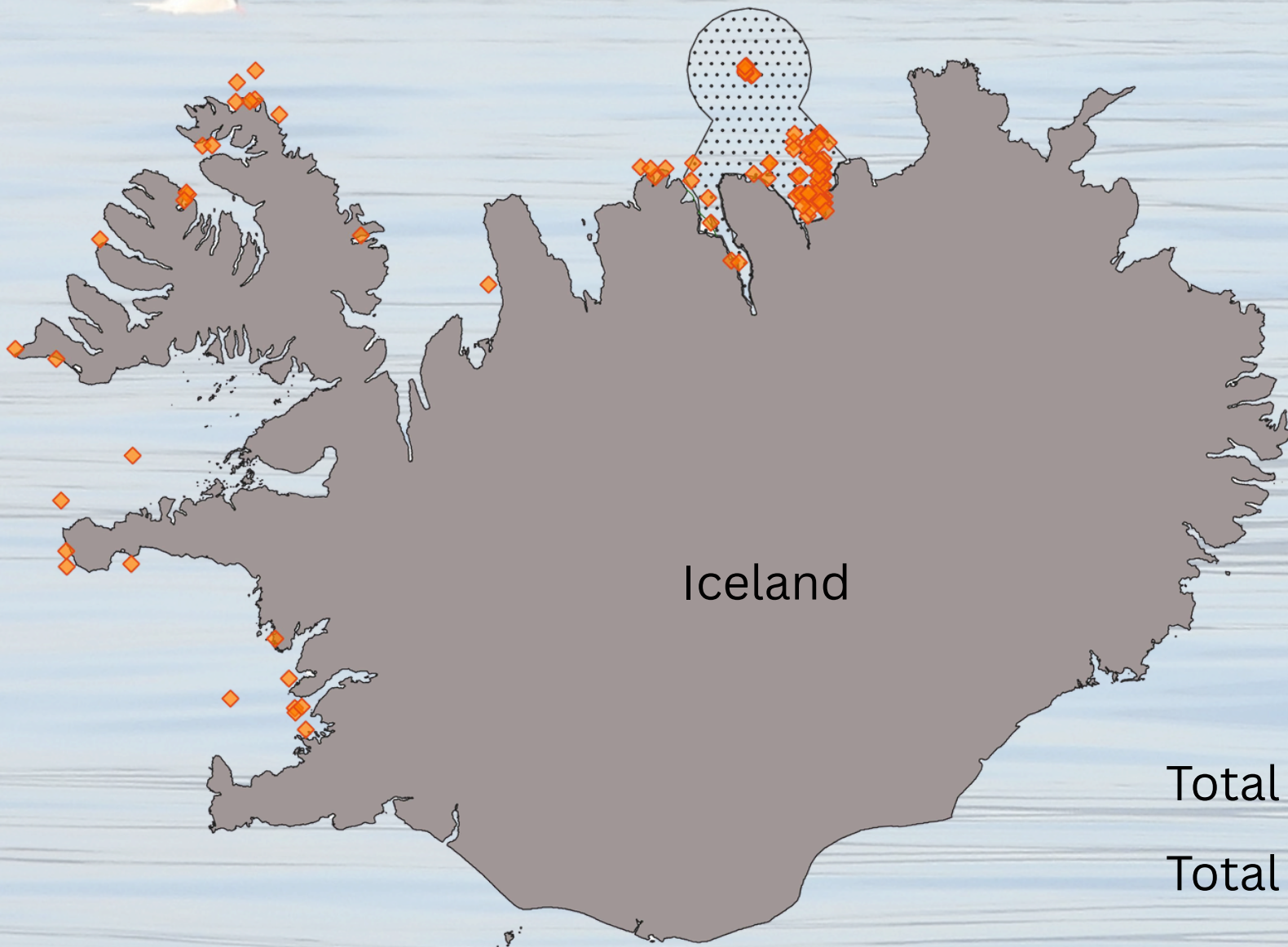
Cocentrations per location



*(pbp): Possible boat paint

Meso/microplastic sampling efforts

2019 - 2025

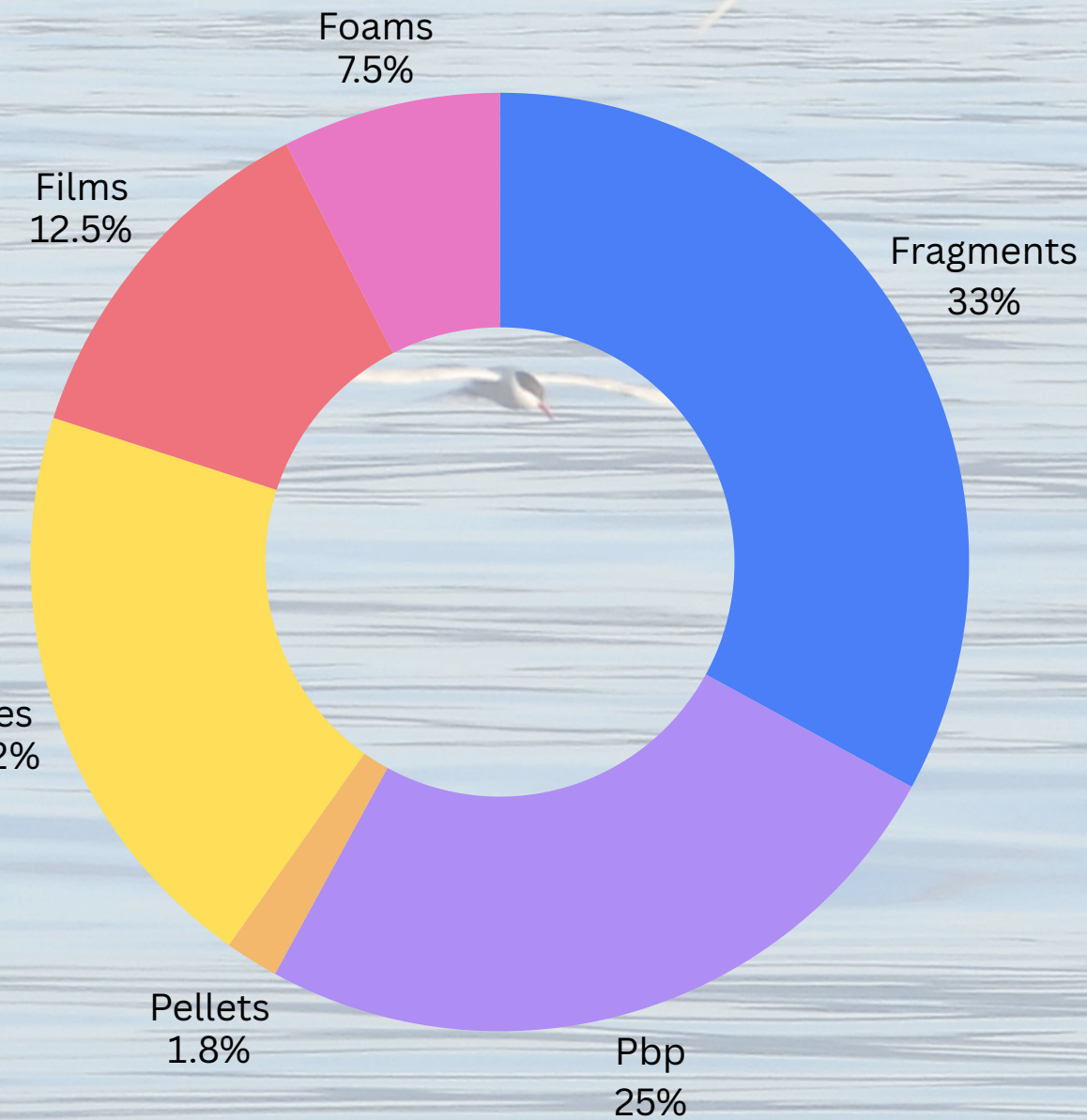


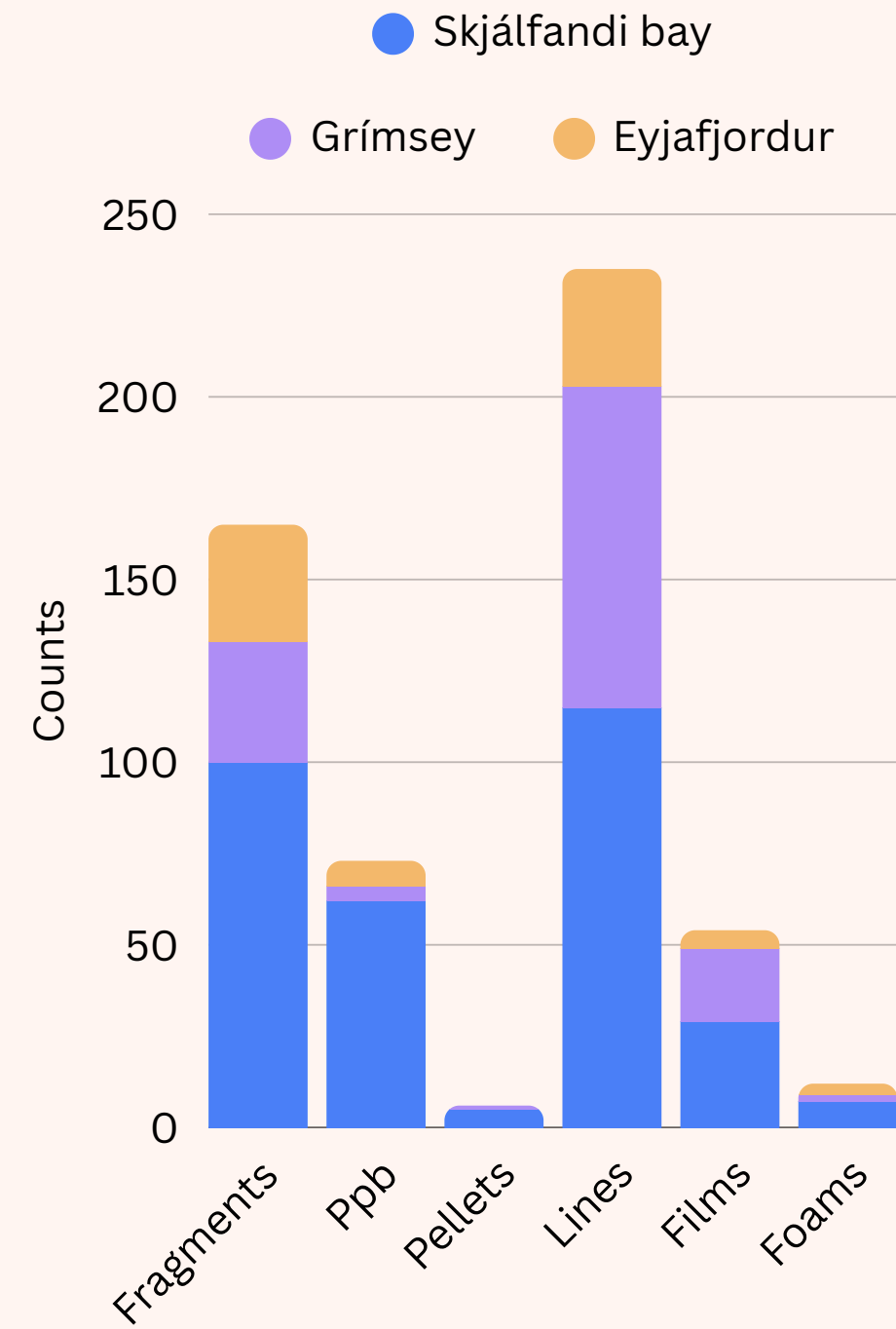
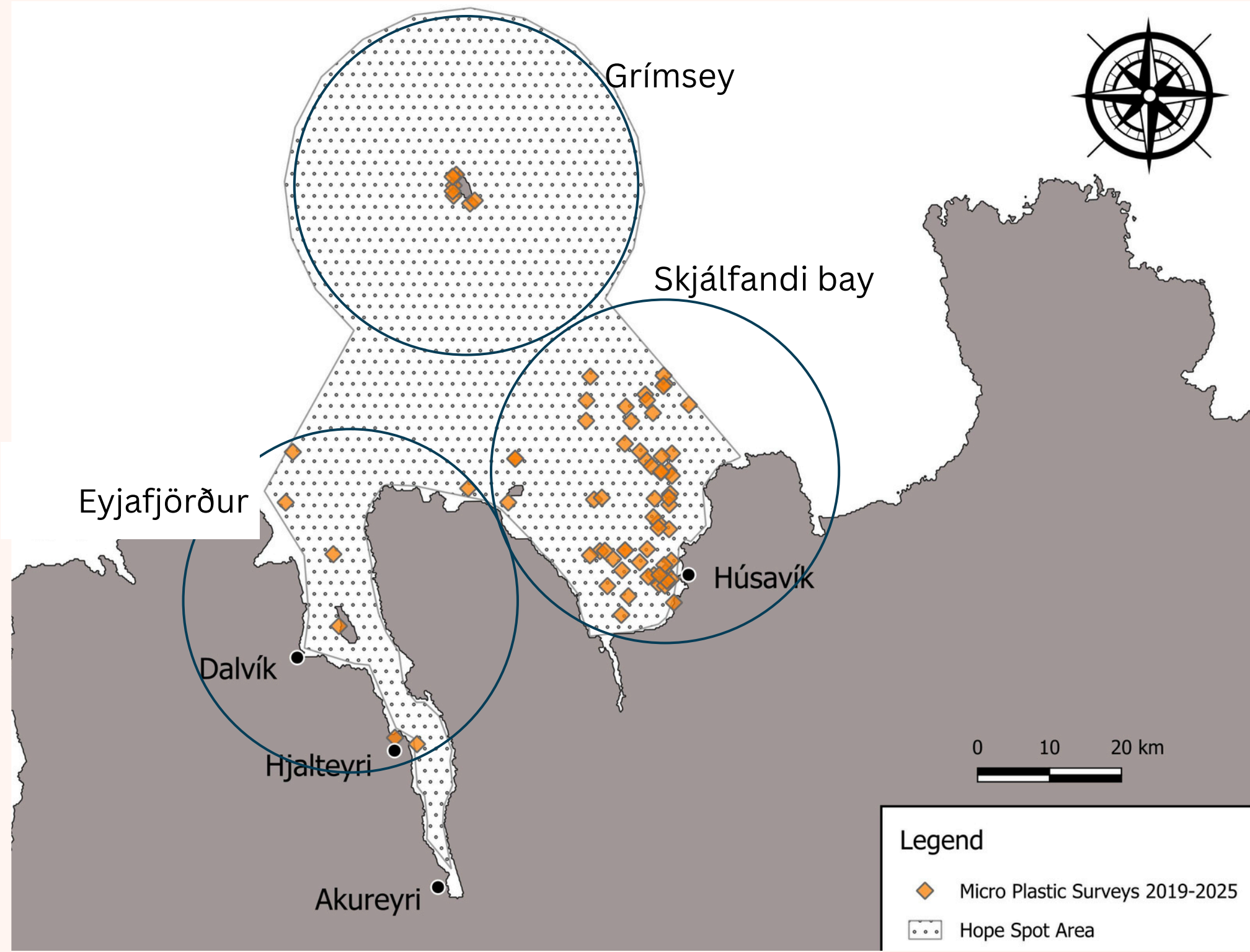
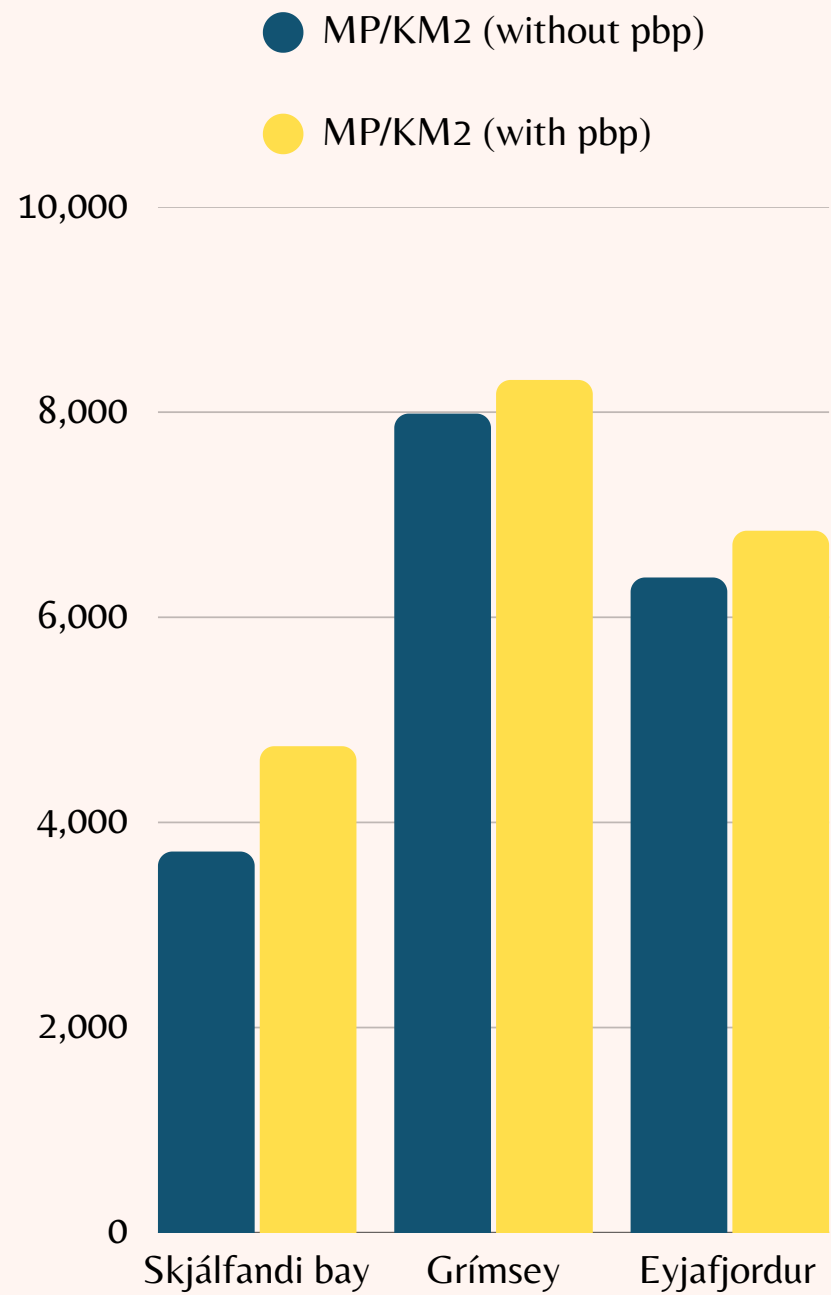
N surveys= 107

Total surface trawled = 824 km

Total N Particles (<1mm): 717

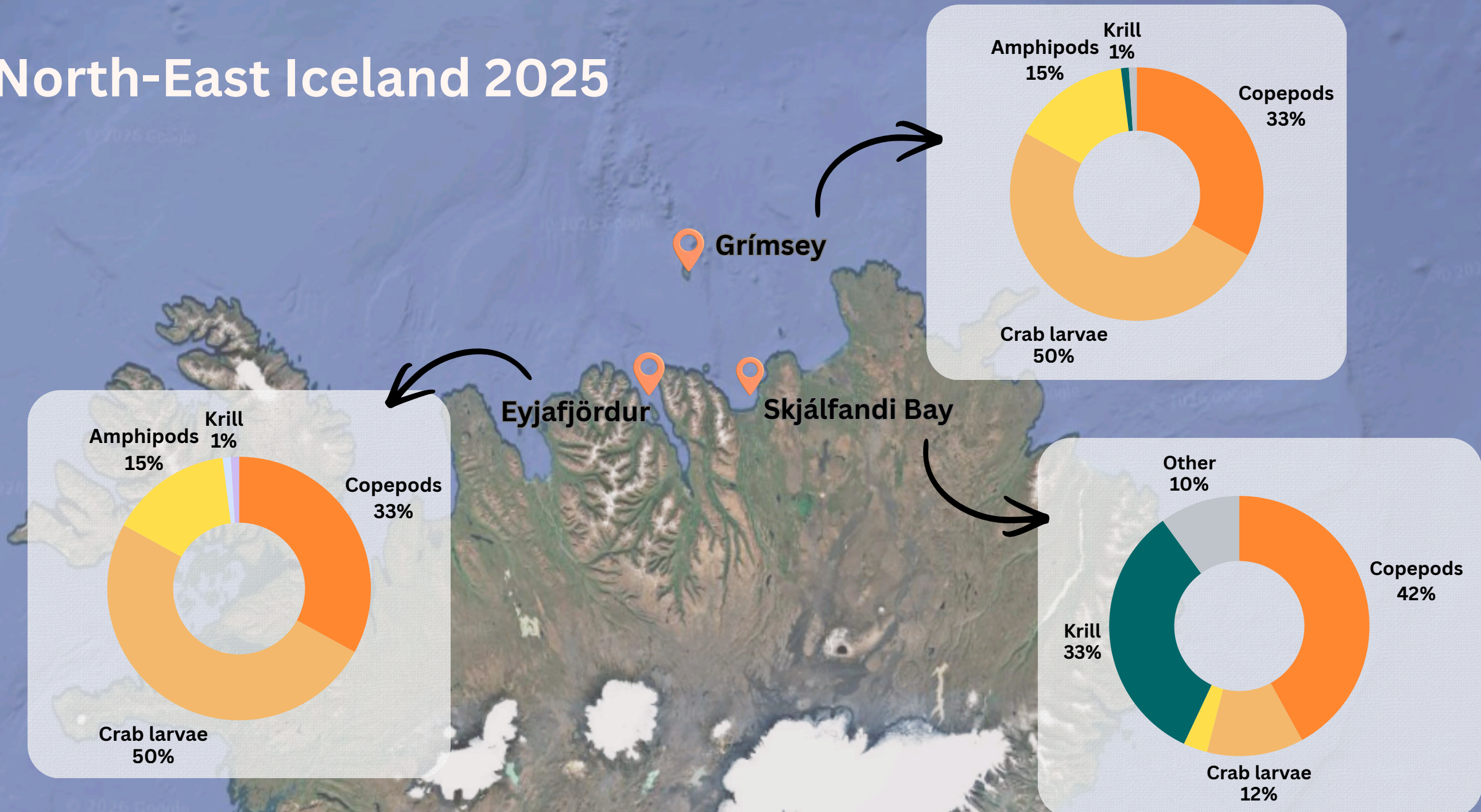
Total N Particles including pbp (<1mm): 893





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North-East Iceland 2025



Zooplankton Facts



COPEPOD

- = oar-footed; “insects of the sea”
- They grow by shedding their shell
- They present a critical base of the food chain in the Arctic

SEA BUTTERFLY

- They are a type of sea snail
- They are very small (< 1 cm long)
- Their shell can dissolve if ocean acidification increases

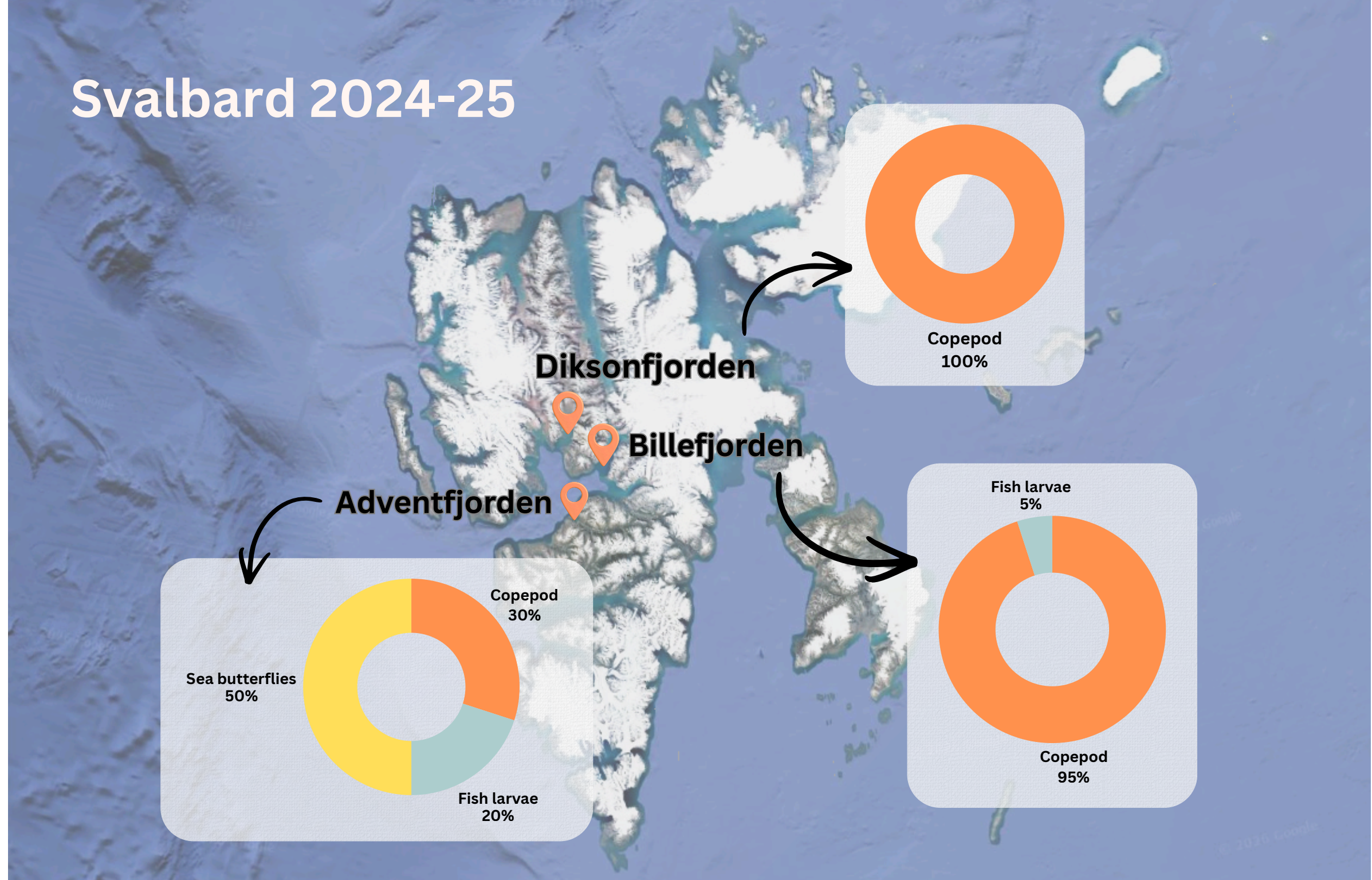


KRILL



- Blue whales eat four tons of krill a day
- Krill helps slow down climate change
- They can live for 5 to 10 years

Svalbard 2024-25



The Icelandic Coastal Cleanup Project



Húsavík and Eyjafjörður Cleanup Networks





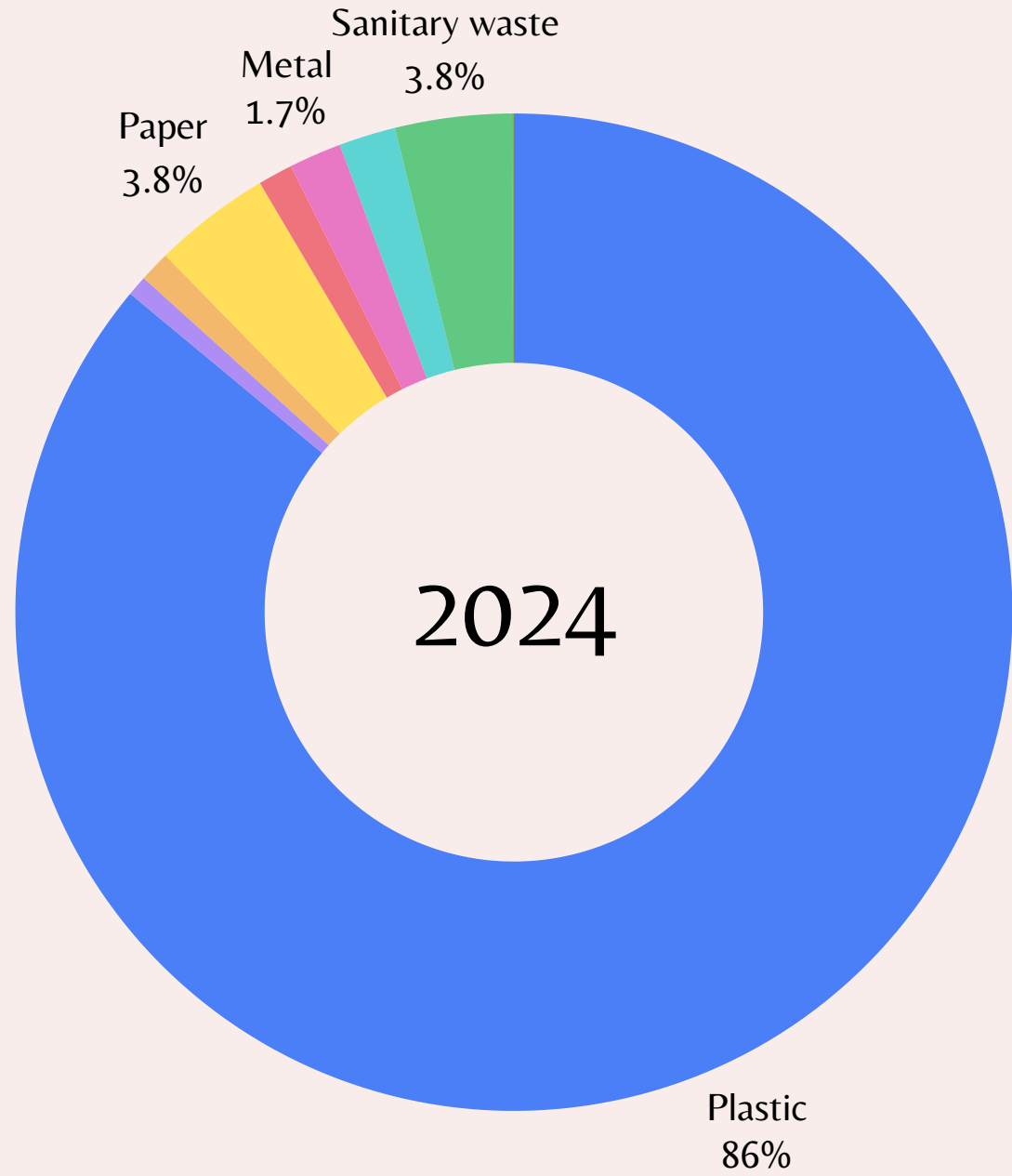
Húsavík and Eyjafjörður teams

During the summer season in 2024 and 2025 our teams have organised in total 102 cleanup, collecting about **5000 kg of trash** with the precious help of 868 volunteers.

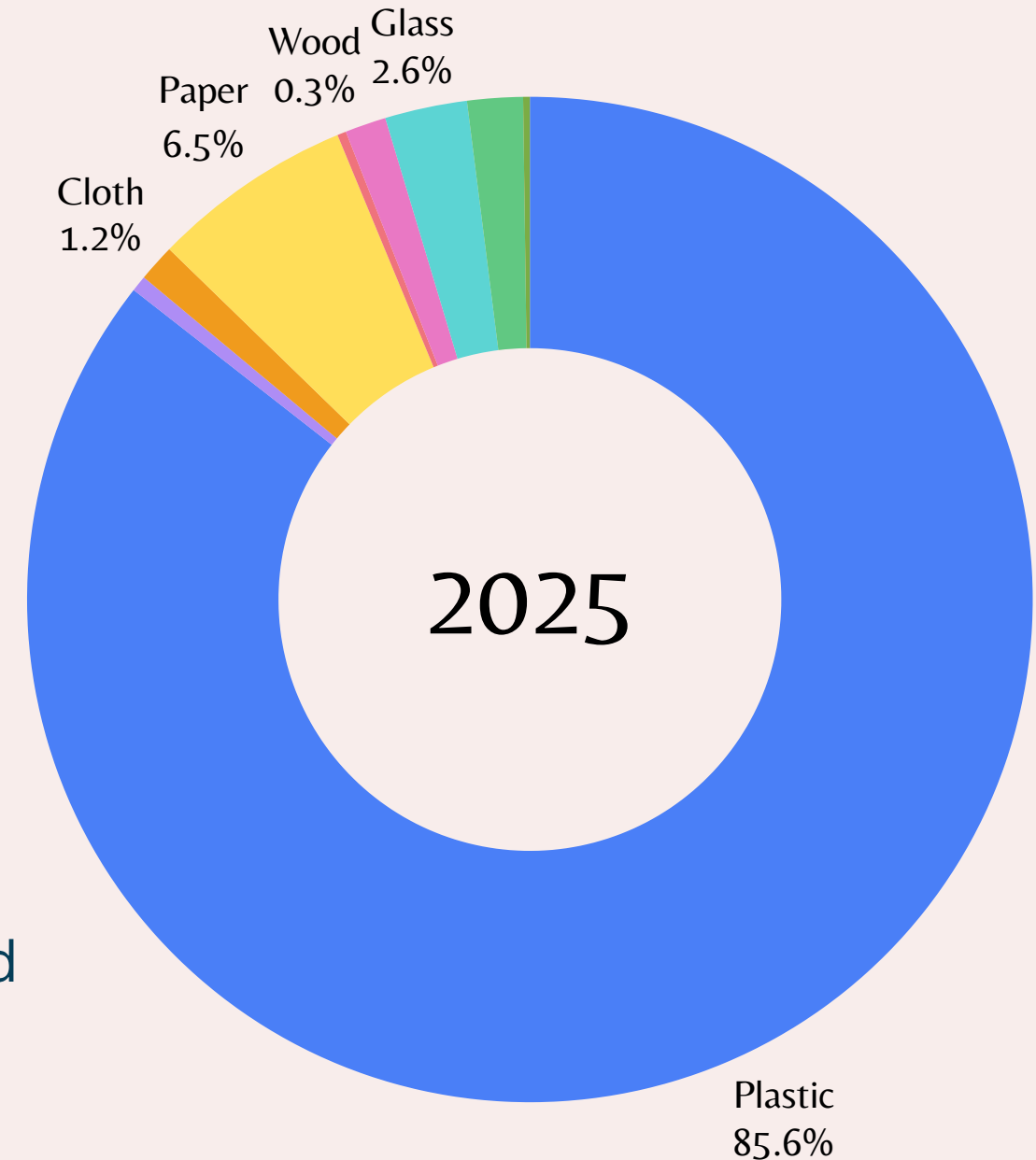
Together we successfully cleaned different sites in the Northeast Iceland including **remote areas** like Grímsey Island and the Langanes Peninsula.



Clean-up efforts

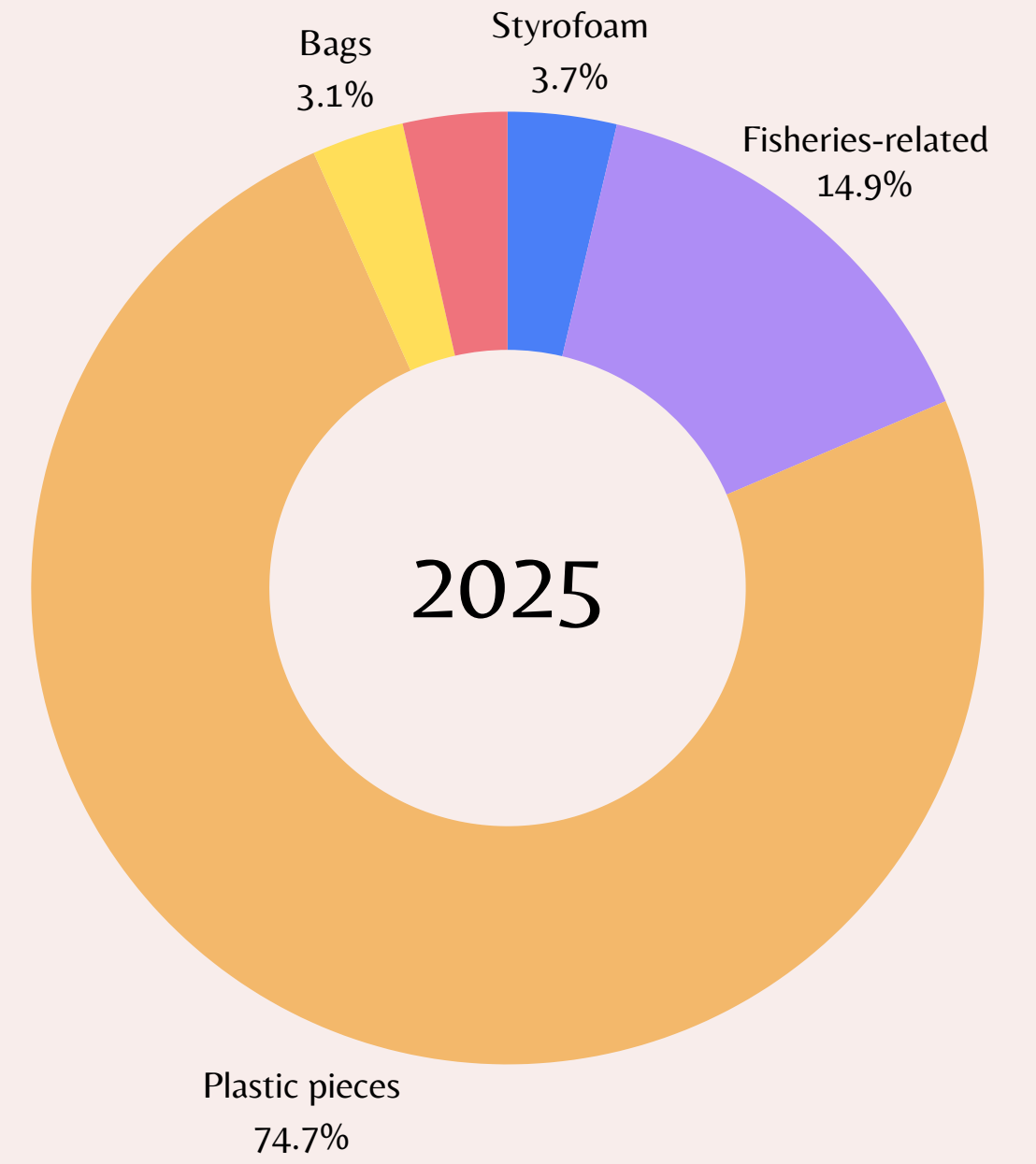
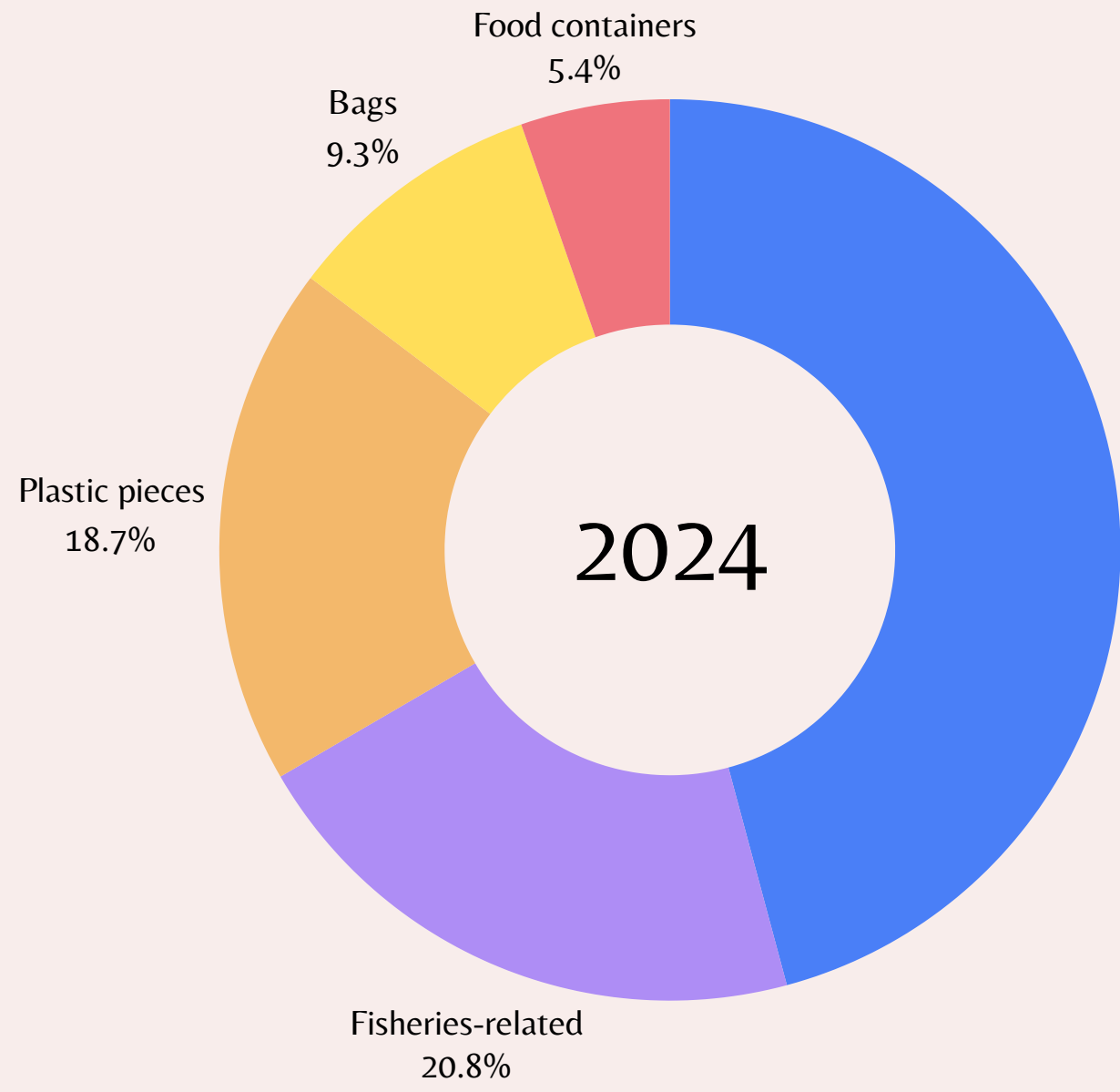


55	CLEANUPS	47
547	PARTICIPANTS	321
3471	KG COLLECTED	1454
24	OSPAR ANALYSIS	20



Over the last two years, about **86 %** of all items collected were **plastic** of which on average **14,5 %** were **fisheries-related debris**

TOP 5 PLASTIC ITEMS



SPECIAL FINDING

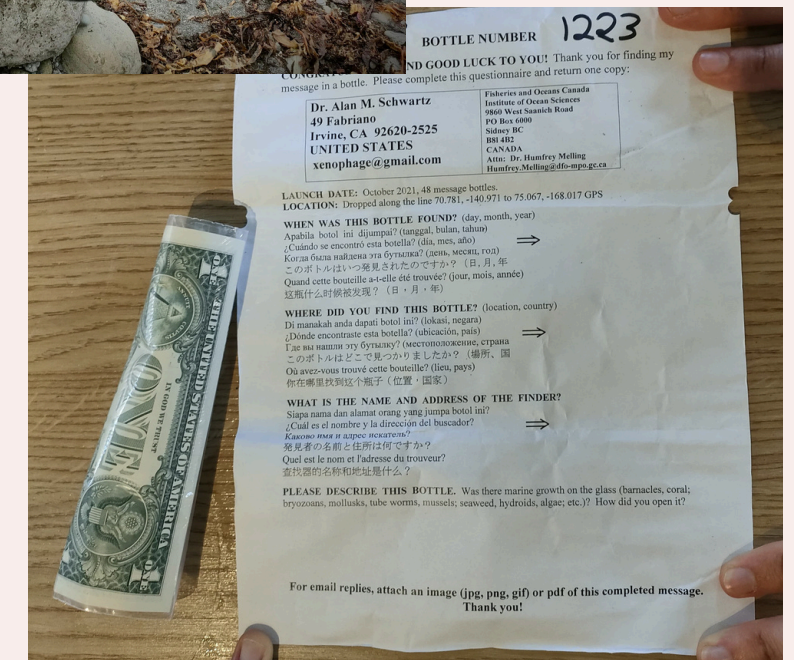
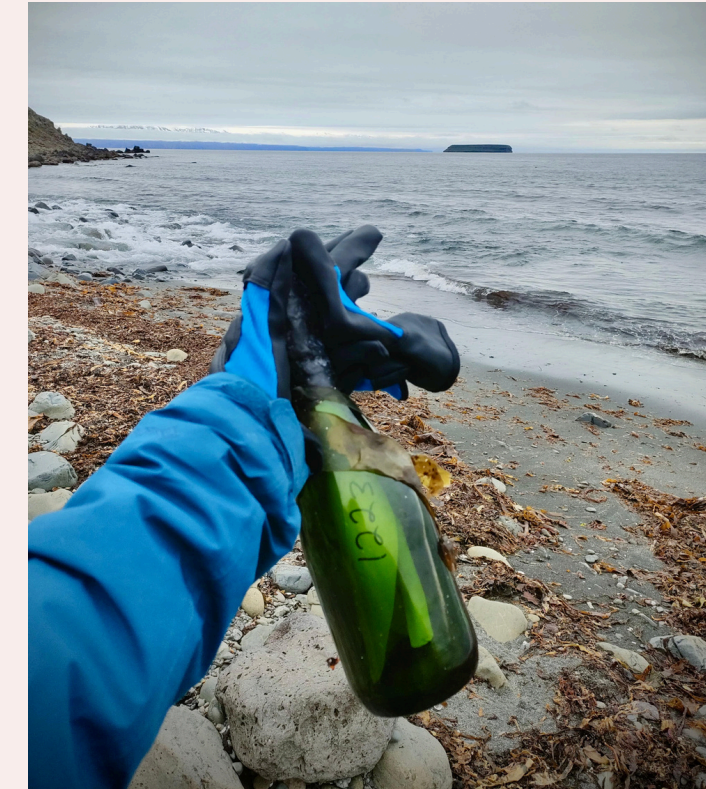
In June 2025 we found a **message in bottle** on a beach close to Husavik. Inside there was a message from the **Fisheries and Ocean Canada Institute of Ocean Science** with the launch date, the location and a questionnaire.

After reporting it we received interesting answers regarding the bottle's journey and its purpose:

it was dropped just within the pack ice on 20 September 2021, 1024 km north of the Bering Strait, so its journey of about 9200 km lasted no longer than 1355 days (3 y 8.5 m).

From this information, the estimated average speed of drift is quite high by Arctic standards. Statistical modelling of sea-ice drift based on 1980's data indicated that ice at the bottle's drop point would need 4 years on average to reach Fram Strait and had less than a 10% chance of reaching there in 3 years!

This **bottle's drift** is evidence of **much faster** ice drift now than 40 years ago!



Puffin Protection

Sign the petition



A special thank you to our Ocean Missions Ambassador, Cristina Verdu, who helped amplify the campaign's reach through her fantastic work on social media.



@cristinaverdu

Thanks to our Puffin petition, we collected over 110 000 signatures to protect the puffins! A victory for Conservationist!

Iceland is a breathtaking haven for whales and birds, especially the Atlantic Puffin. Yet this remarkable creature faces mounting threats, not only from climate change but also from **unsustainable practices like local hunting with comercial purposes**, and the populations are decreasing fast

We reached a point where we had to take action!

That is why we are raising our voice loud and clear: it's time to establish a ban on puffin sales and safeguard these majestic birds for generation to come.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



OM Exhibition Room

There is no such thing as "away." When we throw anything away, it must go somewhere.
Ekkert til sem heitir „í burtu“. Þegar við höndum einhverju verður það að fara eitthvað.

Clean Ups
Hreinsun

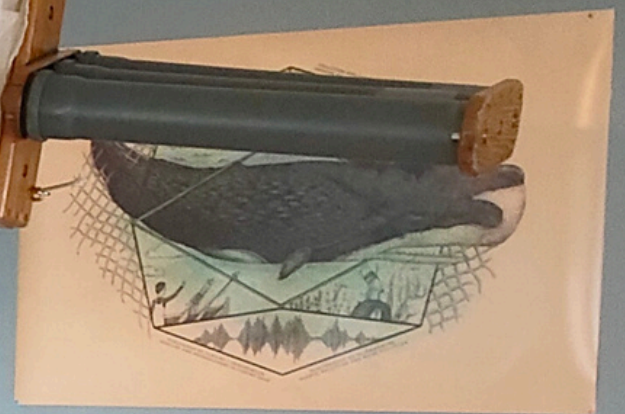
Microplastics
Mikroplast

Guess what the Icelandic currents bring to remote beaches...

Fishing gear
Hard plastic
Domestic Trash



Handwritten notes and articles on the wall.



Handwritten notes on a small table.





JUNE 2025 HÚSAVÍK

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun



Local Events

Various activities were held on a **monthly basis** to involve the **citizens of Húsvík** and the surrounding area, as well as anyone else who wanted to participate.

Our main activity, the **beach cleanups**, were held at least **2 times a week** (depending on the weather) and were always very well received, with over **700 participants** in total.

At the same time, and thanks to our **collaboration with the Húsvík Whale Museum**, we were able to carry out a screening of various **documentaries** plus a subsequent debate once a month in their facilities.

Local Events

At the same time, once a month in the Ocean Missions Exhibition Room, we carry out activities called ***Trash to Treasure***, in which we turn the waste we find on the beaches into small souvenirs and other useful and decorative objects, **giving them a second life.**



The 2nd Hope Spot Festival





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On August 30th 2025, **Ocean Missions** and the **Húsavík Whale Museum** held the second “Hope Spot Festival” in Húsavík; a **public celebration of the declaration of the Northeast Iceland Hope Spot** sponsored by **Mission Blue**. The event fell on the same day as **Sylvia Earle’s 90th birthday** , giving our community the chance to join the high tide of wishes from all around the world.

People of all ages joined the **fun and educational activities** offered like trash to treasure workshops, posters exhibition, science, ocean quizzes, games and raffles while enjoying hot chocolate and the traditional pastries “kleinur”.



Scientific Publications



Marine Pollution Bulletin

Volume 213, April 2025, 117638

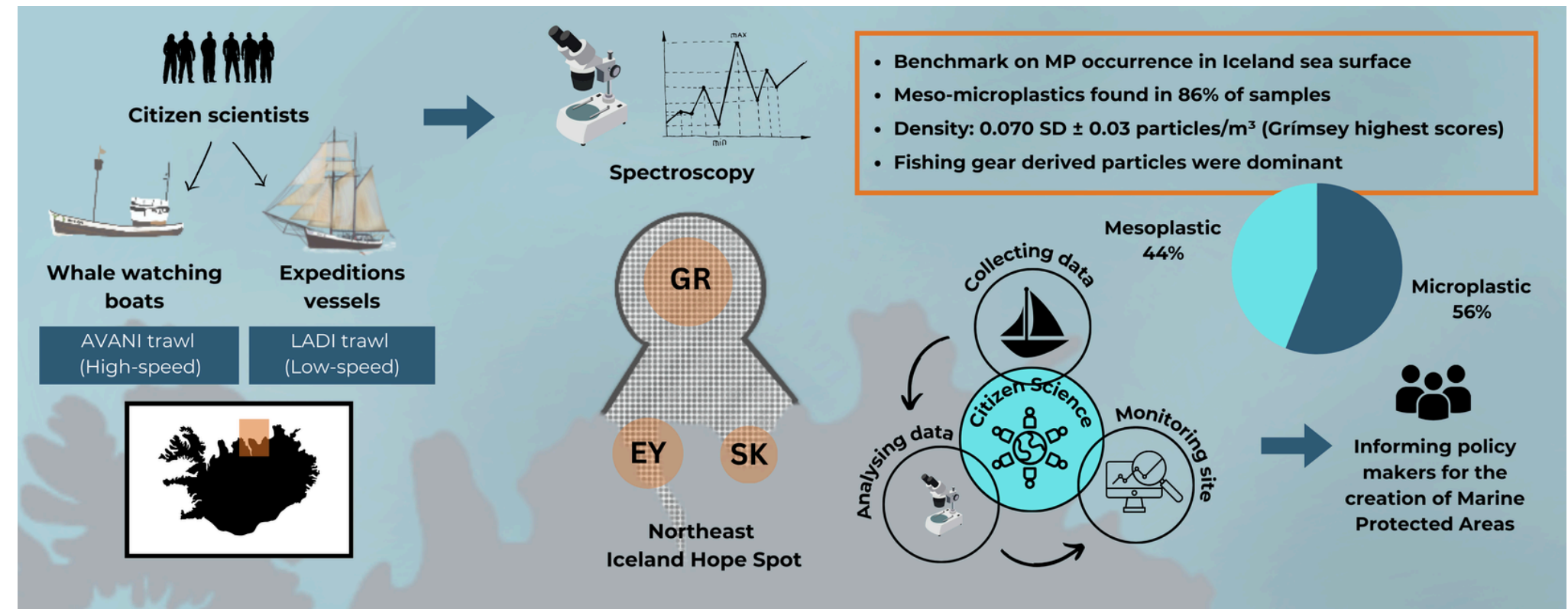


Read the full scientific article!



Validating citizen science for community-driven microplastic monitoring and marine protection in Northeast Iceland's Hope Spot

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LOCAL PERCEPTIONS FOR THE
FUTURE OF THE NORTHEAST
ICELAND 'HOPE SPOT' AREA.



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April 2025



Supervisors: **Dr. Mohammad Farhdinia**, DICE, University of Kent & **Dr. Charla Jean Basran**, Húsavík Research Centre, University of Iceland & Ocean Missions NGO



Bachelor thesis

Katie Parker, a Bachelor student in Wildlife Conservation at the **University of Kent (UK)**, joined Húsavík during the summer season of 2024 as an OM volunteer. During her time there, she contributed to local research efforts and completed her Bachelor's thesis based on **surveys and interviews** conducted within the Hope Spot, turning fieldwork and community engagement into meaningful scientific insight.



← Read the full thesis!
Watch Katie's thesis presentation! →



Shaping the Future: Community Perceptions of the Northeast Iceland Hope Spot and Marine Management

A pilot study conducted by Ocean Missions

Funded by Mission Blue

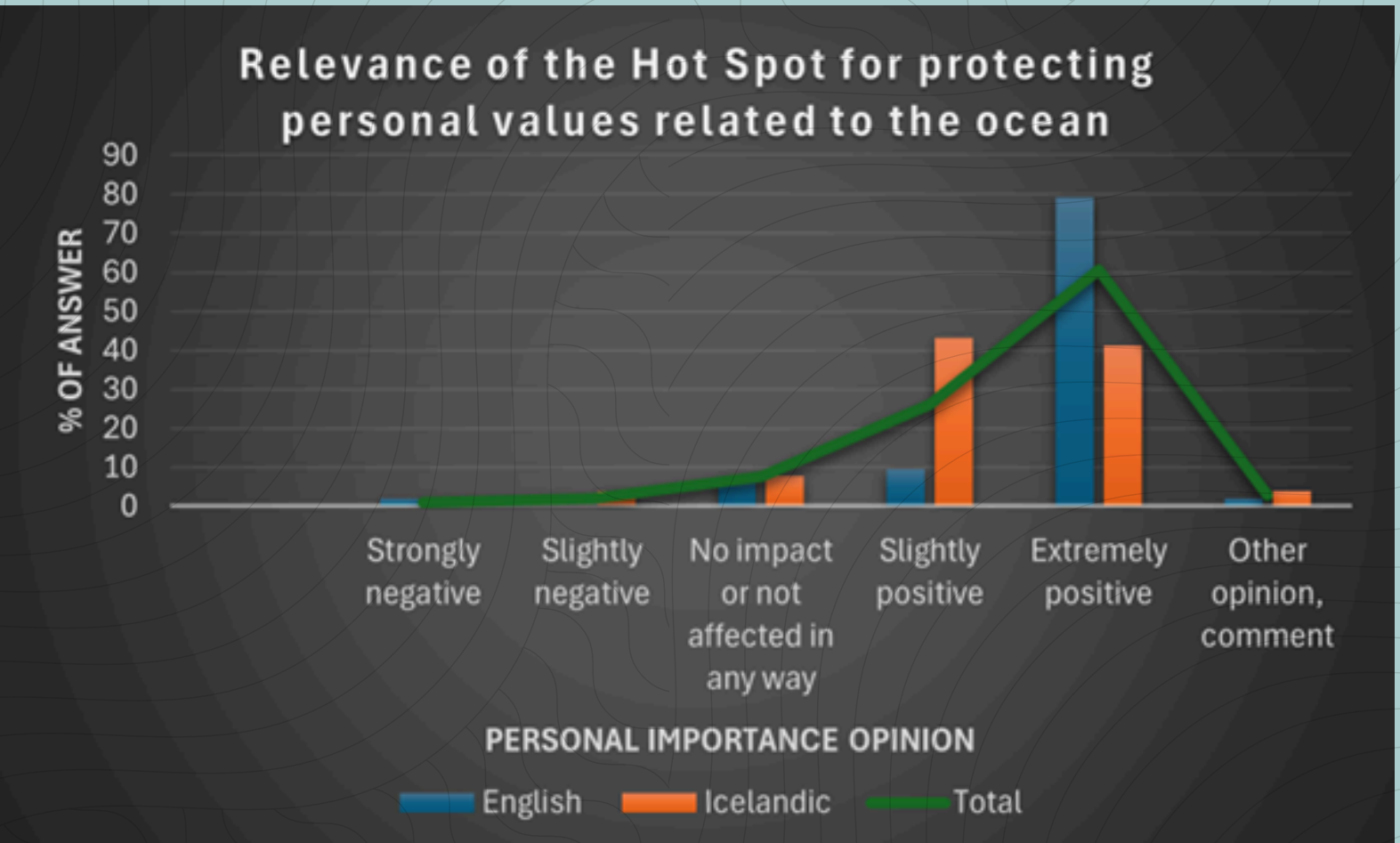


Read the full report!



Icelandic

English





Háskólinn
á Akureyri
University
of Akureyri



4th Sustainability Conference

Join us for a day of exploration and collaboration on sustainability

Conferences

In April 2024 we presented our work at the University of Akureyri Sustainability Conference with a talk titled "*Ocean Missions NGO citizen-science expeditions and micro-plastic research*"



Marine Protected Areas



Ocean Missions is working to protect the Northeast Iceland Hope Spot as part of the global 30x30 movement to safeguard 30% of the ocean by 2030. With less than 2% of Iceland's waters currently protected, we believe a new chapter for ocean conservation is possible.



HOPE SPOT
NORTHEAST ICELAND





It Is TIME for Iceland to turn the Tide !!

Together with SVÍVS, scientists, communities, and 16 Icelandic organizations, we are building momentum for a marine protection pilot project grounded in science, collaboration, and hope. Supported by positive dialogue with **Iceland's Minister for the Environment**, this mission is growing stronger every year.

We believe the tide is turning — for Iceland's oceans, wildlife, and future generations



Media coverage

SHORT FILM



@Life_in_documentaries
Young K. Hwan



TRAILER



@Symbiosismature



SHORT FILM



@Oceanmissions6445
Florian Schmidt





Main local partners



HÁSKÓLI ÍSLANDS



Stjórnarráð Íslands
Umhverfis-, orku- og loftslagsráðuneytið

Main international partners



The Safina Center

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- For providing us with a beautiful location to work, to engage and educate locals, workers and tourists every summer, by the harbour area
- For allowing us to use Schooner Opal and other boats as platforms to perform our important mission: research, awareness and sustainable travel
- For accepting us as their key NGO partner allowing us to collaborate on a win win strategy towards finding the best practices for NS responsible operation and to provide for the sustainable future of Skjálfandi Bay



NGO Expenses

2 years (2024 & 2025)

Salaries and related expenses

8 M ISK

Equipment and operating expenses

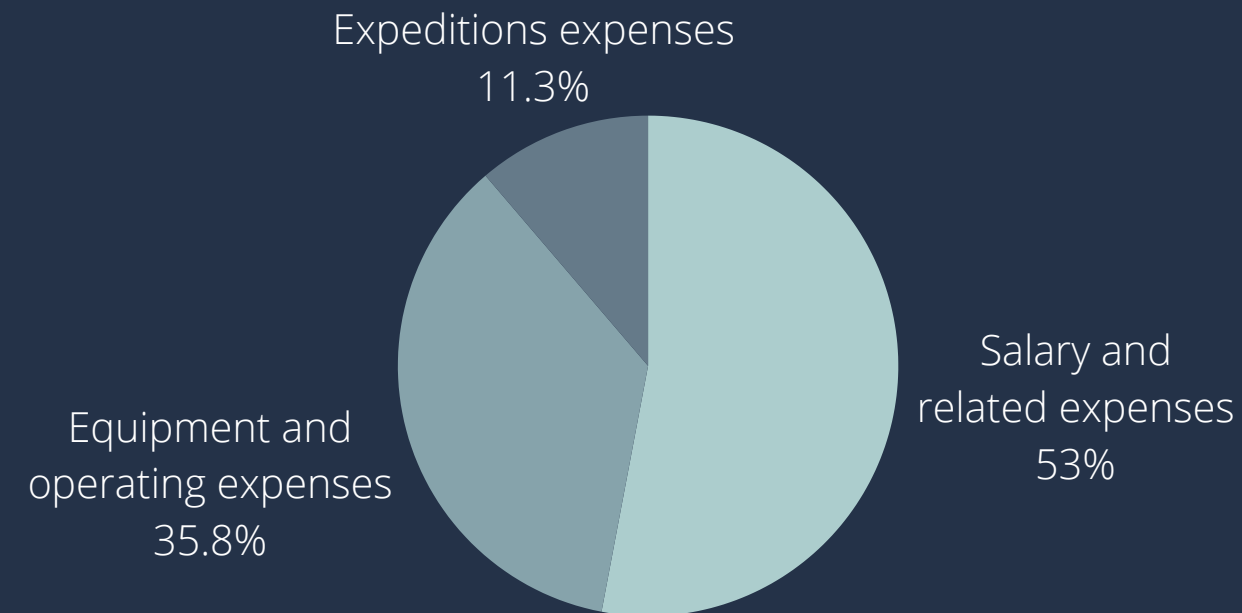
5.4 M ISK

Expeditions expenses

1.7 M ISK

Total expenses

15.1 M ISK



Revenue Sources

2 years (2024 & 2025)

Donations

2 M ISK

Funds, trusts

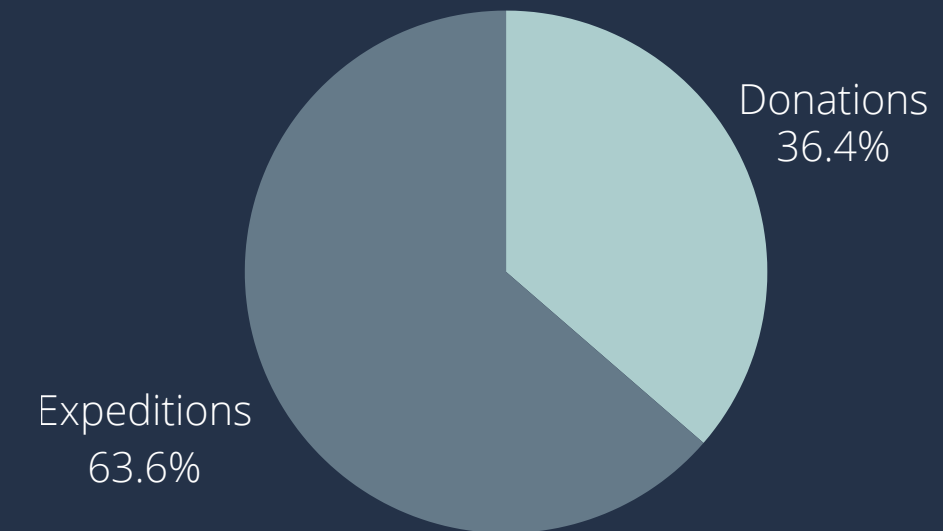
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Expeditions

3.5 M ISK

Total revenues

5.7 M ISK





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