

Athugasemdir og umsagnir við frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum – 99. mál á 154. löggjafarþingi.

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Eftirfarandi 499 tölvupóstar með athugasemdum eða umsögnum voru móttæknir þann 24. október 2023

Fjarlægðar voru tengiliðaupplýsingar og hlekkir.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pichkhadze Artem**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I will never come to your Beautiful country before your people stop to be so wild and kill the whales and dolphins 🗨️ Please stop this terrible murder! We live in 2023!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anna**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good day.

My name is Anna Shemyakina, I'm writing this letter on 24th of October, 2023.

I would like to express my support for the ban on whale hunting. These animals are too intelligent to be killed so cruelly, too important for ecosystems to be hunted down in industrial quantities, too popular for European society to approve of hunting them for a dubious delicacy.

I greatly appreciate this initiative and hope that the decision taken on this matter will be beneficial for both Iceland economy and its world image, as well as for global ecological balance.

Sincerely,

Shemyakina A.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **sarinka**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! We ask you to pass a bill banning whaling! Whales are one of the most beautiful and intelligent creatures on earth! There are very few of them left! Sincerely, Gazizova Zarina.
23.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **sarinka**

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kara Nebesnaya**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am for stopping the killing of whales, because they lives matter too.

We can be better.

They give more oxygen for our planet.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Группа Т22-3**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á jmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Halló! Mitt nafn er Maxim Ekimenkov, ég er frá Rússlandi frá borginni Vladimir. Ég, eins og hver önnur manneskja í heiminum, er hluti af heimssamfélaginu, sem verður að hugsa ekki aðeins um sjálf sig, heldur einnig um allan fjölbreytileika heimsins í kringum okkur. Ef við varðveitum ekki líffræðilegan fjölbreytileika verðum við ekki verðug réttar til að bera titilinn „Homo sapiens“. Náttúran var á undan okkur og hún mun vera eftir okkur. Ef við eyðileggjum vistkerfið munum við eyðileggja okkur sjálf, en á endanum mun náttúran endurfæðast, en aðeins án okkar er hún sterk. Þakka þér fyrir virkni þína! 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kristina Paraketseva**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

No need to kill whales! Life is important, air is important to everyone, not skin!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Максим Екименков**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á jmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Geoff Bowry**

Stop tha whale hunting



24. október 2023

Frá/from: Íris Stefanía Skúladóttir

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Til þess er málið varðar.

Það er sorglegt að Ísland sem kennir sig við óspillta náttúru og náttúruverd hafi ekki fyrir löngu verið búíð að banna hvalveiðar. Það er ekki eftir neinu að bíða. Nú liggja alltof mikið af gögnum fyrir sem sýna með óyggjandi hætti að hvalveiðar eru hreint út beint meiðandi. Fyrir hvalina augljóslega, fyrir umhverfið, fyrir fólk sem borðar kjötið (til að mynda mega óléttar konur og konur með börn á brjósti ekki borða kjötið út af þungmálmum). ÞAÐ ER EKKI EFTIR NEINU AÐ BÍÐA!

Ef þið hafið raunverulegan áhuga á að gera rétt en eruð enn í vafa þá mæli ég með myndinni The Witness is a whale sem fjallar um sögu hvalveiða á 20.öldinni og allri þeirri spillingu og eyðileggingu sem þeim fylgdi (<https://www.terramater.at/productions/the-witness-is-a-whale/>).

Fleira sem vegur þungt er til dæmis að langt dauðastríð hvala við veiðar brýtur í bága við lög um velferð dýra. Hvalir eru mikilvægir til að viðhalda vistkerfi sjávar og eiga að njóta verndar. Meirihluti Íslendinga styður ekki hvalveiðar. Minna en 2% Íslendinga borðar hvalkjöt, það er selt til Japan og hér er mikilvægt að skoða sögu Japan í þessum málum en hún kemur fram í myndinni sem er nefnd hér að ofan. Hvalveiðar eru ekki hluti af menningu og arfleifð Íslendinga.

Takk,

Íris Stefanía Skúladóttir

24. október, 2023

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Íris Stefanía Skúladóttir

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Karine Tiemy**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

At whom it may concern,

My name is Karine Tiemy Otomo, I live in São Paulo, Brazil. Today, I'd like to ask you to stop killing whales! I know it is considered a tradition, but we need to let go these old beliefs! It's a time the humanity change!! We need to protect these magnificent creatures!! They are responsible for keeping our fitoplâncton and ultimately responsible for the oxygen we breathe!

I'd be very proud if Iceland make laws to protect all marine life!! Please, think about the next generation and what kind of legacy we will let!!

Sincerely,

Karine Tiemy.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Hera Hilmarsdóttir**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hera Hilmarsdóttir

23. október 2023

Kæra Alþingi

Ég sendi þetta bréf þar sem ég stend með frumvarpinu um að enda hvalveiðar á Íslandi.

Á tímum þar sem hvert skref sem við getum tekið til að varðveita umhverfi okkar og lífsviðurværi til framtíðar vegur meira en mögulega nokkurn tímann áður, virðist skrefið að enda hvalveiðar fyrir fullt og allt vera skref sem við getum stolt tekið sem þjóð.

Hvalir þjóna mikilvægu hlutverki fyrir umhverfi okkar, lífríki hafsins og súrefnisframleiðslu heimsins. Þeir hjálpa okkur daglega við að berjast gegn loftslagsvánni, og styrkja og næra fiskistofna okkar. Því fleiri hvalir, því meiri fiskur.

Við þurfum ekki á hvalveiðum að halda fyrir efnahag þjóðarinnar. Í raun vinna þær alfarið gegn efnahag okkar og ímynd.

Hvernig getum við, upplýst nútímafólk, staðið með iðnaði sem brýtur lög um velferð dýra, ár eftir ár, fæðir ekki landsmenn okkar, skilar ekki inn pening í hagkerfi okkar heldur er rekinn með tapi ár hvert, heldur viðkvæmum stofni hvala áfram viðkvæmum, og grefur undan fleiri atvinnugreinum landsins eins og nú kvikmyndaiðnaðinum og ferðabransanum?

Við höfum tækifæri til að breyta um stefnu og sýna þjóð okkar og umheiminum að þetta er ekki sú leið sem við viljum lengur fara, heldur erum við nútímasamfélag á heimsmælikvarða leiðandi í umhverfis- og náttúruvernd og við stolt styðjum iðnað sem þjónar heildinni en ekki aðeins nokkrum sérhagsmunaaðilum.

Með þökk fyrir lesturinn og kærri kveðju,

Hera Hilmarsdóttir

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yekateryna. KASPA**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am for stopping the killing of whales, because such a beautiful and intelligent creature has the right to live. And the more whales in the ocean, the more oxygen the planet has.

Yekateryna Kasprova 23.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Luke Slattery**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

My name is Luke Slattery from Perth, Western Australia. I was born in the South West of WA, where whales often grace our coastline. Our tourism industry holds many enriching whale tours - where guides are in harmony with the natural cycles of the whales and come to know certain whales by name and personality. Just like dolphins, they are intelligent and emotional creatures.

The hunting and killing of whales is an old harmful practice, out of touch with our fragile and hurting ecosystems of today. These creatures should be protected at all costs in our collective efforts to preserve the natural world for generations to come.

I write to you on Tuesday, the 24th of October at 8:30am in hopes this email will help you make a decision on whaling.

Thank you,

Luke Slattery

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Va1erievna Va1erievna**

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Kovyleva Kseniya 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Яна Скурятина**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello! I support the ban on whale hunting!!! Whaling is an immoral, senseless and completely inhuman activity, which, among other things, poses a threat to whale populations and therefore must be strictly regulated or stopped.

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24.10.2023 Pilegina Yana Olegovna

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sarah Robinson**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

My name is Sarah King and today's date is 23 October 2023.

Whales need to be protected. Ban whaling and allow the creatures peace.

Set an example and protect the whales. Stop allowing them to be hunted and killed.

Thank you.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **jessica.howelloneill**

Please support the Pirate Party's proposed bill to ban commercial whaling in Iceland.
Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good evening,

I am writing to urge you to please support the Pirate Party's bill that would legislate the end to commercial whaling in Iceland. Aside from whaling being a cruel and inhumane practice, that is not supported by the majority of the Icelandic public, whaling is hurting Iceland's economy. Living whales are much more valuable as proven by the whale watching industry. Influential figures in the multibillion dollar film industry have pledged to boycott Iceland until whaling is banned.

With Iceland's economic and business relations being in danger, it does not make sense to continue allowing people to kill whales. It's been documented that harpooned whales can take hours to die. Whales are important in maintaining the health of marine ecosystems. If Iceland bans this horrific practice, it could be a leader, when it comes to protecting marine regions and species. I respectfully urge your full support of the pirate parties proposed bill to ban commercial whaling in Iceland.

Sincerely,

Jessica O'Neill, Esq.

October 23, 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Каракина**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, dear ladies and gentlemen. I am a living person, my name is Karakina Julia and I would like to send you my personal petition to abolish whaling. I am Russian living in Europe and Canada for many years. It seems to me that hunting creatures such as whales does not fit into the framework of the modern world, where we can satisfy our needs without killing living creatures. Stop this please.

Karakina Iuliia

23.10.2023

Vancouver

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Luciana Borba**

Parem de matar Baleia

Façam uma lei, que proíba definitivamente a caça às baleias. Parem Kristján Loftsson

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **luciana borba**

Baleia

Parem de caçar as baleias 🗨️

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Lucciana Borba

Makeup

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anne Dubois**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Belgium to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Anne Dubois

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Никита Андреев**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Nikita Andreev

23.10.2023

Hello!!! Please stop it!

I am against whale catching, it is barbaric! This affects the ecosystem of the entire planet! This is not humane! Only one company kills whales and sends their meat to Japan!! You must ban this! Most people in the world and Icelanders themselves do not support killing whales! Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lera Ovchinnikova**

Umsögn via 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, my name is Valeria Ovchinnikova, I am writing to you with a huge request for the protection of whales! I ask you to prohibit the hunting of whales, not to allow the issuance of a license for hunting cetaceans. Most Icelanders are against the destruction of these animals. The whole world is against killing whales! Let's protect the whales! Thanks!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Massimiliano Venezia**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Reykjavík, 24.10.23 - 00:59

To whom it may concern,

With this message, I would like to express my views on the bill presented by Andrés Ingi Jónsson.

Our environment needs protection more than ever, and whales, playing a key role in it, provide many services that are often overlooked and given for granted. Some examples are the ability to transfer key elements through different layers of the ocean and the sequestration of carbon.

They also provide, while alive, an important economical resource, attracting many tourists interested in whale watching activities. Fin whales in particular are the second largest animal on Earth and a charismatic species, so hunting them damages Iceland's image worldwide.

This country has an opportunity to show the right path and gain national and international praise with this bill, and I hope that it will not let it slip away.

With hopes for a brighter future,

Massimiliano Venezia

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Aileen G.**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time

Aileen

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Maddy Malik**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good evening,

My name is Madina Yessekenova, 24.10.2023

I ask you to stop the hunting of whales, this greatly affects their numbers and the ecology of the oceanic nature.

with your help we will save the poor whales, be reasonable, this is very important not only for Iceland, but for the whole world.

I believe that this letter will be read and we, that is, people, will save the world and give our nature faith in the best.

Please stop this pain, let the whales live in peace and replenish their numbers.

I believe that you will make the right decision to abolish whale hunting. if you stop the killing of whales, it will be a huge victory for them, for our planet and for people.

Thank you and best regards,

Madina Yessekenova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Samuli Gröhn**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

24. október Samuli Gröhn skrifar,

Hvalveiðar verða að verða bannaðar. Samkvæmt skýrslu matvælastofnunar frá árinu 2022 voru fjölmargir hvalanna sem drepnir voru í fyrra af veiðimönnum Hvals hf. skotnir mörgum sinnum. Hvalveiðar stríða gegn íslenskum lögum um velferð dýra, hafa aldrei verið partur af íslenskri menningu og valda þessum dýrum gífurlegri þjáningu og vistkerfum sjávar skaða.

Með bestu kveðju,

Samuli Gröhn

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Дарья Станиславовна**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! My name is Daria. I'm from Russia!

I'm asking you to stop hunting whales. I don't eat whale meat. Most people in this world don't eat whale meat. Human existence is possible without whale meat. Don't let any whale die unnecessarily! don't let the whales disappear!

Please don't kill whales anymore!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Виктория Виноградова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support a ban against whaling. This is unjustified cruelty. whales are more graceful than the state of nature! they are not food! you can't kill for pleasure

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Зулия Пушкова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, I want to express my protest to whale hunting, there are not so many of these beautiful creatures left, only one company in the world kills whales and all the meat practically goes to Japan.

Let's save the whales 🙏🙏🙏🙏 😞

Pupkova Zulia Radikovna 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Matteo Dello Iacovo**

Stop whaling

Ban whale hunts, stop destroying our oceans. I'll never put feet on your soil if you don't stop this useless, stupid and completely insane activity. Can you really watch yourself in the mirror knowing that you are responsible for this awful practice?!

Shame on Iceland, shame on you.

Matteo (Italy/USA)

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Paola Gavino**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Hello, my name is Paola Gavino, a US citizen living in New York. Today is October 23rd, 2023 and I want to voice my opinion about the whaling ban that your country is considering.

Please pass the bill to ban it , whales are very important for ecosystems and play a crucial role in combating climate change which is an issues that affects us all globally.

It is a cruel and outdated practice that doesn't reflect on you as a country and it's not part of the Icelandic culture.

I had the opportunity to visit your country and it saddened me to learn that there's still whale hunting in such a beautiful country with such progressive ideologies and kindest people I've known.

Please pass the bill to ban whaling and selling of whale products through the Wild Animals Act.

Regards,

Paola Gavino

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Microsoftmail account team**

Icelandic: Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Stop the whaling. This barbaric practice must stop. God's beautiful creatures of the ocean do not deserve to be hunted down savagely and painfully slaughtered. Please end this!

Sincerely,

Kristen from the United States of America. The state of Kansas.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Нина Туч**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello. Stop killing whales. These are beautiful and necessary creatures. They didn't do anything wrong. It is inhumane and disgusting to kill animals for selfish purposes. If nature created them, then they are needed. Stop it!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Charla Jean Basran - HI**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom this may concern,

I'm writing to you to express my deep concern about the ongoing whaling practices in Iceland and my support of 99. mál to ban whaling in Iceland.

Today the world is on the brink of a total environmental collapse - in our fight against climate change every living whale counts.

I'd like to press that there's only one whaler left in Iceland and that he was born in 1943: there's no place for whaling in the new world. Kristjan Lofftson's worldview already belongs to the past. The voices of the generations after his should weigh heavier.

Scientific evidence shows us three things:

- Whaling does not comply with the Animal Welfare Act.
- A mature fin whale can sequester 33 tons of CO₂.
- Whale watching is economically more sustainable than whaling.

Given the majority of Icelandic residents and the people visiting Iceland are against whaling, this practice no longer has a place in Icelandic society and is damaging to the world view of Iceland and its people, as well as to the ocean environment Iceland so heavily depends on.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Dr. Charla Jean Basran

23.10.2023

Dr. Charla Jean Basran

Ph.D. – cetacean research

Húsavík Research

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Terri Carnell**

Please STOP whaling

So few species of whales are left for future generations to understand the glorious gift these beautiful creatures have given us. Please stop whaling so we can continue study and enjoy these majestic creatures.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marybeth Cozzi**

End Whaling in Iceland

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Marybeth Cozzi and I live in New York in the United States.

I am writing to you to finally please end Whaling in Iceland. This is a disgusting practice and you should want to protect the majestic whales. These beautiful animals should be able to be free and not be harmed in any way. They should NOT be hunted in such inhumane ways. After all these years, we should be protecting animals especially in these difficult climate crisis. We should be protecting nature and all wild animals so generations to come will be able to see these beautiful whales.

Please END WHALING FOREVER!

Do the right thing and protect the whales.

I have always wanted to visit Iceland but will not until there is NO WHALING IN ICELAND.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please do the right thing and end whaling - PROTECT THE WHALES!!!

Sincerely,

Marybeth Cozzi

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **kerry bowman**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from England to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Kerry Bowman

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alisa Obryhnikova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

I am writing to you to inform you that I am against the killing of whales!!

This is important for me because defenseless,

they do not harm anyone.they have the right to live and love.

Rita Blinova

23.10.2024

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Saidorif Mukarramov**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please stop killing Whales dear Iceland!

I support the ban on whales hunting.

We have to save the animals.

This creatures of Allah are Most important for US and the Planet.

Most Icelanders do not support hunting

- Just one company kills whales
- Almost all meat is sold to Japan
- Whale hunting ruins the country's reputation.

Your sincerely

Mukarramov Saidorifkhon

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анна Арапова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

hello. I am very concerned about the life of whales, because this is our nature, which suffers very much because of wars. Please stop this destruction of whales! With respect, Anna, Thailand

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Beowulfus Universum**

Ricardo Silva 10/23/2023 Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am submitting this as an official comment and supporting on the contents of the bill (Bann við hvalveiðum - 99. mál, lagafrumvarp RSS - þjónusta 154. löggjafarþing 2023–2024.)

Whales are important for the cycle of marine life

Many studies have shown that the nutrients in sperm whale poop help stimulate phytoplankton growth.

Phytoplankton pulls carbon from the atmosphere to provide a cleaner and healthier breathing environment for all animals.

Estimates state that these whales extract as much as 400,000 tonnes of carbon from the air each year!

In addition to feeding carbon-fighting phytoplankton, the fact that whale poop stimulates the growth of phytoplankton means that it also helps provide other species that consume phytoplankton for their survival.

Phytoplankton feed fish, allowing them to thrive and reproduce, and fish feed many other species.

As a result, whales play a vital role in keeping the food chain stable.

such important creature , which such vital role on the enviroment,
shouldn't be killed , be councious please ban whaling.

Sincerely,

Ricardo

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Житомирская**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hi, my name is Yuliya Zhytomyrska. I'm from Ukraine. I'm a vegetarian and piece lover. I admire wales as a a very piece full animals. And I admire your piece full countries. I've heard there is only one company left who is killing whales...

So that there is only one step left till the end of violence in your beautiful country. I've seen a lot of people dying in my country and I believe all the creatures in the world can feel same pain and emotions cause nobody wants to die unnaturally. Please safe our planet with your beautiful whale heritage from the behalf of all of us. Please forbid to kill whales 🙏🙏🙏

Best Regards

Yuliya

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Данько Екатерина**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Ég er á móti drápum á hvölum, ég bið þig um að banna hvaladráp, við skulum passa upp á það sem móðir náttúra gaf okkur

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Алиса Дебелая**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am for stopping the killing of whales , because such a beautiful and intelligent creature has the right to live. And the more whales in the ocean, the more oxygen the planet has.

Alisa Debelay 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kristina Bragina**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, my name is Bragina Kristina. I support the ban on whale hunting.

Please pass a bill prohibiting whale hunting. Please let this amazing animal live. I've heard that:

- Most Icelanders don't support hunting
- Just one company kills whales
- Almost all meat is sold to Japan

- Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation. Listen to people. Please pass the bill. I'm Christina Bragina and I support the bill banning whaling.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Житомирская**

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Best Regards

Yuliya Zhytomyrska

24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kerbez Naukenova**

Umsogn við 99. maí, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

we are writing to you on behalf of the people of Kazakhstan, please BAN whale hunting. Whales are the heritage of all people on Planet Earth

Stop the killing and hunting of whales, help preserve the flora and fauna of the World Ocean. May our children and grandchildren enjoy the beauty of nature in FREEDOM in the future.

With great respect and hopes Kerbez Karimova (Kazakhstan)

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Kerbez Naukenova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Dildora Jonshoeva**

Jonshoeva Dildorakhon Tagaimurodovna 24.10.2023 There are few of these beautiful animals left in our world every day humanity is ruining these animals in the world soon does not wake up with such a course of all creatures the world will collapse

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Елена Сергеевна

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

STOP!

Stop the violence against animals!

Be more humane!

Leave the whales alone!

24.10.2023.

Elena Berezhnaya.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sophie Ralston**

Please ban whaling now

Hello,

In a time when wildlife species are diminishing at devastating rates, whaling only further subtracts from the health and beauty of our planet. The time has come that we must preserve our oceans and help these sentient beings to thrive. The time is now that we must add more than we are taking away. Please ban whaling now.

Thank you,

Sophie Ralston

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Artemy Savin**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Полина Магарилл**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Good afternoon! I support the bill to ban whale hunting! These are great and harmless mammals that are already on the verge of extinction! They love people and thank them when we humans help them! Please introduce this bill!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mary Domhan**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Regarding The Anti-Whaling Bill,

As a citizen of the world, I fully support the proposed anti-whaling bill.

Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is not even a consideration by whalers and is impossible to maintain with any real oversight.

What agency has ever implemented regulations pertaining to the welfare of large whales while being hunted?

Do any regulations even exist to be implemented and enforced? This idea and joke of justification is as ridiculous as the term humane slaughter.

Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem and your whaling industry is destroying them.

The Icelandic government has shown absolute obedience to the likes of Kristján Loftsson who, single handedly, with your assistance, is keeping this barbaric fin whale hunt alive.

Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a narcissistic, arrogant, entitled individual.

It is shameful that one man has diminished the power of the Icelandic government even though the voices of the Icelandic people are calling for the whaling industry to be shut down.

Who voted you in? Who will be voting you out? The Icelandic people or Kristján Loftsson?

The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling. Why do you go against the will of your own people and align yourselves with such a decrepid troll?

It amazes me as well that you bow down to the feet of a fossil like Loftsson, while the continuation of whaling has had a detrimental impact on your nation's economy.

The Icelandic government by its actions, has displayed a complete lack of reverence for what is left of OUR oceans, has contributed to climate destruction, animal cruelty and demonstrated fear of the abhorrent individual who finances the slaughter of beloved whales.

Iceland's reputation has disintegrated into one of a barbaric backwater, where outdated individuals and industries continue to blood stain OUR planet.

This is your opportunity to retrieve your reputation and that of your country's. This is your opportunity to shut down

Kristján Loftsson and his filthy, blood soaked death fleet.

Redeem the Icelandic government and it's reputation and PASS THE ANTI-WHALING BILL!

SHUT DOWN LOFTSSON!

SHUT DOWN ICELANDIC WHALING!!!!

Mary Domhan

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Леся Галина**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am writing to express my support for the proposed legislation to ban whale hunting. As a concerned citizen, I believe that it is our responsibility to protect these magnificent creatures and preserve our natural resources for future generations.

Whales are intelligent and social animals that play a vital role in maintaining the balance of our marine ecosystem. The practice of whale hunting not only threatens their existence but also disrupts the delicate balance of our oceans. Moreover, the cruel and inhumane methods used in whale hunting are unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

I urge you to take action and support this important legislation that will protect whales and promote sustainable practices in our oceans. Let us work together to ensure that our marine ecosystem remains healthy and vibrant for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Laisan Galina

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ellen Wilson**

Ban Whaling in Iceland

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to pass this bill to ban whaling in Iceland. Whales are critical to the health of the ocean ecosystem, and for our survival on the planet. They are important for carbon sequestration as well, and we have entered a climate emergency. We need to keep carbon in the water.

There has been a moratorium on commercial whaling since 1986, so it is unfathomable that Iceland still allows one man with political power and money to pursue whaling. It has no financial benefit and in fact is harming tourism and the positive reputation of Iceland. I urge you to consider the rights of the other citizens you share the planet with and pass this bill to ban whaling in Iceland.

Please know the world is watching and ready to support and celebrate Iceland for stepping up and doing the morally right thing for the planet, for its children and for the climate by ending whaling for good.

Please, I urge you to pass the ban that is now before parliament.

Thank you,

Ellen Wilson

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anna Shaposhnikova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banss við hvalveidum

I agree that whale hunting should be completely banned. I give my goals FOR THE BAN.
Like most Icelanders, I don't support whale hunting.

Anna Shaposhnikova 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Дядя Клаус**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

I ask you to ban whale hunting, because it is completely inhumane, such barbarism simply cannot exist in our world. By doing this, you will save thousands of innocent lives.

Sincerely, Gleb Zuev, 10.24.2023.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анна**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Good afternoon. I think that whale hunting needs to be stopped. I am against hunting and cast my vote FOR THE BAN. Only one company is engaged in fishing and only for Japan, the rest of the people in the world are against it and want to preserve nature.

24/10/23

Anna Shaposhnikova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sherman Sparks**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24 October 2023

Hello

I apologize that my Icelandic is not so good, so I will proceed in English. I am a citizen of the United States, but have been fortunate to visit your beautiful country on several occasions. I went on a whale-watching trip out of Husavik harbor that I will always remember.

I write to voice support for the bill to ban whaling and protect whales in Iceland. The vast majority of the public in Iceland, Europe and North America no longer supports the killing of whales who are so important to marine ecosystems and indeed the production of oxygen for all of the planet. Iceland as a progressive modern nation has the opportunity to be a leader in the protection of marine species. In addition, respecting the global moratorium on whaling that most nations have adopted since the 1980's could not help but be good for business and visitor relations. It simply makes sense in every way.

Please pass this bill. It is far past time. Thank you.

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Sherman Sparks

USA

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yuliya Turtayeva**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, my name is Yuliya Sarsengaliyeva.

I am voting to stop the whaling. It's 21st century and hunting is wild, I don't think it shows your country in a good manner.

Whales are large and majestic animals, they deserve to live in peace. and we must stop this savagery

Best regards,

Yuliya Sarsengaliyeva

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Thrasivoulos Griparis**

STOP WHALING PLEASE!!

It is absurd people need to send you emails on this.

PLEASE STOP!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ирина Касьянова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Kasianova Irina, 24.10.2023, whale life is very important, don't give license please!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **ЛЮБОВЬ МАЛЮШЕНКО**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon!

I am writing this letter to express my support for the law banning whale hunting.

Like most Icelanders, I am against the killing of these great animals. I kindly ask you to pass a prohibition law and not issue licenses for murder.

Yours sincerely,

Lyubov Malyushenko

24th of October 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Carolyn Scheuermann**

Strop Whaling Forever

Please vote to stop whaling forever. It is no longer because food is needed. It is now a barbaric tradition that most of the world abhors!

Whales are feeling, thinking, sentient beings who are being slaughtered for no reason.

When I saw those whalers cut a calf from a pregnant whale, I almost vomited. The calf was alive!

STOP WHALING NOW!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Roberto Leyva**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Roberto Leyva Jr

10/23/2023

Please stop killing the whales

Thank you 🙏

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **elena kraeva**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! I support a ban on whaling. This is not humane, animals should not die!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ольховик Оксана**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Sir or Madame,

My Name ist Оксана Пархоць, i live in Belarus.

I appeal to your mind and your heart. Please Stop hunting and Killing Whales. This light creatures are Most important for US and the Planet. With their Sounds They keep the Energy of Joy in our Planet.

Please Stop kill them. Do Something wise and really good for yourself , the Planet, the Whales.

Iceland should BE the Land WHO Stop this Degradation and becan Example for other countrys in the world of Mercy and live to the Planet.

Other Arguments are:

Most Icelanders do not support hunting•

Just one company kills whales•

Almost all meat is sold to Japan•

Whale hunting ruins the country's reputation.

Stop Killing Whales, dear Iceland and you will get the gratitude.

Your sincerely

Пархоць Оксана

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tehani Sharpe**

Opposition to whaling

Hello,

I am writing you from Canada to add my voice to the opposition of legal whaling in Iceland.
I support the bill to ban whaling.

Thank you,

Tehani Sharpe

Nanaimo, BC, Canada

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Макпал Сейтмагамбетова**

Umsogn við 99 mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalviidum

Hello. I'm from Kazakhstan. My name is Makpal Seitmagambetova. I am against whale hunting. I ask your country to ban whale hunting. Let's take care of our environment and the world as a whole.

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Нина Хармаева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, Most Icelanders do not support hunting Just one company kills whales Almost all meat is sold to Japan. Also, whale hunting spoils the country's reputation Please don't support killing whales, it disrupts the ecosystem

Kharmaeva Nina, 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Arina Izmailova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um

breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við

hvalveidum

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Сокольская Наталья**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello. I am asking you to STOP the killing of whales. No country in the world supports whaling, it must be banned.

My name is Natalia Sokolskaya, i am from Russia.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Arina Izmailova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Александра**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello. My name is Aleksandra Petrova.

I don't support whale hunting. This is barbarism in the modern world. Most Icelanders are also against hunting. Only one company handles the hunting and almost all the meat is sold to Japan. Whale hunting terribly spoils the reputation of the country.

23.10.2023.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Wren Hassman**

t Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I fully support the new bill to end whaling. A ban on whaling is long overdue and the majority of the public is against whaling. Whaling not only goes against the Animal Welfare Act, but also is completely unnecessary. Whales are not only incredible sentient animals, but they also play a critical role in marine ecosystems; not only supporting the food chain, but combatting climate change. Please ban whaling in Iceland!

Wren Hassman

10/23/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alena Haspiarovich**

Umsogn vid 99. mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum lögum vegna banns vid hvalveidum

Please stop the hunting for whales. First of all it is terrible for the reputation of your country. Many tourists including me would love to visit your country, but we don't because we do not want to support the evil practice of killing whales.

Second, most of the citizens of your country are against this awful policy, and there is only one company in Iceland that does it. The killing of whales and eating their meat is absolutely a barbaric act in our modern society in 2023. I hope you make the only correct decision in this question. Thanks

Alena Haspiarovich

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ольга Морозова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Зыкова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon stop killing cats! This spoils the country's reputation! we all share bodies on the earth and have the right to life, humans do not expect to control life, whales are the water of consciousness that supports all their achievements, may love be with you in your hearts for all living things that are created on earth!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jadine van der Colff**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom it may concern,

Whales can't speak for themselves! We are here to support them and all the living creatures within our deep blue waters. Stop whaling, for the sake of our children, for the sake of our planet, for the sake of our future. We can find better ways. Animal rights should extend beyond the pebbles on the beach.

- Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act
- Majority of the public is against whaling
- Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture
- Economic and business relations are in danger
- Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.

We hope you will consider this petition against Whaling.

Regards

Jadine van der Colff

The Netherlands

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kate Ledesma**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Dear Parliament and Government of Iceland.

It has been a dream of mine to travel to Iceland for many years, to witness the beauty of the country's wild places --first hand.

However, visiting Iceland currently, would violate my conscientious beliefs.

The Icelandic government's recent decision to lift the ban on whaling has been shocking, heartbreaking, and absolutely devastating.

Whales are a keystone species, integral to the health of planet Earth. Whales are incredibly intelligent --they are beings with culture and 'language', love and emotion. The brutal murder of whales is an absolutely barbaric and cruel act, and a disgraceful stain on both Iceland, and humanity as a whole. We must not allow this practice to continue. There is No 'humane' way to kill a whale.

I personally refuse to travel to Iceland and to the other countries who allow this brutality to continue, (Japan, and Norway), until whaling has been stopped, permanently. I know that many other people will choose to do the same as me.

This has been weighing heavily on my heart. I had to write, to reach out, and try to make a difference, in my own small way.

With hope, deep faith in Iceland and her wise people, and with the utmost sincerity...

A concerned member of humankind,

Kate Ledesma

California, United States

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анеля Елеманова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support a ban on whale hunting! just one company is killing whales and it needs to stop!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Shiravan Durai**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Greetings.

I'm Shira, an Indian citizen concerned on the practice of whaling. I do not wish to waste your time to talk about the positives or negatives of whaling, but I'm sure you'd find it in your heart that this practice is inhumane and has more negatives than positives.

I hope you take into account the voices of millions around the world pushing for a ban on whaling.

Thank you.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **virginia giani**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Good morning,

I am writing to you in strong opposition to the whaling industry of Iceland and in fact any country that destroys these beautiful wild creatures.

Whaling is barbaric and should be illegal. End whaling now. Strongly opposed.

Kind Regards

Virginia Giani

Ireland

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Елена Гертъе

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Email:

Тема письма:

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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С уважением,

Елена Гертъе

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Olga Bekman**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveigum

I don't support whale hunting! We live in a beautiful world where unique animals live. And Iceland kills whales for money! It's horrible. But despite the fact that most Icelanders do not support whale hunting, licenses are still issued. And this is one of the few facts (bad) which the world knows about Iceland. This is a strong reputation of the country.

We demand to ban the killing of whales.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **irinamegafon**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello. I am against whale hunting. please ban this! don't issue a license to kill 🙏🙏🙏

Iceland and the whole world are against the killing of these great animals

Michurina Irina

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jessica Cross**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please please please end whaling for good. Future generations will thank you for protecting these beautiful creatures.

Jessica Cross

Moat Farm Cottage

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ксения Бирюкова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á vmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello, I would like to express my protest against the resumption of whale hunting! These are amazing animals that you exterminate, just for what? Meat delivery to Japan? Destroying your country's reputation? Destruction of a unique species? Whales are not worth these victims, they are dying out, but we can save them! For the benefit of your reputation and for the benefit of the environment. **STOP HUNTING WHALDS! LEAVE THE MASS MURDER OF INTELLIGENT BEINGS!**

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Александра Соколова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Nedopustimo podderzhivat' zhestokuyu okhotu

Vsego odna kompaniya ubivayet kitov

Myaso kitov prodayetsya v Yaponiyu

Kitoboynny promysel eto uzhasnaya bol' dlya chelovechestva

Александра

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Наталия Новикова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am strongly against whales hunting!!!

It must be prohibited !!! And it IS prohibited around the world!

Whales are gorgeous and smart creatures!!! No one should have the right and opportunity to kill whales!

I hope you will finally stop killing innocent living beings in the 21st century.

Best regards,

Natalie Novikova

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Наталия Новикова

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ксения Дмитриева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á vmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello, I would like to express my protest against the resumption of whale hunting! Huge and intelligent creatures are exposed to violence and danger because of your negligence! Think about it! You harm the environment, you allow you to exterminate a unique species! In the 5 years for which you give a license, more than 1000 whales will be exterminated! A THOUSAND! It's a huge number, it's a huge loss for humanity! STOP THE KILLINGS

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Маргарита Смирнова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

DON'T YOU DARE KILL MY DREAM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Seeing a whale is my most ardent desire, my greatest dream. Murder is a sin. Why kill such incredible mammals?! For what?! This is simply absurd, a circus, stupidity!!!

For the sake of gourmet meat?! Can you hear yourself?! This is just stupidity, absurdity, stupidity!!!

STOP!!!

Smirnova Margarita 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Maryrose Markham**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

Maryrose MARKHAM

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Madhuri Feldman**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, my name is Kiara Feldman, I am writing to you today on October 24th, 2023, asking you to place a permanent ban on whaling and protect the whales. I ask that you please add whales to your species list of protected animals under the Wild Animals Act of 1994. We need the whales! They play a crucial role in our global fight to combat the changing climate. They are worth far more a live as carbon sequesters and bringing income and jobs for your whale watching industry. You have such a beautiful country, and have done other moves towards sustainability and protecting species. These creatures are migratory, and are protected in some waters but not as they pass through yours. They do not know a nation's boundaries or economic zones.

Whales are long-living and slow-growing animals, they "bioaccumulate" toxins like mercury and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs) in their blubber. Because the PCBs dissolve in fat they can be passed to the calves from their mother's milk. Not only does this cause issues for the whales' reproductive, endocrine and immune systems, but it also makes them less safe for consumption due to toxicity (Science2018, DOI: 10.1126/science.aat1953). Many of the females who are killed are pregnant, and one kill has twice the impact on the populations.

Whales are mammals, not fish, but they have been historically treated as fish by the commercial whaling industry. A great number of fish species reproduce by laying an enormous quantity of eggs into the sea for fertilization. Their biotic potential is much higher than that of whales, who have a long gestation period and usually give birth every 1 to 2 years to a single calf that requires more than one year of maternal care before it can survive independently. It can take 7 to 10 years for the calf to become reproductive. For these reasons, it is difficult for whale populations to recover from the exploitation by commercial whaling.

Please protect the whales. Their numbers are still nowhere close to what they were prior to the whaling industry. There is no quick humane way to kill a whale. The documentation has shown that even in the short season of this year, multiple whales had to be shot twice, with up to 30 minutes in between the second shot on some. Leaving the animals in excruciating pain for far too long. Which does not follow the Animal Welfare Act.

Our oceans need them, we need them, their survival and continued well being impacts us all.

Thank you for your time,

Kiara Madhuri Feldman

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Christian Hofstetter**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Germany to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Christian Hofstetter

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Дарья Ломако**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

I write with pain and great hope that the law abolishing the killing of whales will be adopted. My whole family and I believe that in the modern world there is no need for this and there are absolutely no advantages in this bloody business.

Thank you for considering this legislation and I hope that together we will ensure that beautiful whales are no longer killed!

Thank you!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Shubhra Tripathi**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

The bill

The bill to ban whaling and protect whales (link in Icelandic) went through its first reading 20 September 2023 and has been referred to the Industrial Affairs Committee, which is now gathering views on it until 24 October 2023.

Anyone can submit an official written comment on the contents of the bill, they range from being very simple shows of support to being very detailed accounts of how the bill can be improved. Since the main goal is to get members to read the comments, it's always best to keep them clear and concise.

The content of the bill :

Articles 1 and 2 put whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994. This has been the recommendation of experts for over a decade, irrespective on whether the act of whaling is banned.

Articles 3 and 4 implement a clear ban on killing whales and selling whale products through the Wild Animals Act.

Articles 5 and 7 are simple results of the protection given to whales in the previous articles, striking out legislation that won't be needed once whaling is banned (including the Whaling Act of 1949).

Following the legal part, the text goes on to describe some of the main arguments for a ban on whaling:

Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act

Majority of the public is against whaling

Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture

Economic and business relations are in danger

Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

The bill is put forward by Andrés Ingi Jónsson from the Pirate Party, and has the support of 15 members of parliament from four different parties: Pirate Party, People's Party, Liberal Reform and Social Democrats.

From-

Shubhra

24/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Дарья Мелехова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Melekhova Daria, 23.10.23

It really hurts me that whales are allowed to be killed. this needs to stop, it shouldn't be like this. I ask on my behalf and all concerned people not to issue a license to allow whale hunting.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Gaukhar Sapayeva**

Ban on whale hunting

Good afternoon!

I am writing this letter in support of the introduction of a ban on whale hunting. At the moment, only one company is engaged in this terrible fishery and all the meat is exported to Japan. These mammals should not be a source of enrichment for a certain circle of people.

I ask you to introduce a ban on whale hunting

BR

Gaukhar

24. október 2023

Frá/from: "С уважением, ЛЕЛЯ НОВИКОВА"

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please stop!

Stop killing whales!!! They are our friends and neighbors on the planet. Ban this terrible form of hunting living and sentient beings. Don't we have anything else to eat?

Most Icelanders will support me - they are also against whale hunting!

Just one company kills whales and all the meat is sold to Japan - your compatriots don't even try it.

The world community has long had a negative attitude towards Iceland because of the killing of whales - hunting them spoils the reputation of your wonderful country.

Hear us!

Со мной можно связаться:

Всегда рада хорошим людям!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Larisa Termican**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

halló, ég heiti Larisa Jamba! Ég vil lýsa afstöðu minni til að styðja hvalveiðibannið! Það er óheimilt að drepa svona mikinn fjölda hvala á ári! Þakka þér fyrir skilninginn, ég vona að rétt ákvörðun sé tekin!

24.10.2023

Trimis de pe iPhone-ul meu

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анастасия Фетисова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Good afternoon!

If the whale hunt does not end, then I, my children, grandchildren, and especially great-grandchildren will never see these incredible animals.

Please stop whale hunting, you can do it.

With best wishes, Anastasiia.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Надежда Владимировна Ч**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon. My name is Nadia. And I wholeheartedly support a ban on killing whales. Whale hunting gives the country a bad name and most Icelanders don't support it. People are against it. There is only one company left that does this. I hope our votes mean something to you! THANK YOU!

Chyslina Nadia

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Елена Мартынова

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello. Please take into account my vote regarding the ban on whale hunting. I think at this time it is worth thinking about the protection of flora and fauna, since we have lost many species of animals due to hunting. This is our world in which we live. I want my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to have the opportunity to admire these giants. The entire catch of whales goes to Japan, and one company catches them, and the majority of the people of Iceland do not support whale hunting, and this also spoils the country's reputation.

Mukanova Elena Sergeevna

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Stevesawesome**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

vinsamlegast hættu hvalveiðum núna!

Please stop whaling now!

Steve Adams

23/10/23

Sent from here

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kathryn Ede**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

F.A.O The Icelandic Parliament,

Please support the bill to ban fin whaling and set an example to the rest of the world.

As a nature and animal loving family, Iceland is high on our list of countries to visit but I refuse to support tourism there until you ban the killing of whales.

Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act.

The majority of the public is against whaling.

Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture.

Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species. Please support the bill to end this barbaric and outdated practice.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Ede

London, U.K

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Ilya Nesterov

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Stop whale hunting. Your people do not support this.

It's 2023 already. Thank you.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **natalyavolkova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I want to write to you that I agree with the ban on killing and catching whales, we should not do this. In addition, most Icelanders do not support hunting, because it spoils the country's reputation. Only one company is engaged in the killing of whales, and almost all the meat is sold to Japan. I really ask you to introduce a ban on catching and killing whales as soon as possible.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Azhar Sultaeva**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24.10.2023

I am writing to you with a request to support the ban on whale hunting. This is an important decision, and I would like to share a few reasons why it is crucial.

Firstly, whales are incredible and vulnerable creatures that play a significant role in marine ecosystems. Their preservation helps maintain biodiversity and balance in our oceans.

Secondly, whale hunting has had significant negative impacts on their populations. Many whale species are endangered, and hunting further diminishes their chances of survival.

Thirdly, whales are of immense importance to both ecosystems and humanity. They contribute to fighting climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide and serve as subjects of scientific research that benefit the entire world.

Supporting the ban on whale hunting is a crucial step in preserving our planet and its biodiversity. Please consider this and lend your support to the conservation efforts for whales.

Sincerely,

Azhar Sultaeva

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **natalyavolkova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Volkova Natalya 24.10.2023

I want to write to you that I agree with the ban on killing and catching whales, we should not do this. In addition, most Icelanders do not support hunting, because it spoils the country's reputation. Only one company is engaged in the killing of whales, and almost all the meat is sold to Japan. I really ask you to introduce a ban on catching and killing whales as soon as possible.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Juli Stolbova**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support the ban on whale hunting!!! Everyone deserves the right to life!!!

24.10.2023

Julia Stolbova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lena Loz**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Elena Ibatulina 24.10.2023

I am against whale hunting and cruelty to them. A moratorium on killing whales was adopted in 1982, this is the last century to engage in cruel fishing. Please stop this and stop the destruction of this important large mammal.

Elena Ibatulina 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Женя Белошапка**

Umsogn við 99. Mál, Bill to Laga um Híðaru á vágálág Lagún Væna Banns Við Hvalveiðum

Hello! I absolutely agree with the ban on whale fishing... it not only spoils the country's reputation, most Icelanders do not agree with it, and also protest against whale fishing, there is only one company that fishes whales and almost all the meat goes to Japan. I back this up with the fact that whales are creatures just like us. Life on the planet and in nature will improve if they stop catching and killing them. If we want to live on this planet, then we need to take care of it, right? Please never give them a license

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elena Zadorozhnaya**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon I, Elena Zadorozhnaya, support the ban on whale hunting! This cruel fishing is causing the extinction of whales. This is inhumane and cruel! Most Icelanders do not support hunting. There is only one company left that kills whales in order to sell all the meat to Japan. Is there really no other food? Whale hunting spoils the reputation of your country. I am categorically against killing whales and support a ban on whale hunting!

Elena Zadorozhnaya, 23.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Krystsina Lisouskaya**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello. My name is Krystsina Lisouskaya. 24.10.2023

I consider whale hunting unacceptable, especially if the goals are commercial in nature. By destroying life, people introduce an imbalance into the process of nature. This can have irreversible consequences for the lives of every person and the ecosystem. I am asking with this letter to stop the activities of the Hvalur company in the killing and any use of whales.

I hope, this letter supports to save the lives of whales that Hvalur will plan to kill.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Елизавета Колчева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support a ban on whale hunting. it's horrible. This is a tarnish to the country's reputation. we must protect our nature. this is the only thing we have left.

Kolcheva Elizabeth. 23.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Акимова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Ekaterina Akimova

24.10.2023

Dear members of the Icelandic Parliament,

I would like to bring your attention to an important issue regarding the hunting of whales in your country. I express deep concern about the practices of the company Hvalur and request that their license for whale hunting not be renewed.

Whales play a vital role in the ocean's ecosystem and are of great significance for the biological balance. Most countries worldwide recognize the need to protect and preserve these remarkable creatures. We must consider the long-term impact on the well-being of our oceans and our planet as a whole.

I urge you to engage in a serious discussion on the matter of whale hunting and take measures to protect these species and their habitats. Prohibiting the renewal of a license for the company Hvalur can be a significant step toward the conservation of whales and the preservation of the ocean ecosystem.

Thank you for your attention to this issue, and I hope for your support in taking the necessary actions.

Sincerely,

Ekaterina Akimova

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Мария Кушнир**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon. I found out that whale hunting is still going on in our time and now I can't stop worrying about it. This harms the ecosystem and the world as a whole. Now there are so many opportunities for development in other directions, why do we have to kill animals for this? Please hear people, stop doing this.

Thank you, sincerely Kushnir Maria.

24/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Карина Бабанская**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Мария Крылатова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, I would like to speak out against whale hunting, because these murders spoil the reputation of the country, despite the fact that most Icelanders are against this hunt. Whales are beautiful creatures , incredible power . Please stop endorsing this

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Орлова**

Umsögn um 99. mál frumvarp til laga um breytingar á ýmsum lögum vegna hvalveiðibanns

Hi! Every animal has the right to life! Especially such beautiful and big creatures like whales!
You cannot sacrifice the lives of animals for the sake of money, for the sake of momentary
human pleasures!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yuliya Pliachko**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support a ban on whale hunting. The whale population is declining, it is very important to preserve it.

Yuliya Pliachko, 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Александра Скорейко**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

please stop whale hunting. This spoils the country's reputation. whales die a painful death.
stop this please

Best regards, Skoreiko Alexandra 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анна Гвyllt**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

I found that the government of your wonderful country is capable of stopping whale hunting, so I am writing with a request to do so.

Whales are the soul of the planet, and the Earth is our only home.

If you have the chance, opportunity and power to make this world and country a better place, I sincerely hope you make the right decision.

With gratitude, Anna.

10.24.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анна Рыжова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Ekki drepa hvalina, bjargaðu lífi þeirra!

Please don't kill whales, save them!

Anna Ryzhova, 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **pragya nautiyal**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Greetings ,

My name is Pragya Nautiyal and I'm writing this email on 24th Oct 2023, to urge the authorities to ban whaling !

We have already seen what catastrophe can happen if we do not stop harming the natural cycle of nature

I'm 29 yrs old and think my children will only see worse climatic events. Our elders should have left the earth in a better state rather than making it worse ,for such selfish reasons.

We should stop disturbing the natures cycle and instead of taking everything as our responsibility,let's trust universe ,god and leave the creatures be doing their own magic which humans can never do.

So I request the authorities to ban such a destructive practice so we can live a better future!

Thank you

24. október 2023

Frá/from: елена фамилия

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello

My name is Elena Burdukova .

I would like to vote on banning the killing of whales. I consider this a useless, inhumane action, just fun for the sake of one country, Japan, and one company in the world that kills whales.

Here are the facts that confirm this

- Most Icelanders do not support hunting

Almost all meat is sold to Japan, Just one company kills whales, but for what ? Just for sake of Japan or one company in the world who kills the whales ?

- Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation

Please help to stop this

10/23/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Sunnylove**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Mamaikina Julia 24.10

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Katarzyna Trzaskowska**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023 Dear Members of Parliament: I write to you today from Poland to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species. Thank you for your time.

Katarzyna Trzaskowska

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Fiona Nicholls**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello

I am a great advocate of Iceland and just cannot believe that even after all these years Iceland still plans to continue whaling.

Please bring this unnecessary and barbaric practice to an end. For the future and for humanity because Iceland needs this.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Fiona Nicholls

Senior Lecturer

Plymouth Marjon University

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Brittany De La Cruz**

PLEASE STOP THE WHALING

Hello,

I am an American citizen, writing from Wilmington, Illinois, USA. I am PLEADING with your government to pass the bill and end whaling. Without the balanced ecosystem of Marine Life, we will cease to live. In today's world, whaling is not necessary. And it is just cruel to keep going. On behalf of me and my 2 children, please, give this bill a chance. We speak for the whales since they can't speak for themselves. Please stop the whaling. We beg you.

Brittany De La Cruz

Amelia Bryant

Joel Bryant Jr

Illinois, USA

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alice Kienzlen**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Germany, to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

Alice Kienzlen

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Никита Чобанян**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, my name is Nikita Chobanyan. I am categorically against whale hunting! You can't kill them! These are beautiful creatures!

Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation!

Almost all meat is sold to Japan! Only one company kills whales! Most Icelanders do not support hunting! The whole world will be very grateful to you!

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marta Wieczorek-Cander**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

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I write to you today from Poland to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Marta

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Мельникова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am against killing whales! This is not ethical in the 21st century, it spoils the image of the country, only one company is engaged in murder, and the whole planet suffers! Please stop the atrocity!

Sincerely Ekaterina Belkova 24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Daria Stankevich**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

Whales are the largest living animals today, having evolved about 40 million years ago. Is it possible that nature's efforts in the evolution of these wonderful animals can be undone by one company capturing them?

I support a law prohibiting the hunting of whales.

I hope for a sensible decision from the parliament

Daria Stankevich, 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Felisa Dominguez**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good morning,

My name is Felisa, from Spain, and I'm against whaling too.

The world needs the whales alive, whales accumulate carbon in their bodies during their long lives.

Whales can help save humanity from the accelerating climate crisis by sequestering and storing planet-heating carbon emissions.

Islandic with whales alive is a rich country, the ecotourism whale watching its a economic value.

Sincerely

Felisa Dominguez

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Trish**

End Whaling forever

Dear Minister Svavarsdottir,

Please, please, for the love of the whales and this planet, please end whaling.

Patricia Cheng

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tina B.**

Please ban whaling

Dear All,

- * Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act
- * Majority of the public is against whaling
- * Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture
- * Economic and business relations are in danger
- * Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate

the production of oxygen

- * Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

Thank you for take care.

Best regards, Martina Behla, Uwe Mamerow, Monika Grupe and friends, family

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Светлана Науменко**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Naumenko Svetlana 24.10.2023

Whales are one of the most powerful and majestic animals on Earth. They have been swimming in the oceans for hundreds of years, but today their fate is under threat. The extinction of whales is a problem that requires immediate attention from the world community. First of all, it is necessary to prohibit whale fishing and to carry out stricter control over its implementation. In addition, it is necessary to reduce environmental pollution and create protected areas for whales. Help save the whales' lives!!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Полина Дудник**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Stop whale hunting

Whale hunting not only spoils Iceland's reputation, but also harms the world's oceans.

Whales are the magnificent giants of our planet and they are not worthy to be killed and sold to Japan

Dudnik Polina,

24, October, 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kuba Spryszyński**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

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Thank you for your time.

Jakub Spryszyński

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Воронюк**

stop the killing of whales

I vote against killing whales!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Julia Kabanova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Я поддерживаю законопроект о запрете на убийство китов. Исландия - такая красивая и древняя страна, у вас живут люди с прекрасными душами. Я уверена, что многие граждане поддерживают этот запрет на уничтожение таких красивых животных. я уверена, что одна компания, ведущая этот промысел сможет найти иные способы заработка.

Поддержите репутацию своей страны, закройте этот кровавый промысел и пусть киты живут долго и счастливо. Все человечество, ваши дети, внуки и правнуки будут вам благодарны.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Heidi Fisher**

End whaling!!!

I am a proud Australian and I'm fortunate to be able to watch these beautiful majestic creatures swim along the Eastern Coast of Australia every year, they bring so much joy to everyone in Australia. I do believe that people should be able to continue their traditions and local Icelandic people should be able to eat whale meat if they choose. However Iceland allows whaling not for cultural purposes but for commercial, it's quite sad to that these animals aren't respected and seen as nothing more than cans of food. Shame on you!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Roy Hagemann**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Dear,

With this email I would like to voice my support for a ban on whaling.

Best regards,

Roy Hagemann

24-10-2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Вероника Нагорная**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support the whale ban. This is important to me, although I have never seen a whale in my life. I treat nature and the animal world very reverently and sincerely do not understand why people have the right to kill. Especially such beautiful animals, which become fewer every year.

Zaitseva Veronika Igorevna, 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Bulgu Ozturk**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banss við hvalveidum. / Stop Commercial Whaling

Dear Minister Svavarsdóttir,

I am writing to strongly encourage you and the Icelandic government to end Iceland's commercial whaling program.

You have indicated in the recent past that you are reconsidering the future of whaling in Iceland when current quotas expire in 2023, noting that whaling is not socially or economically viable for Iceland's future.

Recent polls in Iceland reveal that there is little demand for whaling or whale meat, and Iceland does not need whale meat to survive.

Whaling is incredibly cruel and time to death is often prolonged. New welfare regulations in Iceland recognize this fact.

Whaling has no place in a country that prides itself on being modern, educated, and sustainable and that welcomes tourism from an international community that overwhelmingly seeks the protection of these majestic beings.

Whales are worth more alive than dead, and bring over \$20M annually to Iceland through whale watching. As important denizens of the marine ecosystem, whales sequester carbon, cycle nutrients, and help to regulate our climate.

I commend your courage to call for an end to this incredibly inhumane and outdated industry and request that Iceland's commercial whaling be abandoned forever.

Sincere regards,

Bulgu Ozturk

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Barry slater**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

Barry Slater

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Виктория Никонова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

It is important to stop the killing of whales, firstly because it is barbaric. For the sake of the wealth of one company, it is unreasonable, at least, to endanger the extinction and extinction of a species. In nature, everything is connected to everything, and this boomerang will return.

Nikonova Victoria 24.10.23.

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lera Oberemok**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Together we can stop this. The giants need our help, and first of all, yours. And I know that you can stop it. There is only one company hunting whales, and the Icelanders themselves do not support it. Your country is a divine place on Earth, and your whales are part of it too.

Please, help them.

Valeriia Oberemok

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Елена Петрова

msögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

- Good afternoon! Please, I demand, I order you to stop killing whales and dolphins on the whole planet. Stop killing whales and dolphins, stop for ever. these creatures of a higher level than humanity preserve the very life on the planet, Those who decide to kill such a creature kill themselves, God in themselves, life itself with themselves and on the planet. stop everyone in themselves this self-destruct program right here now. Any way to make a decision to preserve the life of whales and the freedom and life of dolphins of the whole planet. right here right now the responsibility is to take for the life of your own and all life on the planet. written letter number 24.10.2023 Tuesday Elena Petrova

Elena Petrova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kate Vo**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Vorotnik Kate

24.10.2023

Hello, I want to support guys from all over the world, as well as animals and nature. I oppose whale hunting. Most Icelanders do not support hunting. Just one company kills whales. Almost all meat is sold to Japan. Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation. There was a time when it was necessary for survival, now it is not necessary. The population is very important for the health of our ocean, the ocean is our life, of the whole world.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Nadia Mejjati-Alami**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Good morning,

In the past whaling was an activity that humans did. I once visited one of the last whaling stations in the Açores islands.

Nowadays scientists can show us that whales are essential in helping maintain the stability of our atmosphere and they are a keystone species in the natural cycles of the oceans. Here is a wonderful short video that shows how they do this: How Whales Change Climate<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M18HxXve3CM>>

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M18HxXve3CM>>

[<https://s.yimg.com/nq/storm/assets/enhancrV2/23/logos/youtube.png>]

How Whales Change Climate

Scientists are also beginning to show that whales, like humans, have consciousness- they communicate over long distances, feel pain, love their families, etc. This is important because during whaling they suffer. As we return to a society that is less patriarchal and more harmonious, compassion (part of Social Emotional Learning) is necessary.

At this time of ecological breakdown, humans have the power to turn our creative genius away from destructive practises aimed at economic gain, to restorative practises in order to regenerate our beautiful Earth. As we know from the IPCC science reports, should we not do this, our species may become extinct.

I wish Iceland all the best in being a fantastic example of human evolution by completely banning whaling, so that whales are able to recover and humans consciously participate in creating a healthier home on planet Earth.

Thank you,

Nadia Mejjati

In The Flow

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **jazmin buffington**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum lögum vegna banns vio hvalveigum

To whom this may concern,

I'm writing to you to express my deep concern about the ongoing whaling practices in Iceland.

Today the world is on the brink of a total environmental collapse - in our fight against climate change every living whale counts.

I'd like to press that there's only one whaler left in Iceland and that he was born in 1943: there's no place for whaling in the new world. Kristjan Lofftson's worldview already belongs to the past. The voices of the generations after his' should weigh heavier. Especially considering he recently repeated his false statement that whales are "bad" for the environment.

The science shows us three things:

- * Whaling does not fit within the Animal Welfare Pact.
- * A mature whale of the size of a fin whale can sequester 33 tons of CO2.
- * Whale watching is economically more sustainable than whaling.

Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Today many industries and people are banning Iceland because of the ongoing whaling.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Jazmin Buffington

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Claudia Rosales**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

October 24th, 2023

Dear Members of the Icelandic Parliament,

I write to you today with a heavy heart and a fervent plea. I stand before you not as an ecologist, but as a concerned global citizen who believes in the power of compassion and the responsibility of humanity to protect our planet's fragile wonders.

The issue of whaling in Iceland is not just a matter of policy or economics. It is a profound moral question that strikes at the heart of our relationship with nature and our role as stewards of the Earth. I would like to highlight these concerns for your thoughtful consideration:

- 1. Animal Welfare:** In the name of progress and profit, we have allowed the suffering of majestic creatures who roam our oceans. Whaling disregards their pain and fear.
- 2. Ecosystem Importance:** Our oceans, the cradle of life, depend on the presence of whales to maintain their delicate balance. Their survival is inextricably linked to the health of our planet.
- 3. Cultural Heritage:** I understand the value of preserving cultural traditions. But traditions should evolve in harmony with changing times and ethics. Whaling, in its current form, betrays the values of compassion and responsibility.
- 4. Vanity Project:** We cannot ignore that whaling has become a vanity project, a symbol of opulence that disregards the values of sustainability and equity.
- 5. Public Opinion:** The voices of the people, the very soul of democracy, have spoken. A majority of Icelanders do not support whaling.
- 6. Economic Impact:** In a rapidly changing world, Iceland's future prosperity lies in sustainable and environmentally responsible practices, not in an industry that tarnishes its global image.

With utmost respect, I urge you to carefully weigh these concerns and support the ban on whaling in Iceland. Please, let Iceland be known for its commitment to our shared planet, its wildlife, and its future generations. Ban whaling in Iceland, not as a policy, but as an act of love for our planet and its magnificent creatures.

With hope for a better future,

M.Sc. Claudia Rosales,

A Concerned Global Citizen

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Wendy Wyard**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from the UK to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Wendy Wyard

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Куликова Оля**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello!

My name is Olga Kulikova

I support a ban on whale hunting, this should be banned.

Whale hunting is cruel and inhumane

I hope you make the right decision

24.10.23

! my name is Olga Kulikova I support a ban on whale hunting. this should be banned. killing whales is inhumane and very cruel

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Гульнара Гулиева

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Ban whale hunting! I am against these actions. Iceland is one country that kills whales, it really spoils the country's reputation. After all, many Icelanders are against killing whales. Whales are beautiful creatures that belong on the planet.

Gulieva Gyulnara 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Magda Meyer**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24 Okt. 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Germany to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species which we need for the whole world. Please be a leader and stop killing whales

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Magda Meyer

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ivana Benkotic-Balp**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Ivana Benkotic-Balp on 23rd October 2023

Dear Icelandic Government,

Please have the courage to end this barbaric practice, not worthy of your otherwise excellent reputation, especially in terms of ecology and nature-protection.

Such a beautiful country does not need to support the ego of one old man, even if he is rich and powerful, and at the same time ignore the wishes of its majority.

Whales are so important for the balance of our marine ecosystems and in the fight against the climate crisis, that we should all be doing everything possible to protect them.

I ask you to also consider the wishes of the global populations, since the oceans and its habitants serve us all positively.

Respectfully,

Ivana Benkotic-Balp (Vienna, Austria)

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Вика Пантелеева**

Umsögn via 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Panteleeva VIKÁ 24.10.2023

I support the ban on whale hunting, it is extremely important to protect our planet with all our might

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Дарина Егорова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Sir or Madame,

My Name ist Darina Egorova, i live in Russia.

I appeal to your mind and your heart. Please Stop hunting and Killing Whales. This light creatures are Most important for US and the Planet. With their Sounds They keep the Energy of Joy in our Planet.

Please Stop kill them. Do Something wise and really good for yourself , the Planet, the Whales.

Iceland should BE the Land WHO Stop this Degradation and becan Example for other countrys in the world of Mercy and live to the Planet.

Other Arguments are:

Most Icelanders do not support hunting•

Just one company kills whales•

Almost all meat is sold to Japan•

Whale hunting ruins the country's reputation.

Stop Killing Whales, dear Iceland and you will get the gratitude.

Your sincerely

Darina Egorova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ирина Романченко**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please stop killing whales! Iceland is one of the last countries where whales are killed, it spoils the reputation of your country, come to your senses! The majority of residents of your country are against killing whales!

Irina Romanchenko 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Кристина Калтушкина**

Umsögn via 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hætta að gefa út leyfi til að drepa hvali. Bráðum verður ekkert eftir á lífi á þessari plánetu!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Виолетта Ларионова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Stop killing whales! these are ancient intelligent beings. They are part of this world, and life has the same price as the life of any person. killing whales is a disgrace for the country.

LARIONOVA Violetta. 24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Robert Stevens**

Umsögn vio 99.mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum lögum vegna banns vlohvalveidum

Oct 23/ 2023

To whom it may concerns,

Please stop whaling-killing whales

here are the reasons.....

- it is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large animals

Whales are important to the marine ecosystem

- Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage

- Whaling in iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man

- The majority of the Iceland public do not support whaling continuing

- Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

those are just a few reasons.....please keep the whales protected.....

I am writing that from North America

Kind Regards

Robert Stevens

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Татъяна Филиппова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum !

I support the ban on whale hunting. There is no humane way to kill animals at sea — one way or another they will still suffer.

Filippova 24.10.2022

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Кристина Миронова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

It is necessary to support the ban on hunting whales, man already causes enormous harm to nature. We cannot allow the killing of whales.

Isyakaeva Cristina, 24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Desiree Mason**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Date: 24th October 2023.

Please end whaling, protect whales and make the sale and purchase of whale products illegal.

Regards, Desiree Mason

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Владимир Ломако**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

I write with pain and great hope that the law abolishing the killing of whales will be adopted. My whole family and I believe that in the modern world there is no need for this and there are absolutely no advantages in this bloody business. Thank you for considering this legislation and I hope that together we will ensure that beautiful whales are no longer killed!

Thank you!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **fjkhome**

Support Bill to Ban Whaling Forever.

Dear Icelandic Parliament,

Iceland is one of the most amazing and beautiful countries in the world... we could describe it as "nature at its best" but your whaling industry is barbaric and horrific, especially in this day and age.

Today we need an extra effort to help this planet thrive.

Give the world an example by baning whale hunting for ever 🙏❤️

Thank you from your friends in the UK.

Kind regards

Fiona King

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **vernique de clerck and Will Robertson**

industrial affairs committee - cease whale killings

Dear Madam, or Sir of the Icelandic parliament,

I am writing to express my support for the passage of the bill to "Cease Whale Watching Permanently - the industrial affairs committee." There is no need for me to elaborate on the preciousness of these magnificent creatures, but it is essential for you to comprehend that you hold the power to halt the unjustifiable killing of whales, ultimately reducing the risk of their extinction.

I kindly implore you to set an example by prioritizing the preservation of these majestic beings over profit. By doing so, you will not only make a positive impact today and in the future but you will also feel like a better person.

Sincerely, the Robertson family

Veronique De Clerck

William Robertson

Lukas Robertson

Darcy Robertson

Mekdelawite Robertson

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Арианна Оганян**

Umsögn vid 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Oganyan Arianna, 24.10.23

Hello. I ask you to stop killing whales, the world really needs them and without them it will not be so easy to live, I ask you to hear the request and take the necessary measures for t

Oganyan Arianna, 24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Frederik Brogaard**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Frederik Brogaard

24/10.

There's not a single reason for whaling to continue.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анастасия Червякова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Do not kill whales, so there is nothing left on this planet, whales want to live and they are very important

Червякова Анастасия

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Nadiia Keib**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Dear government!

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the practice of whale fishing that continues to persist in your region.

Whales are vital to the balance of our oceans and play a crucial role in maintaining the health and stability of marine ecosystems. Their importance cannot be overstated, as they help regulate the populations of other marine species, contribute to nutrient cycling, and are essential for scientific research and tourism. The continued practice of whale fishing poses significant threats to the survival of these magnificent creatures, many of which are already endangered or vulnerable. This has not only ecological implications but also ethical concerns related to animal welfare. I kindly request that the government takes decisive action to put an end to whale fishing in our waters. We need to strengthen and enforce existing conservation laws and consider even stricter regulations to protect these animals and their habitats. Additionally, investing in educational programs and alternative livelihoods for those involved in this industry can help transition towards more sustainable practices. Our responsibility to future generations demands that we act swiftly to protect these remarkable creatures and preserve the health of our oceans. I urge you to prioritize this issue and take the necessary steps to end whale fishing in our region.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

I look forward to hearing about the actions being taken to safeguard the well-being of our marine ecosystems and the magnificent whales that inhabit them.

Sincerely,

Nadiia Keib, 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Алина Михайлова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Alina Mikhailova, 24 October

whales must live! I love whales and all living things.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Карина Власюк**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello. I want to appeal to you to ban whale hunting. These amazing creatures must live and harmonize our world. And we can make this world a better place by banning hunting 🙏

I read that almost all the meat goes to Japan, and only one company kills whales, and whale hunting ruins the country's reputation.

Sincerely, Karina Vlasyuk

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Carole Renou**

End whaling

To whom this may concern,

I'm writing to you to express my deep concern about the ongoing whaling practices in Iceland.

Today the world is on the brink of a total environmental collapse - in our fight against climate change every living whale counts.

I'd like to press that there's only one whaler left in Iceland and that he was born in 1943: there's no place for whaling in the new world. Kristjan Lofftson's worldview already belongs to the past. The voices of the generations after his' should weigh heavier.

Especially considering he recently repeated his false statement that whales are "bad" for the environment.

The science shows us three things:

- Whaling does not fit within the Animal Welfare Pact.
- A mature whale of the size of a fin whale can sequester 33 tons of CO2.
- Whale watching is economically more sustainable than whaling.

Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Today many industries and people are banning Iceland because of the ongoing whaling.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Carole Renou

23 octobre 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marcos**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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The science shows us some interesting facts:

Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act

Majority of the public is against whaling

Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture

Economic and business relations are in danger

Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

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Marcos Torres

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sh Srvn**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the reconsideration of the issuance of quotas for hunting fin and minke whales in Iceland. I commend you for taking this important step towards protecting these magnificent creatures and advancing the principles of conservation and sustainability.

It is widely recognized that whales are worth far more alive than dead. These fascinating marine animals play a crucial role in maintaining the balance and health of our oceans and marine ecosystems. Their presence contributes to ecotourism, a growing and lucrative industry that has the potential to benefit local communities. Whale-watching expeditions not only provide visitors with breathtaking experiences but also offer an opportunity to educate and raise awareness about the importance of marine conservation.

The brutal and archaic practice of hunting whales diminishes the intrinsic value they hold in our natural world. While some argue that whaling maintains cultural traditions, it is vital to acknowledge that cultural practices evolve over time, and as a society, we must continually reassess whether they align with our collective values, ethics, and long-term environmental goals.

Numerous alternatives to whaling exist, allowing us to embrace our heritage while embracing a more sustainable and ethical approach. For example, investing in research and scientific initiatives related to cetacean behavior, migration patterns, and ecological impact would contribute significantly to our understanding of these incredible creatures and bolster Iceland's scientific expertise.

By devoting resources to the protection and conservation of whales, Iceland could become a global leader in marine stewardship. Taking measures to safeguard these majestic beings would enhance the nation's reputation and demonstrate a firm commitment to environmental responsibility. Moreover, the cessation of whaling activities aligned with Iceland's decision to withdraw from commercial whaling in 2019 would reinforce the country's progressive stance on marine conservation.

I urge you to reflect upon the urgent need to relegate this inhumane practice to the history books, joining other nations that have already recognized the importance of ending commercial whaling. Protecting and appreciating the beauty and ecological value of whales is a movement rooted in compassion, science, and our moral responsibility as stewards of our planet.

Thank you for considering the concerns raised by individuals and organizations advocating for these majestic creatures. Together, we can pave the way for a future where the splendor of whales is cherished, and their vital role in our ecosystems is nurtured and protected for the benefit of future generations.

Yours sincerely,

Shaheen Shirvani

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Галкина**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! My name is Yulia Galkina, and I am against whale hunting! There is only one company killing whales in the world right now! Almost all meat is sold in Japan! Whale hunting greatly spoils the reputation of the country! Julia Galkina, 24.10.2023.

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Юлия Галкина

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Счастливая**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveidum

frelsi fyrir hvali! hættu að drepa hvali!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Osh osh**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

The bill to ban whaling and protect whales went through its first reading 20

September 2023 and has been referred to the Industrial Affairs Committee, which is now gathering views on it until 24 October 2023.

Anyone can submit an official written comment on the contents of the bill, they range from being very simple shows of support to being very detailed accounts of how the bill can be improved. Since the main goal is to get members to read the comments, it's always best to keep them clear and concise.

The content of the bill :

- * -Articles 1 and 2 put whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994. This has been the recommendation of experts for over a decade, irrespective on whether the act of whaling is banned.

- * - Articles 3 and 4 implement a clear ban on killing whales and selling whale products through the Wild Animals Act.

- * - Articles 5 and 7 are simple results of the protection given to whales in the previous articles, striking out legislation that won't be needed once whaling is banned.

(including the Whaling Act of 1949).

Following the legal part, the text goes on to describe some of the main arguments for a ban on whaling:

- * -Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act
- * -Majority of the public is against whaling
- * -Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture

* -Economic and business relations are in danger

* -Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen

* - Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

The bill is put forward by Andrés Ingi Jónsson from the Pirate Party, and has the support of 15 members of parliament from four different parties: Pirate Party, People's Party, Liberal Reform and Social Democrats.

Compassionately,

Anahita, 23/10/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Nasiba Karimova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am writing to you to express my consent to the ban on whale fishing. Whales are an important part of the marine ecosystem and are becoming fewer and fewer every year because of fishing.

According to research, a tree on average utilizes 24 kg of carbon dioxide per year, or 2.4 tons per 100 years. A whale can utilize 33 tons of carbon dioxide in its lifetime.

They are so important for our planet and future!

Let's not let our nature die completely
and help her recover together.

Thank you.

Nasiba.

24/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Hans-Peter Graf**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Germany to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland.

As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act.

Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.

I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Hans-Peter Graf

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tsagana U**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good evening,

With this letter I would like to express my agreement to ban whaling. This kind of action should not take place in the modern world. Not only is it cruel to these beautiful creatures, but the very fact that only one company in the world is engaged in this killing should make it clear that it is not right.

Moreover the fact that it is caught in Iceland and the meat is sold to Japan is so bad for the country's reputation that I can imagine in the future the country will be visited by fewer and fewer tourists, and perhaps even banned from visiting.

Also, catching whales is not an ethical action. We should live in harmony with nature and the world around us, not kill it.

I know that most of my friends from Iceland do not support this. So I ask you to stop and ban whale fishing once and for all.

I appreciate your help and effort!

Kind regards,

Tsagana Uschieva

23.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Paulina Abazid**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

In this world so much violence. Please stop the mass killing!!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ирина Коваль**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Irina Koval

24.10.2023

How many troubles and evil are happening every day on our unfortunate planet. Are we humans so stupid that we are ready to ruthlessly exterminate the smartest animals? No! I believe that humanity will come to awareness. Start with yourself - the wisest thought. I'm asking you to ban whale hunting. Be reasonable. Let's do what strengthens our planet, let's say thank you for nature and the gifts it gives. Let's not kill whales!

--Irina Koval

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Osh Salvatore**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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As for ethical guidelines:

- * -Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act
- * -Majority of the public is against whaling
- * -Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture
- * -Economic and business relations are in danger
- * -Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen
- * -Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

Please, do not rest this case. We can be kind. Iceland should be setting a better example than this.

Yours, Osh 23/10/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Оля Дрозд**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Scientists have called whales more beneficial to the environment than a thousand trees. Restoring their population could save the planet from global warming.

These magnificent creatures have a right to live and are essential to the planet.

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Best Regards,

Volha Kislaya

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lime**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveidum

Good afternoon! My name is Maria.

I have loved whales since my early childhood. These are some of the most beautiful creatures on our planet. I don't want such promises of our planet to disappear. I am against whale hunting. Please let's save the whales.

Most Icelanders do not support hunting.

What is important is to be taller and wiser, because we are all human. If we continue to engage in murder, then we will no longer be human.

Whale hunting is ruining the country's reputation.

More cons than pros.

Sincerely, person who cares

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Aleksandra Nevskaja**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna Banns við hvalveiðum

I support the ban on whaling.

While you sell meat to Japan, where marine slavery and the brutal killing of dolphins flourish, for the sake of your own reduction in their number....

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **caroline heron**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Scotland to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Caroline Heron

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **ursula**

Bann á hvalveiðum

Við undirrituð styðjum bann á hvalveiðum.

Rökin:

- Ómannúðleg aðferð við dráp hvala sem eru oft bundnar við langt dauðastrið dýranna.
- Verndun villtra dýra er hunsað.
- Hvalir gegna mikilvægu hlutverki í hringrásarkerfi náttúrunnar og stuðla að kolefnisbindingu.
- Hvalkjötið er unnið undir beru lofti sem er ekki löglegt samkvæmt reglum um vinnslu matvæla.
- Neysla hvalkjöts er óhollt vegna mengunar.
- Hvalveiðar skipta sáralitlu máli fyrir efnahag landsins.

Guðjón Jensson

Úrsúla Jünemann

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Алеся Хлопкова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please stop hunting whales! It's not worth it. This is a temporary income for which we will have to pay too much!

Khlapkova Alesia.

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Julia Krasovskaya**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am writing to you to express my consent to the ban on catching and killing whales. In today's world, with climate change and advances in science, it is not justified to continue killing whales. I'm sure most Icelanders are against whale hunting. Killing these beautiful mammals spoils the image of Iceland.

I really hope for a speedy ban on fishing.

Julia Krasovskaya

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Russell Cooke**

Please BAN ALL WHALING IMMEDIATELY

Please ban all whaling immediately.

Rgds,

Russell Cooke

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Stacey Cairns**

Please stop Whaling

I have always wanted to visit your beautiful country and many of my friends have been already. However, despite being on my "bucket list" of places to visit, I will NEVER visit whilst your country allows the barbaric torture and murder of fin whales. These animals are beautiful and peaceful and I am disgusted that in 2023 this still takes place. Surely you would make far more money offering whale watching trips to tourists...?

Please please stop!

Sincerely

Stacey

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Iva Nova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Good afternoon. On my own behalf, I urge parliament to ban whale hunting in Iceland; these beautiful creatures must continue to delight our planet with their existence. Many people travel great distances just to catch a glimpse of whales; these peaceful animals personify enormous strength and kindness at the same time. Let's work together to ban this destruction for the sake of human gain and consumerism that has no end.

Mariya Ivanova, 24.10.2023

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Abby Parkes**

Calling for a complete ban on commercial whaling

I have watched with horror, the murder and butchering of beautiful fin whales in your country this year and it makes me sick. Fin whales are the second largest animal on the planet and they are peaceful and graceful. Please stop this barbaric and unnecessary business. If your fishermen need to make a living get them to take out tourists to see these majestic animals instead!!

I am so passionate about this and plead you to consider alternatives ways of making money.

Abby Parkes

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Teun van der Salm**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24 október 2023

My name is Teun van der Salm

To the Icelandic Parliament and Industrial Affairs Committee:

I hope that the unnessesary hunting on one of our biggest chains in our biodiversity will end with the introduction of the new anti whaling bill.

Greetings,

Teun van der Salm

The Netherlands

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Полина Сивкова**

Good afternoon!

It is very important that you adopt a law banning the killing of whales. They are literally dying out on our planet.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Meriel Campbell-Lloyd**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Hi there,

My name is Meriel and I'm writing to you today on the 24th of October 2024 to appeal to the kinder side within you... PLEASE please please ban whaling!

It's so immensely cruel to such sentient beings and the whale population as a whole. I understand that it's part of your countries history, but if no countries ever evolved, then we would still be in the Stone Age.

If we are to stand a chance of limiting the damage of climate change, then we need whales as they are an integral of the health of our oceans and oceans are our biggest source of decarbonisation.

Please now take a stand and allow whales the peace they once had when humans didn't hunt them.

Warm regards,

Meriel Campbell-Lloyd

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Giovanni Maestroni**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please stop Hunting whales now

For biodiversity

For the earth we're living

For our roots

For your country economy too..

Thanks 🙏🙏

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Aida Guidus**

STOP WHALING

My name's Aida Guidus and this is a commentary on issue 99, a bill to amend various laws regarding the ban of whaling.

It's insane that in almost 2024 humans continue killing such a beautiful and intelligent animals as whales. We need to change this for take care of our seas and our lives, and we have to stop this barbaric practices.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Газизова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon! I am writing to you from the beautiful country of Azerbaidzhan, where all living beings are loved and appreciated. Please stop killing and catching whales! May the world live and prosper. These are living beings who also want to live and love. Please stop it!

Julija Gazizova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kerri Gibbs**

PLEASE STOP KILLING WHALES 🥺🐻

I beg you to ban the killing of whales.

These are the gentle giants of the sea who have feelings and family.

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND BAN FOR GOOD.

THANK YOU

Kerri Gibbs

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K e r r i G i b b s

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Полина Таюрская**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon I appeal to you for humanity! Pay attention to the whale hunting problem! This is unacceptable in our time! This looks especially wild in such a developed country as Iceland! Most citizens do not support whale hunting! The whale hunt continues only for the sake of enriching one company, for the sake of export to Japan, but causes enormous damage to the image of Iceland in the international community!

Polina Taiurskaia.

24.11.2003

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Dilyana Sadykova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Good time of day.

My name is Dilyana, I am writing to you from Russia.

I saw a post that a bill banning whale fishing is currently being considered.

I want to say that these are insanely amazing creatures, there are no such on the planet.

To see them is my biggest dream.

Man is so very much ruining and ruining everything in this world.

For several years now I have been very involved in the topic of whales. I like to learn more and more about them. I like different things with whales.

Just think about it a little.. They are so big, beautiful, free and amazing.

They're just beautiful.

There are no more of them on the planet, and there are very few of them, they give birth much less often than other mammals and only one cub.

People need to see them. People need to know how amazing and beautiful they are.

Sadykova Dilyara, Russia.

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Katerina Kasnik**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24 October 2023

To the responsible persons

I am writing to add my voice to all those who are begging you to end whale hunting.

Iceland is a world leader when it comes to equality, education, human rights and many other areas. It's unbecoming for such country to still carry out this barbaric and outdated practice of hunting endangered animals.

Whale hunting is acceptable for traditional inuits communities, who rely in the products for their winter sustenance. Iceland sells most of the meat to Japan, thus acting as their poachery proxy. Icelanders are, and should be, ashamed of this.

Kind regards,

Katerina Kasnik

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Татъяна Хуснудинова**

whales

Hello, my name is Tatyana! I ask you, stop the monstrous fishing of whales! We are living in the 21st century, but such horror continues! whales are the most beautiful creatures on the planet, and they continue to be exterminated! please stop!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Аида Манабаева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, my name Aida Manabayeva

Today a last day when my voice can be listened.

24.10.2023

Please don't let the killing continue.

Whale hunting is a monstrous relic of the past.

Already the whole world is looking at the only country that continues to do this.

Most Icelanders are against whale hunting, but why can't you hear their voices?

Hear us! Let the killing stop! There is too much cruelty in the world and this cruelty is against those who cannot stand up for themselves in the face of the power of human progress.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Арианна Борисова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dræb ikke hvaler kun for Japan. de sulter ikke eller lever i fattigdom. de har masser af mad. hvaler er national stolthed.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yana Khachaturova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Iceland is the only country that still kills whales. In the 21st century!

The country's population does not support this! STOP IT!

Yana Khachaturova

24 Oct. 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Эвелина Доржиева**

Hello, we are against killing whales, it's not worth it. How does such a majestic country support animal hunting, especially since there are so few of them that they are on the verge of extinction! Dorzhieva Evelina 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Жанай Бралин**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! My name is Zhanai. I am an animal rights activist and volunteer. I recently joined a movement where we save whales. I don't want to come to you with my rules, I ask you not to issue permission to kill whales whose meat is sold to Japan. There are very few whales in the world, they are living beings and scientists have not yet proven it, but I know for sure that they think, feel and in general they have their own civilization, which is still incomprehensible to us! I ask you, please do not give permission for these murders, do not become involved in this bloody business! Thank you for attention.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Мельник Владимир**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello. I am convinced of the need to stop the killing of whales. Please do it. Whale meat is practically not needed by anyone except the Japanese. We are people of the 21st century and should not encourage exotic tastes at the cost of animal life and damage to the ecosystem.

In addition, most Icelanders do not support this practice. Please don't be like my native Belarus, where the authorities brutally suppress public opinion on any issue.

With best wishes,

Uladzimir Melnik, 24/10/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Валерия Рыкова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am Rykova Valeria, date of sending the letter: 24.10.2023. my date of birth: 24.02.2007

Good afternoon, I am against whale hunting,

1. It's not ethical, there's no need for it
2. Whales want to live in freedom, we violate their fundamental rights
3. Most Icelanders do not support hunting
4. Only one company kills whales
5. Almost all meat is sold to Japan
6. Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Марина Данилочева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! My name is Danilocheva Marina. With this letter, I want to stop the whale hunt. Please forbid whale hunting. It pains me that the most beautiful animals on the planet are being hunted. It shouldn't be like this. Most Icelanders are against whale hunting. I ask you to prohibit Hvalur from hunting whales. And 1000 whales will delight us with their beauty. Let's save the whales together.

I am against whale hunting!

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Asem Aidarbaeva**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum. Aidarbaeva Asem Aslanbekkyzy

I am writing this message due to the fact that I am against whale catching, I consider it an insignificant and pathetic act for a person! We humans must protect nature, from tiny butterflies to huge whales. I will repeat once again that I, Aidarbaeva Asem from Kazakhstan, the city of Taraz, am against whale catching.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Michele Jankelow**

Ban Whaling

Hello from South Africa

May I urge you please to end the horrors of whaling

It is primitive cruelty and has no place in the world today.

Iceland is a sympathetic, cultural culture and I cannot believe that the majority of your people find this acceptable.

One mans greed should not dictate the Icelandic culture, so please end this torturous abuse of nature.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Michele Jankelow

South Africa

Humankind must begin to learn that the life of an animal is in no way less precious than our own! Paul Oxtan

When will humanity become humankind?

'Everything is going to be fine in the end. If it's not fine, it's not the end!' (Oscar Wilde)

Killing Wolves for Fun Will Not Make you More of a Man, But it Will make you Less of a Human Being. The horrors of hunting wolves!

I could protect you from everything except time! Loving animals and saying goodbye!

"The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of a man". Charles Darwin

Each and every animal on earth has as much right to be here as you and me!

"Nature is our biggest ally and greatest inspiration." Sir David Attenborough

"Cherish the natural world, because you're a part of it and you depend on it".

"When I look into the eyes of an animal, I do not see an animal. I see a living being. I see a friend. I feel a soul." A.D. Williams

"When we return wild animals to nature, we merely return them to what is already theirs. For man cannot give wild animals freedom, they can only take it away." Jacques Cousteau

speciesism

/'spi:ʃi:z(ə)m,'spi:si:z(ə)m/

noun

1. the assumption of human superiority leading to the exploitation of animals.

"The healthiest response to life is joy" Deepak Chopra

We are beginning to realise the almost irreparable loss in such cruel and barbaric practices as hunting and killing innocent creatures for pleasure, whose sole offense is BEING BEAUTIFUL! Joseph F Gooavage

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy". Martin Luther King

Love is that condition which the happiness of another person/animal is essential to your own. Robert Heinlein

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Геворг Налбандян

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lucy Carrigan**

Fwd: Please pass the bill to ban whaling in Iceland

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to pass this bill to ban whaling in Iceland. Whales are critical to the health of the ocean ecosystem, and for our survival on the planet. They are important for carbon sequestration as well, and we are in the beginning of a climate emergency.

There has been a moratorium on commercial whaling since 1986, so it is unfathomable that Iceland still allows one man with political power and money to pursue a trophy hunting sport. He loses millions of USD per year to sell whale meat to Japan. This is so harmful to both the future of the planet and to Iceland's reputation.

Please end whaling for good, and pass the ban that is now before parliament.

Thank you,

Lucy Carrigan

London, UK

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Lucy Carrigan

Storyteller. Photographer.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анастасия Мельниченко**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support a ban on whale hunting. I am against killing whales. People should not exterminate these animals. Only one company in Iceland kills whales. Please stop it

24.10.2023

Anastasia Polezay

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **alenamarkelova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! I am writing a letter in support of the ban on whale hunting. These beautiful rare animals should not suffer. Most Icelanders do not support hunting. Almost all meat is sold to Japan. Whale hunting spoils the reputation of countries. My name Alyona Ponyatova,
24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Gabriele Celli**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

My name is Gabriele Celli and I am contacting you on the 24/10 to show support to the bill to end whaling in Iceland. As a sustainability consultant, I cannot but agree and support the decision to present this bill at the Icelandic parliament. Besides my opinion, I second the reasoning underlying the bill:

- the majority of the public (in Iceland and worldwide) is against whaling.
- whaling is not traditional in Iceland, hence defending whaling referring to past uses and custom does not hold.
- whales are crucial to marine ecosystems. They help moving algae to the surface, which contributes to sequestering carbon and producing oxygen, and their feces act as a fertilizer for algae growth, which in turn feed the krill, which keep the entire ecosystem alive.

Iceland can be an environmental leader for marine protection and sustainable fishing. This would be valued both by the Icelandic population and by tourists, as currently sustainable tourism is a growing trend.

All the Best

Gabriele Celli

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **P. S.**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon! My name is Sergey Pleshkov and if this letter makes sense you will make happy not just me, but millions of people and thousands of smartest earthlings. Although we are witnessing cruelty and pointless wars, banning of whale hunting is a step all humanity will be proud of in our future. On behalf of our children make a right choice. Thank you.

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Эйсмонт Вадим Владимирович**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am against killing whales because they are intelligent creatures that deserve to live.
Modern man has no need to kill whales! stop their killing!

Best regards,

Vadim Eismont

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Noelia**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Iceland Parliament,

Please support the bill to ban fin whale hunting forever.

Noelia Pasi

October 24, 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Сергей Аношков

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

good afternoon, please stop killing whales. These animals are smarter than all the creatures on planet earth, older and smarter than everyone else. if it is possible to prevent their extermination, please do so 🙏❤️

ANOSHKOV SERGEI 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **howie**

from Surfers for Cetaceans

to the Icelandic Government representatives considering a total ban on whaling

i trust this letter finds you happy and in good health and i hope you can spare a moment

i am writing to you (in English, my apologies) on behalf of Surfers for Cetaceans (S4C) which out of Australia and California, represents the global surfing community against the capture and killing of Whales and Dolphins

the international surfing community is unequivocally united in wanting total protection and freedom for Cetaceans worldwide

therefore, on behalf of Surfers from all around the world and all walks of life, S4C would like to thank you for placing a ban, albeit temporary, on Loftsson's whaling ships

obviously this huge surfing family of Planet Earth who so love the sea and regard marine mammals as Oceanic kin, would love to see the immediate cessation of whale killing by Iceland - many of us would immediately come to Iceland to celebrate the end of whaling in your country, and to honour the beautiful Fins and Minkes of Iceland finally getting their innate right to freedom

i know you will be well aware of the world's increasing love and appreciation of whales, of their economic power in terms of tourism and the significant ecological importance of whales in maintaining the homeostasis of the ocean and atmosphere

equally you will be well aware of the history and statistics of Iceland's whaling, in particular of course the singularly bloody crusade of Loftsson against IUCN listed endangered Fins, and even in 2018, a Blue whale and a Blue-Fin hybrid that further outraged international opinion

46 years ago in NZ i set out on a journey with whales, starting with creating big oil paintings, illustrations (incl. 'Welcome the Whales' in 1977) and poetry inspired initially by regular encounters with dolphins directly below my island clifftop shack, and Jacques Cousteau's book 'the Whale'

my first major exhibition (in 1980) was titled 'of Whales and Women'

other solo shows included 'Wales, dolphins and Chaos' 'to the Whales born' 'when Angels swim and Whales fly' and more recently 'of Women and Whales' along with whale murals i have painted all around the world under the banner 'where there's a wall there's a Whale'

along the way in many different countries i have met many people whose lives, like mine, have been forever changed and uplifted by direct encounters with Cetaceans

i have attended 15 of the 17 International Whaling Commissions between 2000-2022, and as a consequence have crossed paths many times with Loftsson, a nemesis, who is like no one I've ever met anywhere

he assaulted me in a bar during IWC54 in Japan 2002, and was forced to apologise to me by the Norwegian whaling delegation

this heartless misfit who boasted in 2018 about murdering 11 pregnant Fin whales, comes across as a cowardly misogynistic sadist who takes great pleasure in shooting in the back the biggest most graciously friendly and intelligent women on the Planet

2018, the same year Woman at War was released out of Iceland showing a woman taking a powerful passionate stand against an assault on the natural world around her

if you will indulge me here is part of a poem from my book 'to the Whales born' published in 1993

out there in the sea

steeped in ancient mystery

live a people swimming free

but long before their song is sung

we stab them in the lungs

the deepest breathers

the biggest brains

the greatest lovers

it's insane

we stab them in the lungs

and when there's no more air

and you say it's all wrong

just remember the whales

remember the whales' song

they never wanted

our madness

all

how is it that this one cold-hearted narcissistic individual can wreak such cruel havoc on such a great nation of intelligent friendly people, and misrepresent Iceland so badly to the rest of the world?!

18000 whales murdered by him is beyond just a shocking number

it is whole tribes and families brutally torn apart leaving traumatised orphans and bereft mothers fathers and children weeping heartbroken in the sea canyons off Iceland

Loftsson has destroyed countless whale families and blighted Iceland's reputation for decades for what?!

for an operation that runs at a financial loss supported by his fisheries, so it is for bloodlust, for self-aggrandisement, for sheer sadistic thrill, for misogyny, for what?

at the expense of the Whale and of Iceland

this is a long standing travesty that needs to end and my point is, what better time for that to happen than when Iceland has a female Prime Minister in Katrin Jakobsdóttir and a female Minister of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries in Svandís Svavrsdóttir

it is long overdue that these two dóttirs of the Earth defend the dóttirs of the Ocean

takk fyrir

howie cooke

artist, Australia

dir: Surfers for Cetaceans

howiecooke.art

'the Sound of Light' 1976

from 'to the Whales born'

life is the question

waves are the key

love is the answer

kiss a whale for me

the sound of light

Is where the sea

meets the sand

and while the Whale lives

waves of love

are lapping on the land

and while the Elephant

still roams free

the land will still

make love with the sea

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ильсина Марсутдинова**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum logum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Mars IIsina 24.10.23

I support the ban on whale hunting For a long time, most Icelanders do not support hunting

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Julia Do**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am writing to you to express my great desire to save the lives of whales. Catching these beautiful creatures does not solve the global problem of hunger and there is no need for it. I really ask you to stop catching whales.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Татьяна Екельчик**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Distinguished Members of the Parliament of Iceland!

My name is Tatiana Yekelchik.

I am writing to you to express my consent to the prohibition of the killing of white whales in Iceland. Hunting for white whales should be prohibited for the following reasons:

- The murder of white whales causes irreparable damage to the white whale population and the ecology of our planet.
- Most of the population of Iceland is against the killing of whales - Iceland is the last country in the world to still hunt whales.
- This has a negative impact on the country's reputation on the world stage.

Best wishes, Tatiana Ekelchik.

Czech Republic

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Таня Москалева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Best wishes, Tatiana Ekelchik.

Czech Republic

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **lol pop**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hi, I really ask you to stop the whale fishing. There are enough species in the world's oceans to feed humans and not kill animals related to mammals like us humans.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Clodagh Smyth**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Clodagh O'Shea 24th October 2023.

Please we implore you to end this practice of whaling, it's torturous to these beautiful, sentient mammals 🙏

Your

Clodagh O'Shea

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **mandy dunn**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To the Icelandic Parliament,

Today's date is 24th of September 2023. The eyes of the world are watching you. Please make the right decision for the future of the planet. Please note the following points:

Whaling does not fit within the Animal Welfare Act. It is a pure act of violence!

The majority of the public are against whaling.

Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture.

Economic and business relations are in danger.

Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.

Please ban whaling immediately!

Kind regards,

Mandy Dunn

United Kingdom

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tatja Lycklig Freja Lindberg**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Stop 🐾 the hunting of whales 🗨️

Stopp jäkt på valarna 🗨️

Det är inte mänskligt, det är bara Japan som intresserad av att köpa valarnas kött. Gör slut med det här!!!

Vi i Sverige se emot det här!!!

Det här är tortyrliknande former av mänskliga verksamhet!!!

Med vänlig hälsning,

Freja Lundkvist

Stockholm, Sweden

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Gunnhildur Þórðardóttir**

Umsögn við 99.mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24.október 2023

Ég, Gunnhildur Þórðardóttir, styð eindregið frumvarp til laga um hvalveiðibann.

Ég er á móti hvalveiðum. Þær eru ekki nauðsynlegar. Löngu úrehtar og tilgangslausar hvalveiðar eiga að heyra sögunni til. Aðferðir við veiðarnar eru með öllu óásættanlegar. Náttúran á að fá að vera í friði fyrir ágangi manna. Auk þess er óþolandi að peningapésar í okkar samfélagi eins og KL skuli fá að vaða uppi með yfirgangi, ráðríki og frekju, t.a.m. í þessu máli.

Ég vona sannarlega að þetta góða frumvarp nái í gegn.

Með góðum kveðjum og þakklæti til þeirra sem vinna að þessu mikilvæga málefni.

Gunnhildur Þórðardóttir

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Margarita Tulininova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! My name is Margarita Tulininova from Ukraine. 24/10/2023

I genuinely support the ban on whaling. This is a matter of not just ecology but morality as well. Over the years, whales have been victimized by excessive hunting, tarnishing the country's reputation internationally. It's astounding that only one company continues this practice, especially considering the majority of Icelanders do not support hunting these majestic creatures. Add to that the fact that almost all of the whale meat harvested is sold to Japan, and it becomes evident that this isn't about local necessity or culture. This issue concerns the international community, and I believe it's time to halt this senseless cruelty.

Thank you

Margarita Tulininova

24/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Карина Варганова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello dear ,I'm messaging you from Dubai UAE and I support a ban on whaling

I always feel very upset when I see video there is died whales in Iceland . I hope it will stop .
Please in your beautiful county should not be this things ...

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tatiana Lindberg**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Stop the hunting of whales 🐋

Det här är vidrigt att ni fortsätter att jäga valar 🐋 Sätt stopp 🛑 för den omänskliga verksamhet 🙅🛑

Mvh,

Freja Lindberg

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ангелина Лукьянчикова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am for stopping the killing of whales. It is low and inhumane to kill a creature that is similar in intelligence to a person. Stop killing animals and thereby destroying life on Earth, and subsequently human life!

Lukyanchikova Angelina

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **stephane Durand**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

Stéphane Durand

Envoyé de mon iPhone

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Инна Ушакова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon! My name is Inna! And I would like to make a big request! Stop whale hunting! I am absolutely against this! After all, this is the heritage of our planet! Almost the whole world is against this, except for just one company! Almost all the meat is sold to Japan and it is simply a surplus, yours! After all, there is no world hunger now! It's just a whim and caprice! Plus, this leads to disruption of the ecosystem. Please hear us and stop the inhumane extermination of such beautiful inhabitants of our planet!

Ushakova Inna

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Daniela Martins**

BILL TO BAN WHALING ONCE AND FOR ALL

To whom it may concern,

Please, please don't renew Kristján Loftsson's 5-year license to hunt whales and permanently ban him from whaling!

I understand that 90% of Loftsson's whale meat is sold to Japan, as the consumption of whale meat in Iceland has decreased significantly.

Whales face so many threats daily; industrial fishing (entanglement and drowning) ocean pollution, fetal death, sonar tests, ship strikes, etc. I ask you to put an end to these unnecessary, brutal killings. It is inhumane. The meat is loaded with toxic mercury and should not be consumed!

The welfare of these animals and protection is needed and long overdue. Our ocean ecosystems depend on thriving populations.

The world is angry that whale killing still takes place and is allowed in Iceland. This atrocity is not part of Iceland's history.

Iceland's economic and trade relations are at risk as tourism will continue to decline. Many filmmakers, actors and actresses vow to never set foot in your beautiful island country.

I truly hope and pray that Iceland proves to the world that you are a leader in marine conservation.

Thank you for your caring and kind consideration.

Kind regards,

Daniela Martins

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Маргарита Муренко**

Umsögn vid 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum logum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Good afternoon. I am a citizen of the world, I am very concerned about the population of whales, which may soon become extinct due to the brutal killing in large numbers. Our planet does not deserve such treatment, I appeal to your human soul, stop these mass killings of whales. After all, even the majority of Icelandic people do not support hunting, only one company does this, almost all meat is sold to Japan, and this spoils the country's reputation. I support the ban on whale hunting.

Margarita Murenko. October 24 .2023

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Audrey Padgett**

Veiða Langreyðar

Góðan daginn,

Ég er heiti Audrey og ég vanur að lifa á Vestmannaeyja. I don't have quite enough Icelandic vocabulary to express this message so please pardon my English.

I lived and worked in Iceland for almost 4 years, during the pandemic no less. The kindness, honesty and compassion of Icelandic people is something which will stick with me for the rest of my life. I was brought to Iceland to open the beluga whale sanctuary in Vestmannaeyjar, the one which flew Little White and Little Grey from China in 2019.

I saw firsthand how people, both residents of our community, and many of your government officials; from your Prime Minister to your President, your Ministers of transportation, education and even finance, were impressed by meeting these beautiful, intelligent animals. I heard over and over "wow they are not just dumb fish" and I can tell you that no they are not. Whales are brilliant, intelligent creatures with complex social communities. They remind me very much of Icelandic people to be honest; they are resilient (we humans hunted them nearly to extinction) they care for their families and most stay connected to their family for their entire lives.

From being involved in your country's effort to open the world's first beluga sanctuary, and from living in the amazing community there, I am saddened at the reputation whaling is creating for Iceland.

I understand your fierce independence and desire not to have foreigners tell you what to do, and I understand the value of tradition. But I also think your country has power and innovation at its core, and this is an opportunity to end a practice which is cruel, outdated and unnecessary. You are violating your own guidelines from MAST, and putting the ego of one man ahead of the value of animals which sequester massive amounts of carbon in a time when we need every weapon against climate change we can find.

Please, show the world again how great Iceland is, set an example for valuing animal life and our planet, and end the fin whale hunting.

Takk fyrir tíma,

Audrey Padgett

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Aníta Briem**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Góðan daginn,

Mig langar að skrifa til að ýtreka þá brýnu þörf að breyta lögum okkar til að banna hvalveiðar.

Þessi ástundun stenst engan veginn nútímaleg viðmið okkar um dýravernd eða lög. Að þessi stórfenglegu dýr séu veidd og drepin á þennan hrottafenglega hátt. Að þau þjáist svona.

Langstærsti hluti þjóðarinnar er á móti þessu og við sem þjóð þurfum ekki á hvalkjöti að halda, né borðum það lengur, fyrir utan örfáa.

Að íslenska ríkið sé að vernda hagsmuni eins manns sem virðist gera þetta sem blóðsport, því ekki er hann að skila miklum tekjum í þjóðarkassann og að mér skylst er fyrirtækið rekið með halla.

Það er kominn tími til að taka okkar stað sem leiðtogar í umhverfisvernd sem sæmir okkur. Vernda þessi mikilfenglegu dýr sem gegna líka gríðarlega mikilvægu starfi í að halda sjónum okkar heilbrigðum.

Það er kominn tími til að breyta rétt!

Virðingarfyllt,

Aníta Briem

leikkona og handritshöfundur

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alasdair Mackintosh**

STOP WHALING

Please ban whaling. I will never visit Iceland while whaling is still permitted.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **реги́на пирмагоме́дова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24.10.2023

Pirmagomedova Regina Aydinovna

Dont kill!! their lives are important to us.

most Icelanders do not support hunting. The whole world doesn't support hunting

С уважением,

реги́на пирмагоме́дова

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Татьяна Чулаевская

Good time of day. I'm Tatyana, from Russia. I can't get past this story. Hunting whales leads to the extermination of their population, it's terrible, people do not know the measures and because of the competitive excitement they ruin nature. In many countries, whale hunting is prohibited, and I ask you to support this decision. It's humane, we have to protect nature and all living things, whales need your protection 🙏

Thank you for your attention, let's make the world a better place together, a little bit each ❤️

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **U D**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

I support a ban on whale hunting. The whole world is striving for humane treatment of animals, more and more people are thinking about how much exists due to the exploitation of animals. Whale hunting is a senseless and cruel activity that normalizes terrible treatment of animals and damages the reputation of Iceland, it must become a thing of the past. No country in the world except Japan is interested in this, moreover, the majority of people, especially Icelanders, are against hunting.

Veronika Ivanova 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Rosie Gardner**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Rosie Gardner

stop killing wales in Iceland

Thank you

Rosie

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yana Yanochka**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon. My name is Yana . I am an inhabitant like you of this beautiful planet called Earth. Today is October 24, 2023, and I am asking you personally to ban whale hunting. After all, we live in the 21st century, we are all humane people, almost the whole world is against the killing of certain animals, there are even laws on the protection of certain animals, so how do whales differ from other legally protected animals? Aren't they alive? Don't they have a soul or aren't they capable of feeling? Didn't they deserve to be born like you and me on this magnificent planet? There are a lot of bad things happening in the world every day, but you and I are able to stop all this horror. I hope for your understanding , reason and humanity . A small step, for such a big deal. No amount of money in the world will pay for thousands of ruined souls. I've seen these creatures live, paid money for it, traveled to the other side of the globe and you can't imagine what an amazing feeling when you see these mammals alive, beautiful in their the natural habitat. Yes, millions of people travel to the other side of the planet to see them, just to have a peek at these beautiful animals. If the law is not passed, then most countries and millions of angry people around the world will simply descend on these atrocities. A person always has a choice either to take a sin on his soul, or to get rid of this sin, and since we all walk under God, nothing in this world will go unpunished. I really hope for your humanity, the world is one and all of us living beings are in a single bond between ourselves and nature. I wish you only good, happiness and health, and I am sure that you will make the right choice.

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Giota Sotirhou**

BAN WHALE FISHING!

Leave them alone! Let them live!

Sent from my iPad

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Valerie Greene**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Members of Parliament,

I write to you today from to ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species. Thank you for your time.

Valerie Greene

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Aigerim Shaikhina**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Aigerim Shaikhina 24 October, 2023

I ask you to take measures and suspend the activities of a company that kills whales for selfish purposes. It is not a person who decides who lives and who dies. I don't support whale hunting. I would never have thought that a country like yours has anything to do with such cases.

I am saddened by the fact that Iceland supports such companies. It's ruinous for your reputation. All meat is sold to Japan. Everything is done for profit. I hope the locals are against such an absurdity.

Aigerim Shaikhina 24 October, 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Inga Inga**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum logum vegna banns vid hvalveidum

I support the ban on whale hunting. Nature is the most priceless thing we have left!!! Stop this madness!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tudor Morgan**

Icelandic Whaling consultation

To whom it may concern,

As a brand which brings 3000 guests each year to Iceland, we know how important the incredible natural wonders of the country are to all of our guests. This bill helps to protect one of the highlights of visiting Iceland - the wildlife that so many people travel from across the world to see.

We know that many of our guests have concerns about whaling in Iceland and that for some it is a reason not to visit the country. We wholeheartedly support this new bill and if passed we know that it will help attract even more people to enjoy the natural splendour of this amazing destination.

Thank you for inviting consultation from stakeholders

Yours,

Tudor Morgan

VP SUSTAINABILTY AND INDUSTRY RELATIONS

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[hurtigruten.com](https://www.hurtigruten.com/en-gb/expeditions/)

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elena Medina**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I'm begging to block the licence to Hvalur for the next 5 years of murdering whales. In 21 century it's absolutely inhumane. Whales are very important part of the ocean life and it's a significant part of the life on our planet. You cannot just let them keep destroying them and their population.

I was amazed by the beauty of your country when i visited and I'd like to bring my kids and to show them whales in the habitat not on the plate. I pray that you have hearts for the Nature and whales. They need your protection not license for their Murder 🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺

Elena Medina

23.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Кирилович**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon! Please stop whale fishing. Without them, our ocean is dying. Most Icelanders did not convert willingly. Almost all meat is sold in Japan. Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation. I will not come to the country or support tourism there while this continues.

Kirylovich Katsyaryna

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Angela Nascimento**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am writing this email in the hope that whaling will finally be banned in Iceland for good. It is time for conservation to be a priority and here is why:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Yours sincerely , Angela N C Sousa

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jessy Faas**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear reader,

With this email I would like to support the ban on whaling and urge you to protect the whales.

Whales are important for the environment. The whole world is struggling with climate change, with for example, weather conditions getting more extreme. To combat that, it is important to lower the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere. Whales play an important role in capturing the carbon. They are also essential in the overall health of the ocean, because they are on top of the food chain.

That is one of the reasons why I think that hunting and killing whales should be banned. I hope you will consider this.

With kind regards,

Jessy Faas

The Netherlands

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Greg**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum."

To whom it may concern!

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and close friends who are dismayed by the continuing whale hunts that Iceland still supports in the 21st century. It is my understanding that the majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling? Apparently whaling in Iceland has evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual? Is that true?

Is whaling even sustainable in this day and age? Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them seems to me to be an impractical endeavor. As whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem, I would think that to continue whaling would have a detrimental impact on the nation's economy, let alone it is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.

I would love to visit your beautiful country. Friends and my son have visited your island and rave about the culture and lifestyle. If whaling continues, however, I will hold off visiting Iceland. Only when I know whaling is permanently banned will I reconsider my decision.

Sincerely,

Greg Duval

Canada

2023/10/23

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Максим Плотцев**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! I really love these amazing animals. I support a ban on hunting them. Now this hunt is ruining the reputation of an entire country, just because of one company. I am counting on you, I am counting on the hunt to stop.

Best regards, Maksim Plottsev 24.10.2023

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Helena**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! I would like to say on my own behalf that my family and I support the ban on whale hunting, it's simply a crime to kill like that... There are other fish in the world that you can eat, but not whales, dolphins, fur seals, etc. Let me return to the topic, now it's about whales, so please stop doing this, ban it. Most Icelanders and other companies do not support hunting and only one company kills whales. It is our worldwide common love for whales and other creatures, and we must protect, show love, respect, protect nature, and be humane. Thank you.

Svynobii Olena 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pat LaStrapes**

Ban Whaling

"To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to pass this bill to ban whaling in Iceland. Whales are critical to the health of the ocean ecosystem, and for our survival on the planet. They are important for carbon sequestration as well, and we have entered a climate emergency. We need to keep carbon in the water.

There has been a moratorium on commercial whaling since 1986, so it is unfathomable that Iceland still allows one man with political power and money to pursue whaling. It has no financial benefit and in fact is harming tourism and the positive reputation of Iceland.

Please know the world is watching and ready to support and celebrate Iceland for stepping up and doing the morally right thing for the planet, for its children and for the climate by ending whaling for good.

Please, I urge you to pass the ban that is now before parliament.

Thank you,"

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Karlee Schnyder**

Iceland whaling

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Thank you,

Karlee Schnyder

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Кристина Мельник**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Kristina Melnik

I am very worried about the existence of whales. Please stop killing them. I support the ban on whale hunting!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **jomama.qs**

No more whaling

We are constantly reminded of how connected our planet is when catastrophes like war and a pandemic occur. We could use some goodness right now, and Ending the whale hunt would make a positive impact on the world as ecosystems become more balanced. There is no way hunters who pursue whales are blind to their depth of feelings, knowledge, and sentience.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **grustno veselo**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Kirill Ko

23,10-2023

Please consider my vote in support of a ban on whaling.

The killing of these amazing animals, like any other, is a terrible, arrogant trend, we will never learn peaceful life and basic dialogue, both within countries and outside, if such business is the norm.

Kirill Ko

23,10-2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **кирилл комаров**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Kirill Shoa

23.10.2023

Hello.

Please stop these killings, our state must finally cross the threshold of medieval, inhumane tendencies. Whales are the most ancient heritage of our planet. Stop supporting this hell. Please consider my vote in favor of banning whaling.

Kirill Shoa

23.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **katya.glushchenko**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I am sending this letter with support for the ban on whale hunting. Killing whales is very cruel and inhumane. There's only one company in Iceland doing this, and it's time to stop it. Whale hunting has a bad effect on the country's reputation, and most Icelanders do not support hunting.

- Glushchenko Ekaterina / 23.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Medina GT**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Baizhuman Madina

24.10.2023

Ending the whale hunt in Iceland is an important step in preserving the marine ecosystem and respecting vulnerable species. Here are some facts opposing the whale hunt: 1. Threat to Species: Whale hunting in Iceland has contributed to the endangerment of several whale species such as the minke, blue whale and bowhead whale, many of which are vulnerable and endangered. 2. Ecosystem balance: Whales play an important role in the marine ecosystem, participating in nutrient circulation and helping to control fish populations. Their absence can lead to an imbalance in the marine ecosystem. 3. tourism and economy: Instead of hunting whales, Iceland can develop whale watching tourism, which brings economic benefits and creates jobs without endangering the animals. 4. International pressure: The global community is becoming increasingly critical of whale hunting, which could lead to sanctions and negative impacts on international relations. 5. ethical aspects: Many people consider whale hunting unethical and cruel, and condemn the practice of killing whales for commercial purposes. Ending whale hunting in Iceland could contribute to conservation and respect for these amazing marine animals.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **кирил Ы (комаров)**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Andrew Sholts

23/10/2023

Hello. Please consider my vote in support of anti-whaling legislation.

We simply must put an end to this harsh, reckless business forever; it completely devalues not only the animal world, but also human evolution, and disgraces any state, just like the current monstrous wars.

Andrew Sholts

23/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Иринка Черных**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Stop the whale hunt! I am against the mass extermination of living beings created by nature!
We must not allow the destruction of our ecosystem! Otherwise, people will pay severely,
and the hour of reckoning will certainly come and very soon!

Irina Chernykh. Russia.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **natalia voronina**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon, I ask you to ban and prevent the hunting of whales, because these creatures are more social, friendly and have more neurons in their brains than humans. They feel more than we do and are kinder than us. They are the personification of peace on planet Earth. They are our ancestors.

Voronina Nataliia

23.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Курдыбаха**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

24.09.23

I support the bill banning the fishing/killing of whales.

Iceland is such a beautiful and ancient country, you have people with beautiful souls. I am sure that many citizens share and support this ban on the destruction of the oldest and most beautiful animals. I am sure that one company leading this trade will be able to find other ways to earn money.

Maintain the reputation of your country, close this bloody fishery and let the whales live happily ever after.

All of humanity, your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be grateful to you.

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Екатерина Курдыбаха

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Алёна я

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear sirs,

It is highly important to stop whale hunting, majority of islandians don't support hunting, as well as the rest of the world

Best regards,

Alena Petrakouskaya

24.10.2023

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Елизавета Мелешеня**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon!

I am writing to tell you how wonderful and beautiful your country is and how much the catching and killing of whales spoils its reputation. I agree with the ban on catching and killing whales and really believe in making the right decision and stopping these actions as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and have a nice day!

Elizaveta Sadovskaya

10.24.23

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **kayla long**

End whaling

Kayla long.

16/08/1994

End whaling

Sign. Kayla long.

On the 24/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Taisia Joyful**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, I support the ban on whale hunting. This is wrong, now many Irishmen do not support this hunt, whale hunting spoils the very reputation of the country, only one company kills these unfortunate mammals, almost all the meat is sold to Japan!

Kolbasnikova Taisiya 24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Евгения Овчинникова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

I and all my friends hope that you will make the right decision and whale hunting will be banned. Such a beautiful country as Iceland should not be associated with the killing of beautiful and very important animals for nature - whales. I know that most Icelanders do not support hunting and almost all meat is sold to Japan. The benefits of live whales are much greater than their meat for each of us.

Sincerely, Ovchinnikova Evgeniya

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Madina Aldabergen**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support the ban on whale hunting because I consider it immoral and meaningless. I believe that it spoils the image of the country and also harms the planet.

Sincerely,

Madina Aldabergen 09.06.2005

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Евгений Чальшев**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good Day!

This is Liudmila Vakhtsina. I am writing this letter on October 24, 2023.

I oppose whale fishing in Iceland, as it is unacceptable from the standpoint of humanity. Whales are unique marine mammals, the largest on our planet, and there are no others like them. Why don't the Japanese just eat regular fish? Is it a matter of life and death that humanity must resort to such extreme measures?

They are supplied by only one company and only to Japan. As far as I know, there is no critical issue of hunger in Japan.

We cannot afford such destructive behavior towards such beautiful animals! Please stop doing this, it's reckless!

Sincerely, Liudmila Vakhtsina

24 Oct. 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **West Bullen**

"Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum."

24.10.2023

I am writing to you with regards to the anti-whaling bill. This groundbreaking piece of legislation can put an end to whaling in Iceland, providing vital protection to these beautiful whales under local wildlife laws.

I passionately support the ban because

- It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales
- Whales are important to our ecosystem
- Whaling is not part of Icelandic cultural heritage
- Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for the wealthy
- The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling
- Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

Please do the right thing and pass this legislation so that we can protect these beautiful creatures and our oceans which we are all duty bound to do.

Best wishes

Louise Roberts

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jerry Jerry**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear reader,

With this email I would like to support the ban on whaling and urge you to protect the whales.

Whales are important for the environment. The whole world is struggling with climate change, with for example, weather conditions getting more extreme. To combat that, it is important to lower the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere. Whales play an important role in capturing the carbon. They are also essential in the overall health of the ocean, because they are on top of the food chain.

That is one of the reasons why I think that hunting and killing whales should be banned. I hope you will consider this.

With kind regards,

Valeriia Stupakova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **daria.v.obukhova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

I am sure that the bill banning whale hunting will benefit Iceland and the whole world. You can make the world a better place! Whale fishing has long been a relic of the past, especially since most Icelanders are against hunting and almost all meat is sold to Japan.

You must accept this project for the sake of the future of the whole world and our children.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mayra Gervacio Camacho**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Hello,

My name is Mayra Gervacio Camacho. Today is October 24th and I'm writhing this email to END WHALING! I believe whales should be free and not hunted. They are sacred smart animals and deserve to be protected from human cruelty!

Please make the oceans peaceful and loving again.

Maya Gervacio Camacho

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lisa Louviaux**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Industrial Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the bill to ban whaling and protect whales in Iceland, as detailed in 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

The bill, which recently passed its first reading on 20th September 2023, presents a critical opportunity to safeguard our marine ecosystems and protect the majestic creatures that inhabit our oceans. I believe this initiative is of utmost importance, and I wholeheartedly support its objectives.

The key provisions of the bill, such as Articles 1 and 2 placing whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994 and Articles 3 and 4 enforcing a clear ban on killing whales and selling whale products, are vital steps toward ending whaling in Iceland. These measures are not only supported by experts but also align with the values of animal welfare and the wishes of the majority of the public.

Whaling has no deep-rooted tradition in Icelandic culture, and it places economic and business relationships in jeopardy. Moreover, whales play an indispensable role in marine ecosystems, sequestering carbon and promoting the production of oxygen (actually responsible for 85% of the oxygen we are breathing). Iceland, as a nation committed to environmental responsibility, should lead the way in the protection of marine regions and species.

I commend Andrés Ingi Jónsson from the Pirate Party for spearheading this bill and appreciate the bipartisan support it has garnered from 15 members of parliament across various parties.

I urge you to consider the overwhelming evidence that supports this bill and take the necessary steps to end whaling in Iceland. This is an essential step towards preserving our oceans and the incredible creatures that live in them, and therefore essential to the preservation of human life on earth.

Please accept my official written comment in favor of this bill, and thank you for your dedication to this crucial cause.

Sincerely,

24th of October.

Lisa LOUVIAUX

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jessica Ward**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Especially considering he recently repeated his false statement that whales are "bad" for the environment.

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- A mature whale of the size of a fin whale can sequester 33 tons of CO2.
- Whale watching is economically more sustainable than whaling.

Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Today many industries and people are banning Iceland because of the ongoing whaling.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Jessica Catherine Ward

24/10/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lara Ward**

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Kind regards,

Lara Ward

24/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pippa Emms**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Kind regards,

Pippa Emms. 24/10/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Елизавета Сомина**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

My name is Elizabeth. With this letter I would like to support a bill to protect whales.

Your country must stop the killing of whales! Human is not the crown of nature's creation and has no right to kill thousands of defenseless animals.

It is barbaric to kill such beautiful sea creatures, whose lineage is older than humans.

If you don't do it now, your country will forever be branded as a whale-killing country.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth R. Shurkova

24. október 2023

Frá/from: A. F.

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon! My name is Anastasia Foss. I saw information on the Internet that your government is currently considering a bill that will ban the whaling business. Me , my family , my friends and my entourage , we are against whales being killed in Iceland ! Iceland is such a beautiful country, but whaling is hurting your country's tourist rating. I know a lot of people, also see comments on the Internet that a lot of people do not want to go on tourist trips to Iceland precisely because of the killing of whales! It is for this reason that I do not want to go to Iceland while you have whaling ! I 'm asking you to stop killing the smartest whale creatures on earth ! I ask you to stop this brutal business ! I know for sure that many citizens of Iceland are against this business! Thank you for reading my message and I really hope that Iceland will never kill whales again, I really hope!

Foss Anastasiia. 24.10.2023 .Italia.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Rachel Frank**

Whaling ban

Please approve the bill to end whaling. These incredibly intelligent and sentient creatures have stronger memories and emotions than the human brain does. They know when you kill their children, their families, their friends and they grieve and feel these losses even more so than we as humans do. This is a world war in the oceans. You can do something to stop the war and stop the killing. Please ban whaling.

Rachel

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ysaure Lefebure**

Wales hunting

To whom this may concern,

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Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Ysaure Lefebure

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **eshurkova.work**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Greetings!

I ask you to stop the killing of whales in your country! Surely you have to be a monster to go and kill defenseless animals that are unable to fight back against the cruelest creature on the planet - human.

I would like to pay my respects, but I can't. Killing animals is a low act and does not inspire respect in me.

I hope you change your policy and stop killing whales.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Will Holmes**

Ban commercial whaling in Iceland

To whom it may concern:

Please fully support the Pirate Party's proposed bill to ban commercial whaling in Iceland.
The reasons to do so is a long list.

Sincerely,

October 24, 2023

Will Holmes (He/Him/His)

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Katharina I.**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Katharina ILINZER

24 October 2023

I support a ban on whale hunting. I feel the pain of the sea inhabitants, I want to help this world become a better place. 🙏💙

Best wishes,

Katharina

Best wishes,

Katharina ILINZER

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Cameron Ehteshami**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Cameron Ehteshami

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **muzychkos**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, please stop killing wheels!!!

That's amazing creatures!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **kasey Smith**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum- Kasey smith Oct 23

To all,

I am writing to express my deep dismay and disappointment with Iceland's ongoing whaling, and to request that you share my concerns with your Minister. I fully support a permanent ban on whaling in Iceland.

The disturbing findings in the 2022 MAST report revealed that 41 percent of the whales killed by Hvalur hf, Iceland's last whaling company, suffered immensely before dying. Despite the implementation of stricter regulations, the first whaling tour of the 2023 season saw two out of three fin whales hunted in clear violation of both Article 5 of the regulations and Iceland's Animal Welfare Act.

Whaling does not support Iceland's economy, with 90 percent of whale products exported to Japan. Furthermore, influential figures in the multi-billion-dollar film industry, including Hollywood Directors, Producers, and Actors, have pledged to avoid filming in Iceland until whaling is banned. This looming economic loss threatens to strike a severe blow to Iceland's economy, a consequence that cannot be overlooked.

Living whales also provide significant, ongoing revenue to Iceland's whale watching companies, and associated industries (tour companies, hotels, souvenirs, etc.). Ecotourism (whale watching) has proven to be far more profitable as an ongoing and sustainable resource supporting Iceland's economy. Beyond the economic aspect, whales play a vital role in maintaining the health of marine ecosystems.

I urge you to support a future for Iceland without whaling.

Sincerely,

Kasey

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yulia Kogol**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

KOGOL YULIA SERGEEVNA

24/10/2023

Hello! I want to express my opinion! I support a bill to BAN the hunting of whales and other marine life. Most Icelanders agree with this. I and many other residents of my country really want you to stop killing innocent animals! Thank you! I hope my opinion matters!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Adela Pafkova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Today many industries and people are banning Iceland because of the ongoing whaling.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Adela Pafkova,

University of Edinburgh

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Duncan Gerald**

Umsögn við 99 mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidom!

To whom it may Concern,

Please we beg you to stop whaling! These beautiful creatures, like the rhino/elephant on safaris, are majestic creatures that are worth both financially and in nature more than a few thousand euros.

I've recently cancelled a family holiday to Iceland when I saw what was being done by HV8 and HV9, was meant to be a whale spotting holiday along with the northern lights but after seeing such images as we have, we decided to book elsewhere!

For the sake of your souls, humanity and all our planets animals, stop this barbaric act (especially when it's just canned for dog food!)

Really would like to visit one day, once this is confirmed as being illegal!

Best regards,

A very concerned nature lover,

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Carla Leone**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Carla (24/10/23)

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Кугубаева Инна**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Good afternoon

I am writing to you with a request to stop the extermination of whales. It's unthinkable, reckless and inhuman. On the contrary, we should love nature and animals. We demand to stop!

These cute animals are not to blame for anything. Moreover, most Icelanders do not support hunting, only one company kills whales. Also, almost all meat is sold to Japan and whale hunting spoils the country's reputation. I hope you will make the right decision.

With best wishes, a caring inhabitant of the planet Earth

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анна**

Umsögn via 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveinum

Hello!

I am against whale hunting.

Whales are living creatures. They are on this planet together with people. Why did we decide that people cannot be killed, but whales can?

It is important for me to support the ban on whale hunting because... most people in the world and Icelanders do not support whaling

Just one Icelandic company kills whales, why does it have such privileges?

Why kill whales if the country does not eat whale meat, but sells the meat in Japan. Let the Japanese eat sushi, fish, not animals. Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation.

Best regards, Anna Korotaeva

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anette Jäverfelt**

Fwd: Umsögn við 99.mál , frumvarp til laga um breytingin á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum .

Vidarebefordrat brev:

Från: Anette Jäverfelt

Datum: 23 oktober 2023 16:26:35 CEST

Ämne: Umsögn við 99.mál , frumvarp til laga um breytingin á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum .

Borås Sweden 2023-10-23.

I write to you for opposing the whaling industry on endangered animals. I do hope that the parliament of Island close this business for good. It's cruel abuse and the whales like all animals have a great role in the eco system and are so valuable alive. Whale watching would be a great option and would save lives and reputation.

Kind and hopeful regards Anette Jäverfelt Borås Sweden

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Светлана Фазылова**

A ban on whaling

Hello!

I support a ban on whaling.

Most Icelanders do not support hunting

Just one company kills whales

Almost all meat is sold to Japan

Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation

Sincerely,

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ксения Герасимова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Gerasimova Kseniia

Hello! I just found out today about the opportunity to write this letter. In fact, I just found out today that whales are still being caught. it's horrible. Why is this still happening? Why do the Japanese continue to eat whale meat? will they die without him? but whales can die completely. this has to stop. this company should do something more beneficial to humanity than destroying such beautiful animals and feeding them to the Japanese rich. it's horrible. it's inhumane. it is immoral. this must stop!

Gerasimova Kseniia

24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Joanna Green**

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Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Jo Green

24/10/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Adéla Palánová**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Email content:

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Kind regards,

Adela Palanova

24/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **gaby duttenhofer**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please stop killing of whales!

Kind regards,

gaby duttenhofer

24 october 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Мария Хромилина**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I don't support whale hunting

Khromilina Masha 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Luisa-Marie Dickenmann**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Especially considering he still insists on the false claim that whales are "bad" for the environment.

Furthermore, the science shows us three things:

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Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Ongoing whaling discourages many industries and businesses from trading with Iceland companies.

Please take the people's concerns seriously!

Kind regards,

Luisa, 24th of October 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ramon Barceló Vallet**

Comentari sobre el cas 99, un projecte de llei que modifica diverses lleis relatives a la prohibició de la caça de balenes

Ramon Barceló, 24th October 2023

Comenteu el cas 99, un projecte de llei que modifica diverses lleis relatives a la prohibició de la caça de balenes.

Si us plau, prohibeix la caça de balenes i protegeix les balenes

Islàndia hauria de ser líder a l'hora de protegir les regions i espècies marines

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alicja Spodenkiewicz**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

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Thank you for your time

Alicja Spodenkiewicz

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **наталья панченко**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My name Natalia Panchenko and I am against killing whales

24.10.2023

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С уважением, Панченко Наталья

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jen Hastings**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

BAN WHALING

Please ban whaling.

- * Articles 1 and 2 of the bill to ban whaling put whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994. This has been the recommendation of experts for over a decade, irrespective on whether the act of whaling is banned.
- * Articles 3 and 4 implement a clear ban on killing whales and selling whale products through the Wild Animals Act.
- * Articles 5 and 7 are simple results of the protection given to whales in the previous articles, striking out legislation that won't be needed once whaling is banned (including the Whaling Act of 1949).
- * Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. The majority of the public is very much against whaling.
- * Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture.
- * Economic and business relations are in danger due to this practice.
- * Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.
- * Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.
- * Whaling does not have a tradition in Icelandic culture. Even if it did, it is something that should be re-evaluated.

Please seriously consider this ban - it is (past) time to ban whaling in Iceland.

Thank you,

Jen Hastings

Canada

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vera Tyurina**

Umsögn við 99. mál, drum frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við nvalveiðum.

Good afternoon, I would like to appeal to you to request a ban on whale catching. Please do not renew your license. Business cannot be built on killing wild animals. you are the only country where this is still officially permitted. We cannot grow a humane society if we continue to behave like barbarians. My entire family of 10 people subscribes to every word.

Family Koschel(10 Person) + 1 dog

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **monkeyforyou**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, my name is Vavilova Kristina Alekseevna, 10/24/23

I am writing to you to express my consent to the ban on catching and killing whales.

I want nature and people to live in harmony

Man in the 21st century has no need to kill unfortunate whales

I hope for your understanding and an early ban on the capture and killing of whales.

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Inna Bavarskaya**

Orlova Inna 24.10.2023 Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good evening!

We kindly ask you not to hunt whales. We ask you very much to give them the opportunity to live the same way you live. Free and safe. I sincerely hope that you will be able to hear us and save their lives. Thank you in advance!

Best regards, Inna

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Martine Eyzenga**

stop whaling forever

It is my deepest wish that the hunting of whales, the most precious beings in the oceans, stops forever. We need whales to survive, and the oceans need whales to survive. If the oceans die, we die.

In respect and with kind regards,

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martine eyzenga

diezijnvaardig | senior graphic designer, professional co-thinker, propellor, unraveller,
intensifier and teamplayer

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Бобылева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Sir or Madam, My name is Yulia Bobyleva, I live in Russia. I learned from the media that whales continue to be exterminated. But they are of great value to our Planet. These creatures bring immeasurable goodness to our CIVILIZATION ON THE PLANET. There is a lot of evidence of this. And if the number of them and dolphins decreases, then our civilization has every chance of degrading soon. God created the golden law, which says: you cannot kill anyone without killing yourself. What we have created on the Planet will definitely come back to us through cataclysms and other things, if we do not do something in time that will balance out the harm we have caused. Every inhabitant of the Planet bears responsibility, and even more so who could stop it. All our deeds are written down for everyone and Humanity needs to have time to heal what has been created. This is not just a matter of business, it is a Question of Life on Earth for humanity in general. The earth has evolved too much, and we, the inhabitants, have stopped and fallen behind. And there is a huge question about our continuation of Life on this beautiful green-blue pearl. Help the Whales, save them, yourself, the children and the Planet. The time has come for responsibility. There are no longer any reasons or reasons to commit evil and continue to live outside of your Heart.

Our life depends on everyone, every word and thought we have. The madness of humanity can quickly set in without these beings Bringing Light to the Planet!!!

Sincerely, Yulia Bobyleva!

24.10.2023r.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Γιώργος Ρίζος

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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The science shows us some interesting facts:

Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act

Majority of the public is against whaling

Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture

Economic and business relations are in danger

Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

Whale watching is economically more sustainable than whaling.

Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Today many industries and people are banning Iceland because of the ongoing whaling.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

George Rizos.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юрий**

Тема письма: Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Gocharova Anna 24.10.2023

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Concharova Anna 23. 10.2023

С уважением, Юрий.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kinga Kaszap**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Especially considering he recently repeated his false statement that whales are "bad" for the environment.

The science shows us three things:

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Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Today many industries and people are banning Iceland because of the ongoing whaling.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Kinga Kaszap

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **александра**

Umsögn vid 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á vmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

I ask you to stop the mass killing of whales. it spoils the reputation of your country. whales should not be killed for meat and entertainment!

Alexandra Zabolotnyaya 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Элина Бескараваных**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns vio hvalveium

BESKARAVANNYKH ELINA 24.10.2023

Good afternoon!

I support the Anti-Whale Hunting Bill and ask that it be passed.

Killing whales is terrible, especially for such a civilized country as Iceland. Accept my vote, thank you.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ramon Barceló Vallet**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Ramon Barceló, 24 October 2023

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please ban whaling and protect whales

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Кристина Марченко**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Landið þitt er að falla í augum alls fólksins í heiminum! Hvalir eru líka lifandi verur, þeir anda, elska og finna fyrir sársauka! Hættu að drepa þá! Mundu að börnin þín munu bera ábyrgð á öllum gjörðum þínum!

Christina, 14.12.2000

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Bryndís Jakobsdóttir**

Vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Umsögn við 99.mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Ég hvet Alþingi til að banna hvalveiðar strax. Hvalir eru háþrúð dýr, með mikla tilfinningagreind og mikilvæg fyrir vistkerfin á jörðinni. Einn hvalur dregur í sig jafn mikið magn af CO2 á einni ævi og 1500 tré! Við, sem búum hér á jörðinni, höfum ekki efni á því að drepa þá og það er að mínu mati siðferðislega rangt og til háborinnar skammar.

Með von um að lögum verði breytt,

Kveðja,

Bryndís Jakobsdóttir

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **salaezgi**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the ongoing practice of whaling in Iceland. As a global citizen and advocate for environmental conservation, I strongly urge the Icelandic government to consider implementing a ban on whaling.

Whales play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of marine ecosystems, and their continued exploitation poses a significant threat to biodiversity. Furthermore, the ethical implications of whaling raise concerns about the humane treatment of these magnificent creatures.

By taking a stand against whaling, Iceland has the opportunity to demonstrate leadership in marine conservation and contribute to the worldwide efforts to protect endangered species. I believe that embracing sustainable and eco-friendly alternatives will not only benefit the environment but also enhance Iceland's reputation as a responsible steward of nature.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that the Icelandic government will prioritize the long-term health of our oceans by ending whaling practices. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Ezgi Şala

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Andrew Pedersen**

Whaling

Please pass this bill to ban whaling

Thank you

Andrew Pedersen

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Esther Munn**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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I'd like to press that there's only one whaler left in Iceland and that he was born in 1943: there's no place for whaling in the new world. Kristjan Lofftson's worldview already belongs to the past. The voices of the generations after his' should weigh heavier.

Especially considering he recently repeated his false statement that whales are "bad" for the environment.

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- Whale watching is economically more sustainable than whaling.

Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Today many industries and people are banning Iceland because of the ongoing whaling.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Esther Munn

24/10/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jsoto**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My name is Jennifer Soto. I am from Illinois. Stop whaling for good. The inhumane slaughter of these poor gentle creatures is barbaric.

Jennifer Soto

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ester Fernandez**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My name is Ester Fernández and I write from Barcelona, Spain.

I am concern about the future of the whales and therefore the biodiversity of the oceans.

I ask you to ban whaling in Iceland and work towards the protection of this beautiful and unique animals.

Iceland could become an example for other countries, leader the whales protection and be an example of environmental responsible country.

It's been proven that global warming is one of the biggest concerns of this era, and protecting oceans and its biodiversity is key in fighting the greenhouse gases increase.

The future generations will thank you if you take the right path.

There's only one earth and it's politicians responsibility to protect it.

Ester Fernández

24th October 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Елизавета Гринберг**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Ég bið þig um að banna hvalveiðar á löggjafarstigi! Það er óhugsandi nú á dögum að drepa svo sjaldgæf og mikilvæg villt dýr fyrir vistkerfið. Hvalveiðar spilla mjög ímynd landsins og allt vegna einokunar Fyrirtækisins Hvalur Sem græðir á sölu hvalkjöts Til Japans þrátt fyrir að íbúar Íslands séu á móti

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Людмила Поцелуева

I AM AGAINST THE KILLING OF WHALES!!! THEY ARE THE SAME RESIDENTS OF
OUR PLANET LIKE HUMANITY!!! YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO KILL!!! I AM
AGAINST KILLING WHALES!!!! I AM AGAINST THE KILLING OF WHALES!!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **9:11 РАБОТНИК СИЛЫ СВЕТА**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna við hvalveiðum

Góðan dag, ég skrifa þér varðandi morðið á hvölunum. Ég bið ykkur að hætta leyfi fyrirtækisins sem drepur hvali. Ég bið um að sett verði algert bann við hvaladrápi um allt land. Þegar öllu er á botninn hvolft eru hvalir dýrmæt gjöf sem hjálpar mannkyninu mjög. Án hvala verður erfitt fyrir allt mannkyn að lifa. Hvalir eru gullnir vefarar plánetu vitundar!!!

Ég fæddist í Úkraínu, bí og vinn nú í Tékklandi. Endilega heyrið í mér!!!

OLEH KOZOV

24.10.2023

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С уважением Oleh

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Stephanie Summers**

hætta hvalveiðum í atvinnuskyni

Vinsamlegast hættið hvalveiðum í atvinnuskyni. Mig hefur langað til að heimsækja Ísland en ég neita að heimsækja fallega landið þitt fyrir en þú bannar hvalveiðar í atvinnuskyni. Það er hræsni að selja hvalaskoðunarmiða og leyfa líka að myrða þá. Höfin okkar og kifið í tgem glíma svo við ofveiði og mengun að við þurfum að gera allt sem í okkar valdi stendur til að hjálpa því að halda lífi. vinsamlegast svo rétt og banna hvalveiðar í atvinnuskyni á Íslandi.

Stephanie Summers

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ruth Van Sciver**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveigum

My name is Ruth Van Sciver and today's date is October 24, 2023.

I urge you to consider the bill to ban whaling. My primary concern is the destruction of the marine environment and reduction of biodiversity that happen as a result of whaling.

I shared my opinion on social media that I as a tourist have decided not to visit Iceland until the whaling is stopped. I posted it as a comment on Instagram and have received over 824 likes on a comment!

My husband and I like to travel and we hope to visit your beautiful country once you stop this abhorrent practice.

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Regards,

Ruth Van Sciver

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Aygul Kazakbayeva**

ОСТАНОВИТЕ ОХОТУ НА КИТОВ!

Здравствуйте

От имени тысячи неравнодушных людей просим Вас остановить эту беспощадную охоту на китов и других морских жителей нашей прекрасной планеты ! Планета для всех - и мы не должны так жестоко истреблять ее!

Пожалуйста примите меры !

Остановите этот кровавый бой !!!!

Айгуль

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ruby Rose Bader**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Ruby Bader, 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mia**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I am writing to you from Canada to ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. Whaling is unethical and has been banned globally. It is disappointing to see a beautiful country being swayed by one man - Kristjan Loftsson - despite the international ban, and much to the chagrin of the majority of the population. The global response to international news coverage regarding the pause in June was so positive, and I don't see why Iceland would reverse the decision besides the control of one person who exports most of the whale meat to Japan anyway, and has had a myriad of evidence compiled against his practices proving it does not comply with animal welfare laws.

The whole world is watching, and I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mia Music

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vitalina Puzynia**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good day,

I am writing to you with a heartfelt request and hope for your support in the matter of the importance of banning whaling. Whales are magnificent and vital creatures that play a key role in ocean ecosystems and hold great significance for our planet and all of humanity. In addition to the arguments mentioned above, I would like to emphasize the following important points:

1. Opposition within the country: The majority of Icelanders do not support whaling. This is evident in public opinion polls and numerous petitions and actions aimed at ending this practice. Banning whaling aligns with the wishes of the local population and promotes social harmony.
2. Limited number of participants: Only one company is involved in whaling. This discrepancy between the interests of a narrow group and the broader public means that whaling serves the interests of a few but harms many.
3. Export of meat to Japan: Almost all the meat obtained from whaling in Iceland is exported to Japan. Whaling in Iceland not only raises moral and ecological questions but also leaves the country's reputation in doubt when it becomes an active supplier of whale meat to the global market.
4. Reputational consequences: Whaling damages the country's reputation in the eyes of the global community. It undermines Iceland's image as a nation valuing nature and adhering to principles of ecological sustainability. Banning whaling would help restore the country's reputation and strengthen its place in the world community.

We, as a society, bear the responsibility for preserving our environment and biological diversity. Banning whaling is our opportunity to make the world a better, more sustainable, and fairer place. Therefore, I kindly request your support for this crucial legislation to ensure the conservation of these amazing beings and our planet for future generations.

Sincerely,

Vitalina Puzynia

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Fernando Escribano**

"Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum." And explain you want an end to whaling.

Total support to STOP WHALING NOW! A must to help controlling the climate crisis

Fernando Escribano

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Асалоӣ Зафарова**

Fyrirspurn - Ábending

Hi!

I'm Asaloy and I'm from Uzbekistan.

My dream too see the whales . I think they are creatures like us they have heart too they have family they have feelings. We just creatures like them but more intelligent We need to support our earth. Please don't kill the whales. I beg you don't do that. Let's be friends with our nature. I'll be thankful if you consider this. (Sorry for my mistakes)

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Melissa Devos**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

* Hello,

* I want to ask the government to STOP whaling. Whales have become endangered. If humans keep prioritizing money over our oceans welfare, there'll be soon nothing to hunt or to eat for.

We need to think about our oceans, animals and earth's welfare. This needs to stop.

We need to protect it, not slaughtering and damaging.

* Articles 1 and 2 put whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994. This has been the recommendation of experts for over a decade, irrespective on whether the act of whaling is banned.

* Articles 3 and 4 implement a clear ban on killing whales and selling whale products through the Wild Animals Act.

* Articles 5 and 7 are simple results of the protection given to whales in the previous articles, striking out legislation that won't be needed once whaling is banned (including the Whaling Act of 1949).

Following the legal part, the text goes on to describe some of the main arguments for a ban on whaling:

- * Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act
- * Majority of the public is against whaling
- * Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture
- * Economic and business relations are in danger
- * Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen
- * Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

Signed,

Melissa Devos

Date: 24/10/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Shellene Swamy**

Please ban whaling forever

Dear Parliament,

I would like for you to pass the laws to ban whaling forever in your lovely country. Don't you think it is time to put an end to this unnecessary killing and protect whales instead? I enjoyed a whale watching boat ride when I visited Iceland many years ago, but was very sad to see whale meat offered in restaurants and to learn of the continued killing.

Thank you,

Shellene Swamy

USA

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Глеб Горш 2.0

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello ladies and gentlemen, I am Gleb, I am from Russia and I am against killing whales for meat

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Camille Joubert**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Iceland Parliament,

Please vote to end whaling forever. Whale populations are dwindling and we need to be protecting all whale species and not hunting them. It is a barbaric practice that needs to end. Do the right thing.

Thanks,

Camille Joubert

10/24/23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ai Lin Pow**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I have always thought Iceland one of the most naturally beautiful countries in the world where nature is the star!

Protecting the ecosystem is therefore paramount. Whales are important to the marine ecosystem and I am writing to plead with the members of the Industrial Affairs Committee to take a courageous stand and completely ban whaling in Iceland!

The majority of Icelanders are in favor of this ban and they have the support of many people from around the world like me.

Thank you.

Ai Lin Pow

Singapore

October 24 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lisette Santiago**

Ban Whale Fin Hunting

There is simply no way to make harpooning whales at sea anything other than cruel and bloody, and no amount of modifications will change that," These practice is a primitive conceptions of animal cruelty and no knowledge of an animal intelligence and feelings; these virtues are not human exclusive.

Stop this practice forever.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Игорь Гусев**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, my name is Igor and I am from Russia!

I just wanna tell u, that I do not support killing whales and as I know, mostly of Iceland's people do not support this crime also!

I wish for the new law in ur country, which will stop this. Bless Iceland, with huge respect.

Igor Gusev. Russia. 24.10.2023.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: *K\$IOX

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Stop killing whales!!! It is barbarity in the 21st century to destroy these magnificent animals! Our planet deserves whales to live and reproduce! Whale hunting is ruining Iceland's reputation! Ksenia, October 25, 2023

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **K Hopkinson**

Stop whaling

Hello,

I have long wanted to visit Iceland but cannot bring myself to knowing that whaling continues to be practised.

I understand this is seen as part of your heritage and history but in a time of advanced logistics when your people no longer need whale meat to survive why is this still being done? These beautiful, intelligent creatures are threatened in other ways apart from hunting so why add to the burden they already bear by deliberately hunting them and inflicting needless and cruel suffering?

Many cultures like to cling to outdated practices but this is barbaric and evil. Please show yourselves to be an intelligent and forward thinking people who are willing to admit the error of your ways based on new evidence.

Be a light to the rest of the world in these darks times by making the right decision and halting the killing of more whales once and for all.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Hopkinson

London, United Kingdom

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lloyd Lytle**

End Whaling in Iceland

Iceland is in the lowest level of consciousness regarding whale relations. Along with Norway, Japan and Faroe Islands, Iceland continues the cruelest of treatment for these gentle beings, extremely important in the planets healthy carbon cycle.

Here is a picture of what Iceland did to a pregnant Fin Whale and her calf this year. The calf was probably still alive as it slid out of its dead mother onto concrete . It's first experience of the world was the insanely, cruel butchery of these Icelanders. This is one of the sickest things I've ever seen in my life.

Change your ways and evolve. Praying that the highest light reaches the darkest recesses of the Icelandic soul.

Lloyd Lytle

Seattle, Washington

USA

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Елена**

Киты

Прошу остановить убийство и использование китов. Это умные и достойные существа.
Мииир и свобода дельфинам и китам. Елена

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ekaterina Kosolapova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello, I strongly support a law banning the catching of whales. Iceland is the only country in the world where it is still legal to catch these mammals. Unfortunately, many whales are already dying due to poor ecological conditions. Therefore, I think it is very important for us to prohibit the capture of whales and thus make a huge contribution to the preservation of the ecosystem, of which whales are an indispensable part. Thank you

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **macherezmarion**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

STOP WHALE HUNTING!

Whale hunting is against the laws of life.

Articles 1 and 2 put whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994. This has been the recommendation of experts for over a decade, irrespective on whether the act of whaling is banned.

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Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture

Economic and business relations are in danger

Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

The bill is put forward by Andrés Ingi Jónsson from the Pirate Party, and has the support of

15 members of parliament from four different parties: Pirate Party, People's Party, Liberal Reform and Social Democrats.

To whom it may concern,

Marion Macherez

Tuesday, October 24th, 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Рина Казанцева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveigum

I don't support whale hunting. Most Icelanders do not support whale hunting, all meat is sold to Japan. I'm against it, stop it!

Rina Kazantceva, 24.10.23!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Наталія Розенкова**

Umsogn vio 99. ma, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveioum

Nataliia Rozenkova 10/24/2023

I AM AGAINST WHALE HUNTING!!! They are uniquely huge and intelligent animals, I dream of looking at them. If you stop hunting, then more people who are not indifferent to this situation will come to you, I would also like to come. NO WHALE HUNTING!

Nataliia Rozenkova 10/24/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Katherine Vince**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from England to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Katherine Vince

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Лазарева Диана

Umsögn við 99. Mail, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

ya ochen' proshu ostanovit' okhotu na kitov! khvatit istreblyat' zhivotnoye. pora prekrashchat' takoye otnosheniye k etim sushchestvam!!! Kity ochen' umnyye !!! ya proshu ostanovit' okhotu na kitov!!!

Lazareva Diana Vladimirovna 11.05.1989

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Валерия Бердюгина**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello, I support the ban on whale hunting! Please stop this because whales are very, very important to our ecology and the world. This really spoils the impression of the country. this must be stopped!!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Muhitur Rahman**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from the UK to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Muhitur Rahman

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Аня Прокопенкова**

life for whales

PLEASE pass a law banning whale fishing!!!

- Bol'shinstvo islandtsev ne podderzhivayut okhotu
- Vsego odna kompaniya ubivayet kitov
- Prakticheski vse myaso prodayetsya v Yaponiyu
- Okhota na kitov portit reputatsiyu strany

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vanessa Bagirova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

I support legislation to revoke the whale hunting license. This is a global disaster, even though there is only one company doing it. Please stop this.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ekaterina Kosolapova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I want to express my support for the law to ban whaling in Iceland. Whales are the most important part in our ecosystem! Please, let's save our planet for future generations 🙏

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Косолапова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I want to express my support for the law to ban whaling in Iceland. Whales are the most important link in our ecosystem! Please, let's preserve our planet for future generations

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Hugh Jordan**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Wales to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act.

Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Hugh Jordan

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Svetlana Bezborodova**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns vio hvalveidum

Dear members of the Icelandic Parliament,

now is the time to pass a law banning whale hunting.

Why? Only one company still kills whales. Animals, of which there are already very few in the world and which play a significant role in maintaining the balance and biodiversity of the ecosystem. The blue whale was recently on the verge of extinction.

If the law is not passed, about 1,000 more individuals will die at your hands over the next five years.

Many countries in the world have long banned whale hunting, now it's Iceland's turn.

With Best Wishes,

Svetlana Bezborodova.

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Angela Sullivan**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from The United States of America to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Angela Sullivan

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Karine Tiemy**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Brazil, to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Karine Tiemy Otomo

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **rick vankesteren**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from the Netherlands to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Rick van Kesteren

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Karine T**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Brazil, to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Karine Tiemy Otomo

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Y G

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello. I firmly believe that whale hunting should be strictly prohibited. These amazing living creatures do not deserve to be killed because of someone's selfish interests, they play a very important role in the ecosystem of our planet. People should protect and preserve them, not destroy them! Whaling is destructive in all its aspects, it must be stopped!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Amy Gilbert**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (England, UK) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. This may have been necessary throughout history, but this barbaric, painful death no longer fits with the understanding we now have of these gentle giants and the need for their meat is no longer needed. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species. I urge you to think about how this impacts on not on the already dwindling life within the oceans eco systems but also how this reflects on Iceland and its inhabitants, continuing to allow this to happen. Please, I urge you to do the right thing and make a stand on the right side.

Thank you for your time.

Amy Gilbert

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alison Farmer**

Whale Killing in Iceland

PLEASE STOP THE WHALE KILLING.

THIS IS MY VOTE TO BAN IT.

THANK YOU.

Best regards

Saludos

Alison Farmer

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анна Руд**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Stop the cruelty! The world society demands to stop killing whales and other species!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Natalia Nikolaieva**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello.

I would like to support a ban on whale hunting. Whales are a cultural heritage of Iceland; killing them does not bring much revenue to the country's budget. The biggest income comes from tourists who visit the country to see whales.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Жанна Волян**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

I SUPPORT THE BILL ABOUT CATCHING AND KILLING WHALES. I know and believe that millions of citizens share and support this ban on the destruction of such powerful and such beautiful creatures..... Is there really so much cruelty and evil in the 21st century?!.... What are these creatures skilled at, because they cannot ask for help and suffer silently..... What about Icelandic animal welfare legislation???????? How about the fact that almost a quarter of the whales "harvested" last year died painful deaths, which is contrary to Icelandic animal welfare laws??? In particular, one whale with a harpoon in its back was chased for five hours..... I hope that a conscious society and the country of Iceland will stop these cruel actions..... I am sure that One company that is still engaged in the destruction of whales, which has not a single drop of compassion left for mammals, will be able to find other ways to make money.....

Zhanna Volian, Ukraine, Herson 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Leonard Neamțu**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Romania to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Leonard Neamțu

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Виктория Лелекова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Hello! I am writing to you to express my consent to the ban on whaling. I also do not support this idea, as do many Irishmen. I think it's cruel, and whales are an important link. I ask you not to issue a license to a company that is engaged in the killing of these animals! I hope my opinion will be heard, and people will stop doing terrible things against innocent animals.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sophie Jeanne**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Sophie Jeanne

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Edward Jacobus**

Whaling 🐋

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the ongoing killing of whales by Iceland.

I oppose whaling.

I am an American. My home is New York City.

Iceland and Norway have a strong attraction to me as a tourist destination.

Iceland especially as I am pagan-adjacent.

Iceland as well due to its geologic activity.

However, due to your whaling activity I will not visit Iceland (nor Norway nor Japan). I will not contribute to Iceland's tourism economy. I look forward to Iceland joining the civilized world in this matter so I can add it to my vacation itinerary.

In the meantime France and the UK get my tourism business.

Regards,

Ed Jacobus

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **jeromewilm**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from France to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

JEROME WILM

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pablo Benavides**

Ban whaling forever

Dear members of the Icelandic Parliament,

I write to you today to request that you ban whaling in Iceland forever. This cruel practice has got to stop now and forever.

Thank you!

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Pablo Benavides Herrera

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Emmanuelle RUIS**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Franceto kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Emmanuelle Ruis

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jean Marc**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from France to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Jean-Marc Vallier

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Burel Pascal**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (France) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Burel Pascal

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Natalie Lukac**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Phoenix, Arizona (USA) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Natalie

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Рустам Латифов

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

we must stop whale catching! I agree with the ban on this! I'm shocked that such an industry still exists in this day and age.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: ЭЛЬМИРА АХМЕДОВА

Тема письма: Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Пожалуйста сохраните жизнь китам , на это больно смотреть ! Они должны жить !
Ведь они прекрасны !

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ahmad Latifov**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Please stop allowing whale fishing! All raw materials go to Japan, and this doesn't make Iceland any better! I'm sure even the locals are against this industry.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Domagoj Dujmović**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Split, Croatia to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Domagoj Dujmović, MD, spec. surgeon

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ли́лия Байтими́рова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support a ban on whale hunting. whales must live. These are smart social animals, there are few of them left. let them stay with us. hunting damages the reputation of your country.
Lily Aygun. 10/24/2023

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Navjeev Digra**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please stop whaling...

Digra Navjeev

23 Oct 2023..

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anastasija L**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu! á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveigum

Attention! A serious problem requires our attention - whale hunting. Let's stop and think about the impact of this activity on our planetary home. Whale hunting has serious consequences for the ocean ecosystem. We risk destroying the delicate balance of nature that provides us with life. Many whale species are on the verge of extinction. Today I urge each of us to take responsibility. Let's join forces and demand an immediate cessation of whale hunting. Our world needs us - our determination to protect it from the threat we have created ourselves. Let's raise this issue in the public mind, share information, discuss it with friends and family. Together we can influence the change in the situation. Everything we do matters. Let's create a future where whales will continue to delight us with their beauty and greatness. Your contribution to this process is invaluable. Let's stop whale hunting - let's make our world a better place together. Thank you for your attention

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Olga Pérez**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

To whom it may concern,

Please make sure to ban whaling and selling whale products in Iceland. We need these magnificent animals to help us protect our planet.

Iceland is a great environmentally aware country and can be an example of advancement instead of incoherence. Your whale museum is a signal of your commitment to the protection of these animals. Please stop killing whales.

Thank you and all the best in banning whaling,

Olga Pérez Díaz - October 24th 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Frances Bailey**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (Ireland) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **ИННА МОРОЗ**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! my heart breaks at the thought of whales being killed. There are no words to describe how sorry I am for them.

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ro. B.**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Roland B.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Michelle Rodriguez**

Ban Whaling Forever

Dear members of the Icelandic Parliament,

I write to you today to request that you ban whaling in Iceland forever. This cruel practice has got to stop now and forever.

Thank you!

Michelle Rodriguez

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sarita Winston**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

Please pass the bill to ban whaling and protect whales. Not only is this inhumane, it's negatively impacting our ecosystem. We have to be a voice for the whales because they do not have one.

Thank you,

Sarita Winston

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **platen-zerpzoet**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from the Netherlands to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Jan

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Мадина Базаркул**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

Please stop killing the whales! All of the meat of them is being sold to Japan.

Best regards,

Madina Bazarkul.

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Joal Harding**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023 Dear Members of Parliament: I write to you today from the United States of America, to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species. Thank you for your time.

Joal Harding

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Camille Bréjon**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from France to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Camille BREJON

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Katsiaryna Panko**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á jmsum lögum vegna banns vid hvalveidum

Dear Members of the Icelandic Parliament,

please take action to stop whale fishing as soon as possible and do not renew the Hvalur's license for that. At the moment, you are the last country, that allows this crime, where the majority of citizens do not support this choice. You have the power to stop whale fishing and improve your country's international reputation.

Please accept my request as a friendly e-mail. I wish prosperity to your country and your citizens.

Best regards,

Katsiaryna Panko

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kirsten Gillies**

Umosgn við 99. Mail,frumvarp til alga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banss við hvalveidum.

I speak for a lot of Americans when I say we will not visit your country while you continue to allow whale hunting !!!

Whaling has a negative impact on the economy !!

Whales are very important to the marine ecosystem !!

Please stop the whale hunting !!!!

Kirsten Gillies

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Frauke Bergfried**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Germany to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Frauke Julia Bergfried

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: Катерина Дарий

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

SHESHINA EKATERINA 24.10.2023

I SUPPORT A BAN ON WHALING HUNTING! Whales are beautiful creatures and their life alone is comparable to any other, be it a mosquito or a human. I have never seen whales, but I would really like to see, feel their soul and thank God for creating such beautiful creatures. Let me, an ordinary girl from a small town, not become an even greater witness to the cruelty and injustice of this world, let's show other people peace and respect for God's creation. Let's together prevent children from seeing on the news that people have again made the wrong decision - to kill. Murder has never been and will not be for good, and the killed souls of whales will forever remain in the dark about why they were treated this way, just as children will remain in the dark about why they KILL WHALES when this sin of the human soul can be avoided.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **cecile Bee12**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

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I can't imagine come to Iceland with all this blood on your hands.

Thank you for your time.

Cécile Magistry

France

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Nicolas P.L.**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

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Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Pinheiro Nicolas

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anna Rud**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello. My name is Anna Rud, I am an illustrator and work with Disney, Marvel and Pixar.

I would like to express my support for a ban on whaling in Iceland. Most Icelanders do not support this practice, and it is the only company that kills whales in the country.

In addition, almost all of the meat is sold to Japan, raising serious doubts about the feasibility of this hunt. Whale hunting also tarnishes Iceland's reputation in the eyes of the world community.

Finally, we must remember that whales are sentient creatures that deserve our respect and protection. I hope Iceland will join other countries that have already banned whale hunting and protect these beautiful animals.

Sincerely,

Anna Rud

October, 24th

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anna Pepper**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from the United States to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland.

As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.

I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species. Our countries are ultimately connected by the water these animals live in. Regardless of what each country does separately, real protection can only happen with cooperation between us. Please be part of the solution.

Thank you for your time.

Anna Pepper

Winter Park, Florida

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ekaterina Kononets**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ýmsum lögum vegna banns vio hvalveioum

Kononets Ekaterina, 24.10.2023

I support a ban on whale hunting. Since most Icelanders do not support whale hunting. There is only one company involved in hunting. All meat is sold only to Japan. And this greatly spoils the country's reputation. Whales may be on the verge of extinction due to hunting.

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Ekaterina Kononets

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Geert van den Beuken**

STOP WHALING, THESE ARE BEAUTY FULL ANIMALS. LET THEM LIVE..

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pascal König**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

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Thank you for your time.

Pascal König

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Анастасия Курне**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support the ban on whale hunting. I really love whales, I don't want them to die. Have you read Herman Melville's novel Moby Dick or the White Whale?

The reasons why I support the ban on whale hunting: Most Icelanders do not support whale hunting because it spoils the reputation of the country.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Кононец**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ýmsum lögum vegna banns vio hvalveioum

Morozov Dmitriy, 24.10.2023

I support a ban on whale hunting. Because whales maintain the balance and diversity of the marine ecosystem. Only one company is engaged in hunting. All meat is sold only to Japan. And this greatly spoils the country's reputation. Whales may be on the verge of extinction due to hunting.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Света Еремеева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello! I am against the killing of whales, everyone in this world has the right to live. Whales are inhabitants of planet Earth just like us and deserve to live. Just one company Hvalur is barbarically and cynically destroying marine lifes. Please stop the killing!

With pleasure

Martsinkevich Svetlana 10/24/2023.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Настя Курне**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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The reasons why I support the ban on whale hunting: Most Icelanders do not support whale hunting because it spoils the reputation of the country.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Margot Lacontal**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

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Thank you for your time.

Margot Lacontal.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Axel Reusch**

Please ban whaling

Dear Members of Parliament,

I write to you today from Germany to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. There should be no place for such cruel "traditions" in modern times. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Axel Reusch

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yury Martinkevich**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Ég er á móti hvalveiðum. Að drepa slík dýr á iðnaðarkvarða er glæpur gegn náttúrunni! eins og það sé ekkert að borða í Japan... ég held að þú ættir ekki að drepa svona fallegar og varnarlausar verur!

Yury Martsinkevich.24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mehdi Belahcene**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Thank you for your time.

Mehdi Belahcene

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Averil Thornton**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Australia to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Averil

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jennifer Lane**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from the United States to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

This must not be allowed to continue just because one small man thinks that it is his right to break international law in pursuit of cruelty.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Lane

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Батюхова Владлена**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I want to support a ban on whaling.

Just come to your senses people - they are on the verge of extinction!!!!

And I want my children and grandchildren to have the opportunity to see them live.

After all, most people are against these murders.

It is still within our power to put an end to this terrible business.

Vladlena Alkhasova

Israel

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alfred Sandvig**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Norway to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Alfred Sandvig

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **audrey blaes**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Thank you for your time.

Audrey Blaes

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Николай Трипутень**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I don't think that hunting in the 21st century is advisable, since we have everything we need for a comfortable life. In addition, we greatly reduced their population in the 19th century.

Tryputsen Mikalai 10/24/2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Patricia Newton**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Patricia Newton

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Nigel Dewar Gibb**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

NIGEL DEWAR GIBB

24th OCTOBER 2023

TO THE ICELANDIC PARLIAMENT:

Dear Ministers of Iceland

I understand a bill is being put before Parliament to end whaling in your country and bring whales under the protection of local wildlife laws.

This would be heralded a huge and progressive step forward.

Whaling is not commercially viable and the negative impacts on tourism and the country's reputation are significant.

- Whales are important to the marine ecosystem and to the wider environment
- It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales
- Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage and has been dogged by moratoriums, bans, protests and controversies.
- Whaling in Iceland is now a blind vanity project for a single individual (whose name is publicly known) which is negatively impacting on the perception of Icelandic peoples.
- The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing
- Whaling has a negative impact on the economy. Endangered species are targeted, and the harpooning techniques are unreliable and inhumane.

A whaling ban would be seen as progressive and there would be great economic uplift from tourism/whale tourism and reputational benefit .

It would be seen as a positive move.

Please consider seizing this opportunity to permanently ban whaling in Iceland.

Thank you for your consideration.

NIGEL DEWAR GIBB

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Екатерина Карпенко**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good afternoon

I oppose whaling!

This is wildness, which costs nature very dearly! Most people on Earth, and especially Icelanders, are against it. These amazing mammals have the right to live in their environment without extermination or violence! These are incredible creations of nature! Don't be sponsors of this cruelty and murder!

Ekaterina Karpenko, October 24, 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Евгения Махди**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello!

My name is Evgenia Makhdi, and I'm from Russia. I wish all of us to follow the right decisions and laws of the heart, morality, and nature. Please pass a law prohibiting the fishing and destruction of whales. This is unacceptable. Don 't let one company determine the future of the whole world for the sake of momentary benefits from barbaric fishing . This is unwise and will have a negative impact on all of us

It's time to become a civilized humanity. I hope and I believe in your prudence 🙏

Sincerely, Evgenia Mahdi

24.10.2024

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Deborah Svoboda**

END WHALING PLEASE

Dear Parliament Member,

I have had years of very close contact with wild whales. They are intelligent, emotional, brilliant beings. Slaughtering them in this age is abhorrent. We are in a critical time for the world and every choice we make is magnified. Iceland is such a beautiful country. Please take the time to consider the damage that whaling is doing to the individual beings and our collective international community. Please ban whaling forever!

Sincerely,

Deborah Svoboda

Deborah Svoboda

she/her/hers

Emmy Award Winning Multimedia Producer

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Adrienne Dair**

PLEASE BAN WHALING FOREVER!

Hello,

For many years now, I have been so distraught with the killing of whales, along with the dolphins and all marine life due to humans.

For the sake of everyone, including my grandchildren, you **MUST BAN** whaling immediately because you are wiping out the populations. Current and future generations will lose out on the opportunity to witness their magnificence because whaling is not banned.

Why has it taken so long to implement this ban? Whales deserve to live; they are such a beautiful part of God's Creation; they are harmless to humans, yet humans devalue them and kill them for selfish gain. Whales are already prey to other animals so their fight to survive is multiplied, narrowing the chances of survival every day.

PLEASE - DO THE RIGHT THING - LEAVE THE WHALES ALONE AND LET THEM THRIVE. Think of others like me who love whales. I plead with you to step up and ban whaling forever. You will not regret this decision. We need you to do this on our behalf.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this ban,

Adrienne Dair

San Francisco, California USA

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Brendan Colleran**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (Austria) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Brendan Colleran

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Дария Макеева

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the hunting and killing of whales. As a passionate advocate for animal rights and the protection of marine life, I believe it is crucial that we address this issue immediately.

Whales are intelligent, majestic creatures that play a vital role in maintaining the balance of our oceans. They are not only a vital part of our ecosystem, but they also possess unique cultural significance for many indigenous communities around the world. It is disheartening to witness their population decline due to human activities such as hunting and pollution.

The practice of hunting and killing whales for commercial purposes is both cruel and unnecessary. We have alternative sources of food and materials that do not require the sacrifice of these magnificent beings. Additionally, scientific studies indicate that whale populations are struggling to recover from past hunting practices, making it even more imperative to put an end to this inhumane act.

Furthermore, the increasing demand for whale products, such as meat and blubber, encourages illegal and unsustainable hunting practices. This not only threatens the survival of whale species but also contributes to the degradation of our oceans and marine ecosystems.

Instead of hunting and killing whales, we should focus on promoting responsible and sustainable tourism that allows people to appreciate and admire these incredible creatures in their natural habitat. Supporting conservation efforts and advocating for stricter regulations on whaling activities will help ensure the survival and well-being of whales for future generations.

I urge you to use your influence and authority to advocate for a complete ban on whaling activities worldwide. Together, we can make a difference and protect these gentle giants from unnecessary harm.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope to see a positive change in the near future.

Yours sincerely, Dariya Makeeva

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pierre-André Iff**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Switzerland to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Pierre-André Iff

Geneva, Switzerland

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pavel Pavlov**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Bulgaria to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

I hope you do understand the negative image that whaling brings to your country and will act responsible and stop it.

Thank you for your time.

Pavel Pavlov

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Michael Yiasemides**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To the Members of the Icelandic Parliament.

Almost 4 years ago, I visited Iceland with my mother, and the highlight of the trip was seeing a Minke Whale and porpoises on a whale watching boat.

I am writing to you now, from the UK, to ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in Iceland.

I really believe these animals are so beautiful. And I believe it is also better for the Icelandic economy, and the environment, to protect them.

Next time I come to Iceland, I very much hope to see more whales, and more species of them, perhaps even a Blue Whale.

Thank you very much.

Best wishes,

Michael Yiasemides

24th October 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sofía Benavides Herrera**

Ban fin whale hunting

Icelandic Parliament,

My name is Sofia Benavides, and I support the ban on whale hunting. These species not only provide oxygen to our planet but also play a crucial role in the marine ecosystem, and their lives should be protected. They encounter many dangers nowadays with the adverse consequences of climate change, and if we continue to hunt them, they will not have a chance to endure and survive.

Please protect the whales and our planet and ban whale hunting.

Sincerely,

Sofía Benavides Herrera

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Edgar David Villanueva Montana**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

Edgar David Villanueva Montana

Deutschland

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Viktoría**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom it may concern,

I am Viktoriia Oznobishina explicing my will to not to kill whales! It is not necessary to do that as we have plenty of other types of meat to consume. There is only one county that consumes it.

Whales are highly intelligent animal that is soon instinct. That's a bad reputation for your country as well.

I hope you will consider my opinion as a NEGATIVE to kill the whales.

Regards,

Viktoriiia Oznobishina

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Гальсар Байгускарова

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support the ban on whale hunting. Whales are the smartest creatures, we have to protect them, not destroy them! Let's take care of our world for the sake of our children in the future and not commit inhumane acts, so that it does not turn into a catastrophe for all of us one day!

Galsar Baiguskarova, 24.10.23

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **ЕВГЕНИЙ ЗЕМСКОВ**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á jmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Good afternoon. My name is Zemskov Evgenyy, October 24, 2023.

I would like to support the ban on whale hunting, it's important to me. Please. I think there are good reasons for this: - Most Icelanders do not support hunting.

- Only one company kills whales.

• Almost all meat is sold to Japan.

- Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation. Climate change in the world. Please take into account my vote for the ban. 🙏

Thank you and peace to all of ❤️

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pítia Ledur**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 24, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Canada to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Pitia Flores Ledur

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yvonne Hooper**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

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Thank you for your time.

Yvonne Luscombe

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **SAV Axe Decors**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Barb Frances**

STOP THE WHALING!

There is no reason to continue with the slaughter of the fin or any other whale. Stop the cruelty....there is no reason for it!

I'm in California and have read about your cruise ships sailing into bloody water from killing the whales. If you want to prioritize economics, no more bloody nightmares for your tourists.....

Thank you,

Barb Frances

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lubomír Smrček**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom this may concern,

I'm writing to you to express my deep concern about the ongoing whaling practices in Iceland.

Today the world is on the brink of a total environmental collapse - in our fight against climate change every living whale counts.

I'd like to press that there's only one whaler left in Iceland and that he was born in 1943: there's no place for whaling in the new world. Kristjan Lofftson's worldview already belongs to the past. The voices of the generations after his' should weigh heavier.

Especially considering he recently repeated his false statement that whales are "bad" for the environment.

The science shows us three things:

- Whaling does not fit within the Animal Welfare Pact.
- A mature whale of the size of a fin whale can sequester 33 tons of CO₂.
- Whale watching is economically more sustainable than whaling.

Lastly, the majority of Iceland and of the people visiting Iceland are against whaling. Today many industries and people are banning Iceland because of the ongoing whaling.

Please take this concern seriously,

Kind regards,

Lubomir Smrcek

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **malcolm.s.powell**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Dear Iceland Parliament,

It is shocking to me and the world that Whaling has continued to this date by the Icelandic Nation.

I can not understand the “commercial” hunting of these magnificent and little understood creatures on any basis. To claim the welfare of large whales is ensured while hunting them is ridiculous.

- * Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem and planet. We destroy them at our peril.

- * The fact of Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage the reality of this practise if more widely known would repel the world

- * I understand that Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual, this is not in the interest of the Nation or the world. Surely the reality is that studying and watching these creatures could provide greater commerce than their murder?

- * If as I suspect the majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling then on what basis is it to be continued. It is barbaric, cruel and short sighted. Please stop it now!

- * Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy, the image of whaling (meaning the murder large creatures we don't understand) will taint Iceland for years . I will say now until this whaling stops I will NEVER knowingly buy anything from Iceland nor will I visit .

- * I will also make sure unless this barbaric activity is stopped now, then I will ensure I increase activities to educate the world about this terrible destruction and to boycott all Icelandic trade.

I write this email in the very real hope that Iceland will stop Whaling on any basis and Iceland will join the world in fighting for positive action to maintain and improve the natural world. This must be possible and would be such a positive step into the light.

Whaling is an activity that happened historically it has no place in the 21st century.

Malcolm Scott Powell

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jerry**

Umsögn vid 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytinguá ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

I am respectfully writing to you to ask that the whale killing is banned and prohibited.

Times have change and we have to learn to evolve as human beings and understand that new ways are much needed to co-habit with other species on Planet Earth.

It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales, because whales are of utmost importance to the marine ecosystems.

The majority of the Icelandic public do not support the whaling practices and besides, as far as I am concerned, 'whaling' is not part of the Icelandic heritage.

Iceland must stop this 'business' that enriches only one man and no one else.

Please, Sir.

We beg you to help stop this massacre.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards

Jerry Meddick

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jenny Ham**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Ministers

I am writing to ask you to consider the banning of whaling in Iceland.

Please see below the following reasons for my request:

The majority of Icelandic people are against whaling;

Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture;

Living whales provide significant ongoing revenue to Iceland's whale watching companies and associated industries;

Ecotourism (whale watching) has proven far more profitable as an ongoing and sustainable resource supporting Iceland's economy;

Whales play a vital role in maintaining the health of marine ecosystems;

Whales are important to climate systems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen;

Iceland could be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species;

This summer (2023) a temporary suspension of whaling was imposed due to welfare concerns according to Icelandic Act on Animal Welfare;

The Pirate Party tabled a bill in Alþingi, Iceland's parliament, that would legislate the end to commercial whaling in the country;

I respectfully urge full support of the Pirate Party's proposed bill to ban commercial whaling in Iceland.

Sincerely,

Jenny Ham

24 October 2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mary Finch**

Please Ban Whaling

Please ban whaling in Iceland for the sake of the whales and the entire ocean ecosystem. This practice is cruel and unnecessary.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Finch

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Agatha Hurst**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Ireland to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

Agatha hurst

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Александр Шепелев**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I support a ban on whale hunting. This is terrible from both a human and economic point of view. Sales of whale meat go mainly to Asian countries. This spoils the image of the country.

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **ham007**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Ministers of Icelandic Parliament

I am contacting you ask you to consider banning any further whaling in Iceland.

The disturbing findings by MAST in the 2022 report stated that 41% of the whales killed by Hvalur hf, suffered immensely before dying. After the implementation of stricter regulations, the first whaling hunts of the 2023 season saw 2 out of 3 fin whales hunted in clear violation of both Article 5 of the regulations and Iceland's Animal Welfare Act. On one occasion when whale 17 was killed her a near term baby was cut from from her stomach, this poor baby would have suffered an painful tragic death. I do not believe the people of Iceland would support this type of cruelty.

Here are some good reasons a part from the cruelty to ban whaling

- Majority of Icelandic public is against whaling.
- Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture.
- Living whales provide significant ongoing revenue to Iceland's whale watching companies and associated industries.
- Ecotourism (whale watching) has proven far more profitable as an ongoing and sustainable resource supporting Iceland's economy.
- Influential figures in the multi-billion-dollar film industry have pledged to boycott Iceland until whaling is banned. This looming economic loss threatens to strike a severe blow to Iceland's economy.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining the health of marine ecosystems and are important to climate systems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen

This summer (2023) a temporary suspension of whaling was imposed due to welfare concerns according to Icelandic Act on Animal Welfare, I respectfully urge you to support of the Pirate Party's proposed bill to ban commercial whaling in Iceland to make this a permanent ban.

Sincerely

Christine Ham

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Isabel Jeremjan**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regards to supporting a ban on whale hunting. First of all, the meat is sold almost only in Japan, most Icelanders themselves do not support the hunt. In the whole country, only one company kills whales, which already leads to terrible numbers of whales killed! I believe that this fact spoils the reputation of the country, so I want to support the decision to ban it.

With best regards,

Isabel Jeremjan

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Валерия Макеева**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my consent to the ban on whaling.

It's necessary to protect whales, which are so important in ecosystem of the oceans and play a key role in maintaining biodiversity and the balance of marine ecosystems.

Whaling is a terrible crime, because some whales species are endangered. Whaling can lead to the extinction of entire species, this in turn can cause serious disorders in the food chain and lead to an imbalance in the oceans.

As an alternative, ecotourism related to whale watching can be developed and become even more popular among tourists in Iceland.

Furthermore, almost all whale meat is sold to one specific country - Japan, so it is not worth it to allow such a crime to be committed.

I visited Iceland several years ago and saw with my own eyes your beautiful country with unique nature, unforgettable landscapes and amazing kind people. I hope you'll make the right decision and you will not allow such a murder to continue!

Best regards,

Valeriya Makeeva

24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Gerda Verbeke**

Banning whale killing

Dear

I support the banning of whale killings in Iceland. They are very important in our ecosystem!

Kindly,

Gerda Verbeke

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Уля Василевская

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Halló!

Ég vil greiða atkvæði með undirskriftasöfnuninni um að banna hvalveiðar! Ég er á móti hvalveiðum. Ég bý í Hvíta-Rússlandi, en málefnið að vernda umhverfið og dýrin er mér mjög mikilvægt! Auk þess styðja margir íbúar Evrópu og Íslands ekki veiðar auk þess sem þær eru ekki þjóðhagslega arðbærar, sem þýðir að útrýmingarferlið er hafið. Ég er fyrir að styðja dýr, tryggja æxlun þeirra, ekki drepa. Hvalveiðar setja ímynd landsins verulega úr skorðum!

Ég er fyrir mannúð og náttúruvernd! afsakið mistökin, ég er útlendingur :)

með mikilli virðingu og athygli - Ulyana!

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Andrea Paxaxeo**

stop whaling

I Andrea Passaseo wish that whales are no longer killed! I hope you listen to me.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ann Marie**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

I fully support the bill to completely stop whaling and the killing of these creatures for any reason.

The killing of whales is cruel and totally unnecessary in this day and age. It is bad for the environment, it is bad for Iceland which is such an amazing country in so many respects and it is the barbaric end of life for the whales that are slaughtered.

Thank you for observing my Opinion.

Regards

Anna Maria O Donoghue

Ireland

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Federica Argentino**

Stop whaling

I Federica Argentino and I want that whales are no longer killed! I hope you listen to me. Thank u.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **João Neves**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Portugal to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Joao Neves

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ryan H**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Members of Parliament,

I write to you today from France to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland.

As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act.

Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.

I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Ryan Higley

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Prathamesh Shimpi**

Urgent Action Needed to Ban Whaling in Iceland

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the ongoing practice of whaling in Iceland. As a concerned global citizen, I believe it is our moral duty to protect the precious marine life that inhabits our oceans.

Iceland's unique natural beauty and rich biodiversity are a source of pride for its citizens and a treasure for the world. However, the continuation of whaling threatens not only the lives of these magnificent creatures but also the reputation of Iceland on the global stage.

Whales play a crucial role in maintaining the health and balance of our oceans. They are magnificent creatures that should be celebrated for their importance to our planet, rather than hunted for profit. It is disheartening to see that Iceland is one of the few countries that continue to engage in this outdated and unsustainable practice.

I urge you to take immediate action to ban whaling in Iceland. By doing so, Iceland can demonstrate its commitment to marine conservation, environmental sustainability, and animal welfare. It can also align itself with the growing global movement to protect these majestic creatures.

I kindly request that you use your position to advocate for a complete ban on whaling and support initiatives that promote responsible and eco-friendly tourism, which can offer a more sustainable economic alternative for coastal communities.

Whaling does not align with the modern values of environmental stewardship and sustainability. It is time for Iceland to show leadership by ending this practice and becoming a beacon of hope for marine life conservation.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and I hope to see Iceland take positive steps toward a future where these magnificent creatures are protected and celebrated.

Sincerely,

Prathamesh Shimpi

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **inna moroz**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello. I don't and won't understand how you can kill and eat whales. this is not humane. I beg you to stop this.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elvira Koliadina**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Попкова**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

I support a ban on whale hunting! please stop killing them, it spoils both the reputation of the country and the planet as a whole

Popkova Julia 24.10.2023

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **nathalie.boresy**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from France to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Nathalie BORÉSY

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tanyushka Shtein**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

You need to stop killing Whales

In modern conditions, this is not necessary

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Julia Schlegel**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Zoë Vangangelt**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Bristol, England to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Zoe Vangangelt

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Robin Lucke**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Germany to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

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>> Thank you for your time.

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>> Best regards

>> Robin Lucke

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24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pierre-André Iff**

Ban whaling in Iceland

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to pass this bill to ban whaling in Iceland. Whales are critical to the health of the ocean ecosystem, and for our survival on the planet. They are important for carbon sequestration as well, and we have entered a climate emergency. We need to keep carbon in the water.

There has been a moratorium on commercial whaling since 1986, so it is unfathomable that Iceland still allows one man with political power and money to pursue whaling. It has no financial benefit and in fact is harming tourism and the positive reputation of Iceland.

Please know the world is watching and ready to support and celebrate Iceland for stepping up and doing the morally right thing for the planet, for its children and for the climate by ending whaling for good.

Please, I urge you to pass the ban that is now before parliament.

Thank you,

Pierre-André Iff

Geneva, Switzerland

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **KLON DIKE**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **sumi israchanpanich**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Name: Sumi Israchanpanich

Date: 10/24/2023

I am writing to urge your support for the crucial bill aimed at banning whaling and safeguarding our planet's magnificent whales. Whales play a vital role in our ecosystem, and they are irreplaceable treasures of our natural world. The practice of whaling not only threatens their populations but also disrupts the delicate balance of marine life. By backing this legislation, we can take a significant step towards preserving these majestic creatures and maintaining the health of our oceans. Your support will demonstrate our commitment to environmental conservation and ensure a better future for both whales and our planet.

Sincerely,

Sumi Israhcnapnaich

USA, California

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Penn Israchanpanich**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Subject: Urgent Support Needed for Bill to Ban Whaling and Protect Whales

I am writing to implore you to champion the critical bill aimed at ending whaling and safeguarding the future of our beloved whales. Whales are not only awe-inspiring creatures but also keystone species in our oceans, with a profound impact on the marine ecosystem. The continuing practice of whaling endangers their populations and disrupts the ecological balance of our oceans. Your advocacy for this legislation is a profound opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to environmental conservation and ensure a thriving future for these magnificent beings. I beseech you to stand with us in the fight to protect our oceans and their extraordinary inhabitants.

Regards,

Penny Inta

USA

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jono Hart**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from The United States of America to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Also, I spend a great deal of time in the Pacific Ocean off of California. With these magnificent creatures. They are raising families with parents just like me. These are sentient creatures that we do not need to be killing. Killing them is senseless. Which means it lacks humanity. Please help.

Thank you for your time.

Jono Hart

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Dr. Richard Cropp**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

Dr. Richard Cropp

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **James Dean**

Ban Whaling

To whom it may concern,

Please, please lead the way down a better path and ban whaling. Giving our oceans, the animals that inhabit them and our planet a chance to revive themselves.

Thanks you and kind regards,

Mr James Dean. U.K.

24. október 2023

Frá/from: Asta Guðmundsdóttir

umsögn við 99.mál (bann við hvalveiðum)

Til þeirra er málið varða,

Að upplagi lýsi ég yfir stuðningi mínum við bann á hvalveiðum.

Ég ætla ekki að telja upp þau óteljandi rök gegn hvalveiðum en vil ég þó fá að taka einnig fram að þetta hefur líka haft gríðarlega slæm áhrif á andlega heilsu mína. Sem lýsir sér meðal annars í mikilli skömm, svefnleysi eða martröðum sem og almenna vanlíðan eða sorg svo fátt sé nefnt. Heldur á ég líka mjög erfitt með að kynja þeim andstyggilega og ómannúðlega stimpli, sem á mig er settur af siðmenntuðum þjóðum heims, að ríkisstjórn mín hafi enn ekki öðlast vitund né skilning fyrir hversu dýrmætir og dásamlegir þessir risar hafsins í raun eru.

Við ættum að fagna og tilbiðja þessr undra verur sem gegna svo ótrúlega mikilvægu hlutverki í hringrás náttúrunnar en ekki að níðast á og kvelja.

Og fyrir hvað? Þegar meiri hluti þjóðarinnar er á móti en aðeins lítið hlutfall eða jafnvel bara ein mannskepna sem styður með, og sú er tilbúin í að eyða milljörðum í að sverta þjóðina og kvelja saklaus spendýr bara til þess eins að uppfylla eigin hvötum eða sér til gamans.

En það er okkur öllum ljóst að þessu fylgir hvorki hagnaður né uppbygging.

Hvar er þá réttlætið í því eiginlega?

Hvar er lýðræðið?

Hvað með framtíðina?

Hvað með börnin okkar og framtíð þeirra?

Það telst allaveganna engin sjálfbærni í því að drepa og kvelja þá sem annars sjá um að halda uppi fiskistofnum frá því að deyja út sem og öllu lífríki hafsins. Af hverju erum við þá ekki þakklát þeim og verndum.

Því erum við eiginlega að þessu?

Snúum frekar sjálfseyðingarhvötinni á hvolf og förum að einbeita okkur að uppbyggingu áður en það verður of seint !?

Með fyrirfram þökk og ósk til ykkar um að vilja búa til betri heim.

Virðingarfyllst,

Margret Ásta Guðmundsdóttir

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kelli**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Kelli Gross

10-24-2023

Please END whaling. THE KILLING OF WHALES should not be allow to continue happening.

I believe with all my heart that the below statements are true and valid:

It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales.

Whales are important to the marine ecosystem. Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage. Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man.

The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing (so it should be stopped). Whaling has a negative impact on the economy.

All in all, we as humans do not have the right to kill these creatures for our own pleasures and motives. The whales need to be protected at ALL costs. No more whaling. They've had their voice taken away for far too long, so I'm speaking up for them.

Thank you for reading. Please make the right decision!

-Kelli

24. október 2023

Frá/from: **Stella Antonoyannakie**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Stella Antonogiannaki, 24 október 2023

Með því að skoða athugasemdirnar sem koma frá alþjóðasamfélaginu þá er það augljóst að orðspor Íslands er í húfi. Þetta frumvarp er tækifæri fyrir Ísland til að setja fordæmi fyrir alheiminn varðandi verndun sjávar og að skilja eftir arfleifð lands sem forgangsráðaði líffræðilegum fjölbreytileika sínum, siðferðilegri umgengni við greindar tegundir og fjárfesti í sjálfbærum og vaxandi atvinnuvegum með framtíð; í staðinn fyrir að gera einum ríkum einstaklingi með enga framtíð kleift að stunda skaðlega, umhverfislega tortímandi, og siðferðilega kvalafulla starfsemi.

Hvalveiðar á Íslandi eru ekki einungis gróðalaus blóðsport eins ríks manns og sem hafa neikvæð efnahagsleg áhrif, heldur vinna þær einnig þvert gegn tveimur helstu atvinnuvegum landsins, hvalaskoðun og fiskveiðum (jafnvel þremur, ef tekið er tillit til aukinnar andstöðu í Hollywood og mögulegra áhrifa hennar á íslenska kvikmyndaframleiðslu). Gróðinn af hvalaskoðuninni sýnir að hvalir gefa mikið meira til efnahagslífsins lifandi en dauðir - en þjónusta þeirra endir ekki þar; því með því að kafa, flytja sig á milli, kasta frá sér úrgangi ríkum af næringarefnum, frjóvga hvalirnir höfin og auðvelda framleiðslu plöntusvifs sem er grundvöllur alls lífs í hafinu - grunnur allrar fæðukeðjunnar í hafinu. Önnur hver tegund er háð plöntusvifi. Því meiri hvalur í sjónum, því meiri fiskur. Það meikar ekki sens fyrir land sem metur sjávarauðlindir sínar að rjúfa allt vistkerfið með því að fjarlægja #1 garðyrkjumann hafsins. Sú langreynda goðsögn að hvalir eyði fiskistofna með því að éta þá hefur verið rækilega reifuð, meðal annars með því að kanna magainnihald langreyðar sem Hvalur hf drap.

Síðast en ekki síst eru hvalveiðar algjörlega óafsakanlegt dýraníð. Hvalur hf, þrátt fyrir öll tækifæri sem þeim gafst til að gera betur, tókst ítrekað að brjóta gegn lögum um velferð dýra og olli hágreindum dýrum mikilli vanlíðan og þjáningu. Eftir allar endurbæturnar sem þeir sögðust gera á þessu ári var næstum fimmtungur hvala skotinn tvisvar! Svo ekki sé minnst á ósæða þjáningu hvala sem urðu vitni að dauða og árásum annarra hvala og stress sem langvarandi eltingar á dýrunum olli.

Á Íslandi eftir Panama-skjölin, sem leitast eftir gagnsæi og réttlæti, er tími til að við höttum að vernda ríkan mann eða tvo á kostnað þjóðarinnar, efnahagslífsins, vistkerfisins, og gilda okkar. Látum Ísland verða frumkvöðul í náttúruvernd og sjálbærum iðnaði en ekki í spillingu!

Bestu kveðjur,

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