

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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Fjarlægðar voru tengiliðaupplýsingar og hlekkir.

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **franksalsacreative**

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.

YOUR NAME

Francesco

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Melody Engle**

Whaling

Good evening. I'd like to express my opinion regarding whaling. While this may have been a traditional practice in the past, it is no longer necessary as a means of living. These are highly intelligent creatures that should be protected. Please make this practice illegal going forward.

There is so much awareness now worldwide and people from across the globe do not support whaling any longer. We must protect our oceans and all the life and ecosystems within.

I hope Iceland leads the way for the rest of the world and bans whaling practices forever.

Thank you

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Scott McDonald**

PLEASE BAN WHALE HUNTING

Dear Island Govt,

I love Iceland and have been there twice.

If you don't stop killing whales---I will never visit again.

People are very upset with this culture of killing nature.

I hope you can start to evolve away from this horrible practice of executing whales.

Takk,

Scott

Scott McDonald

Founder

MTE

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Linda Lu**

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

Linda Lu - 24th October 2023

Please stop whaling in Iceland. It is barbaric and done in excess and is unnecessarily justified as a “tradition” of the Icelandic people. There should never be so much excessive fishing that the ocean literally runs red.

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Rossana Sabalones**

STOP WHALING

I write to you to ask that you stop the ecocide of whaling. I was in Iceland when the 2 brave women placed themselves on one of the ships masts to prevent them from whaling. It is brave and we ask that you protect these dying species.

Rossana Sabalones M.S.W., R.S.W.

With grace and gratitude I acknowledge that I work and live on lands within the Haldimand Treaty of 1784, a formally ratified agreement acknowledging six miles on either side of the Grand River as treaty territory belonging to Six Nations of the Grand River. A region that is located within the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, Chonnonton and Haudenosaunee peoples. This territory is within the lands protected by the Dish with One Spoon wampum. I acknowledge the enduring presence, knowledges and philosophies of Indigenous Peoples. I acknowledge the continuing accomplishments and contributions Indigenous Peoples make in shaping Waterloo Region. I am committed to understanding the impact of settler colonialism on the Indigenous experience in order to vision and co-create collaborative, respectful paths together in mutuality and reciprocity.

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25. október 2023

Frá/from: **raymond barlow**

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.

Please Stop!

Raymond Barlow. St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Leanna Smith**

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

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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.

Leanna Smith

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Zack Porter**

Revenue from international tourism and film/ television production in 2024 and beyond.

Please protect the flourishing tourism industry and local businesses in Iceland by banning whale hunts in 2024. Whaling is notorious for controversy in the global community and is no longer a profitable business. It only damages Iceland's reputation. It makes the Icelandic government look weak.

With more and more international filmmakers refusing to shoot on location in Iceland until whaling ends, Iceland is losing a tremendous amount of revenue from film and television production opportunities.

And why give environmentalists who seek public attention a platform to do so? If whaling continues next year, individuals (such as Paul Watson from the U.S.) will be in Iceland to protest and attempt publicity stunts to garner media coverage. Should anyone be injured or killed as a result of these stupid stunts, whether they be whalers or environmentalists, the Icelandic government will ultimately be blamed. That is not fair but that is human nature. Boycotts against products from Iceland will skyrocket. All this stupidity can easily be avoided by ending whaling. The world will gladly applaud such an act of common sense and good will.

Sincerely,

Zack Porter

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alena**

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

Please stop the hunting of these beautiful animals! Whales are not deceived by death! It is unacceptable to kill such a rare animal for the sake of a piece of meat or a whalebone! While people hunt whales, it destroys man himself.

Krasnichkova Alena. 10/23/2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Shayna Rayboy**

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

Please consider passing this bill to protect the whales. Whaling is not part of iceland history. These are beautiful, intelligent creatures that should be protected. They should not be hunted for any reason. Public opinion sides with these gentle giants. Our planet needs whales, our future generations need whales. Please pass this bill to stop wailing in Iceland.

Thank you,

Shayna Rayboy

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Karen Ann Demot**

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

Good day!

This is Karen Ann Demot from the Philippines. I came across the email petition from the Instagram account of Seaspiracy.

I am standing with the whales and asking you to please ban whaling for good in your country. They are worth more alive than dead. They are a keystone species and it will benefit us all and the generations to come if we put an end to this now.

Sincerely,

Karen Ann Demot

25 Oct 2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Shannon Ross**

BAN WHALING

Dear Country of Iceland:

I am a whaling tourist. I have been to Baja several times to ride in small boats and commune with these most amazing senscient beings.

Protection of these great beings should be a priority of all countries. This is not the 1800s. I want you to know I WILL NEVER EVER VISIT YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO KILL THESE MOST TREASURED ANIMALS OF THE WORLD!!

I have seen what you are doing to whales on social media and I will never spend 1 dime in your country!!!!

This is selfishness and cruelty what you and Japan insist upon doing. Disgusting!

Thank you for reading my letter.

I know the USA is disgraceful too the way we treat our wolves, our wild horses and I write letters for that too.

Please stop killing whales!!!!

Thank you,

Shannon Ross Winters

CA

USA

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Valerie Palmieri**

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

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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.

Thank you for your time.

Valerie Palmieri

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25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Robert Cobbold**

Please put an end to commercial whaling

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Philippe BASSET**

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Thank you for your time.

BASSET PHILIPPE

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jason Sanchez**

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

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I write to you today from 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.

Jason Sanchez

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Stephanie Kasri**

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Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Martine Vallat**

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

October 25, 2023

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Thank you for your time.

M.vallat

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Полина Баранова**

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

Baranova Polina 25.10.2023г

I support the ban on whale hunting, I am very sorry that in our time such methods of catching higher animals are still used

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25. október 2023

Frá/from: **jkatoriis**

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

Прошу перестаньте убивать китов! для чего это? ради денег? в мире есть множество других заработков, не только убийство китов. Планета гибнет по вине людей!

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Annika Shelly**

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

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing to ask that Hvalur's licence for whaling does not continue.

Commercial whaling is dangerous because it not only leads to the decline of whale populations, but also affects the health of the entire marine ecosystem. The removal of whales from the food chain could cause a domino effect, leading to a collapse of marine ecosystems and ultimately, the loss of biodiversity. But perhaps we need to have the conversation about how they are killed. The 2022 Icelandic Whaling Report makes for gut-wrenching reading and states: • 11 pregnant whales were killed, along with one milking mother (which is illegal). • 24% of whales did not die from the first harpoon shot. • One whale endured a two-hour death and four explosive harpoons. • Another whale was shot in the back and chased for five hours with a harpoon in its back without success. • Three whales were shot but sank before whalers could secure them. The 2023 report isn't out yet but according to Hard to Port, 23 fin whales were killed in Iceland during the 2023 season, which was interrupted in the middle of the summer because a 2023 MAST report showed that Hvalur's method of killing whales didn't follow the recommendations made by the Icelandic Convention on Animal Welfare.

Please don't let this continue.

Respectfully, Annika Shelly

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Valerie Safonova**

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

Hello,

My name is Valerie Safonova. I am standing against whale hunting.

The worst thing that humanity can do is to kill animals. But to talk about “real world” realistic perspective, it is important to understand that almost all Icelanders do not support whale hunting.

Whales play a very important role in maintaining the balance and biodiversity of the marine ecosystem. Whales feed on small fish, plankton and squid - helping to control populations of these species. This prevents overpopulation and eliminates competition for food, which affects the balance of the ecosystem. Whales feed in the upper layers of the ocean and bring nutrients such as nitrogen and iron to the surface in the form of excrement. These substances can increase the productivity of sea water and promote the growth of plankton and algae. Whales themselves are a significant source of biomass in marine ecosystems. Their presence supports the diversity of other marine organisms, as whales serve as prey for predators and their husks provide food for a variety of species after death, including deep-sea organisms.

Please, stop whale hunting in Iceland

24/10

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Joanna Härmä**

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

Good morning,

I am writing to support the bill to ban whaling, to protect whales for everyone on this planet. These animals are of enormous importance for the global marine ecosystems, and everyone in the world has the right to have these majestic animals swimming free and living to old age.

I understand that whaling is not well-supported in Icelandic public opinion and certainly not in global public opinion. It has been demonstrated over and over that it is not possible to kill these animals quickly and 'humanely' and the resulting suffering is immense and unknowable to us.

The whaling industry is now just a single man's whim, and the government of Iceland has so far been dancing to his tune. The continuation of this terrible industry can only have negative impacts on the tourism industry and international reputation of Iceland. I spent a memorable new year 2000 in Reykjavik, but I would not return to Iceland for tourism again until this practice is banned.

Please do the right thing, and ban this terrible industry.

Dr Joanna Härmä

Edinburgh

United Kingdom

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Мирослава Шостак**

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

Please save the life of the whales, don't kill them! stop these atrocities against these wonderful mammals!

Miraslava Shostak

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Юлия Яфарова**

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

Hello, I'm Iuliia Iafarova

Please stop the whale hunt! The whale population is important for marine life. only one company does this hunting. Most people in Iceland do not support whaling.

24.10.2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: Ekaterina Meteleva

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

I support the ban on whale hunting. For me, this is important because most Icelanders do not support whale hunting, whale hunting spoils the reputation of the country. Please save the whales! It is in your power.

25.10.2023 Meteleva Ekaterina

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Virginie Daix**

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

October 25, 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.

Daix Virginie

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yuliya Ivaniushkina**

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

Greetings

I want to express my concern about the situation with commercial whaling. I suppose that whaling should be banned because it leads to the decrease in whale population and as a result to the irreversible consequences for the ocean. Moreover, most Icelanders stand against commercial whaling because it ruins the country's reputation and causes the ecological problems that can affect each of us in the nearest future

Regards

Yuliya Ivaniushkina

25/10/2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Айбек Дияров**

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

I support a ban on whale hunting! whales are the smartest animals and should not be killed!

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Iera.belaya**

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

I don't support whale hunting. They will soon be on the verge of extinction if this is not stopped! Many Icelanders are against killing whales. Whale hunting is murder!

Ban the killing of whales. Don't spoil the country's reputation.

please stop this! don't kill whales. They play an important role in the ecosystem and population.

Kolesnik Valeria 25.10.2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **АНТОН МАКАРОВ**

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 unwavering support for the ban on whale hunting, and I'd like to share with you why this cause is of immense importance to me.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that a significant majority of Iceland's population does not endorse the practice of whale hunting. This reflects a growing awareness among the people of Iceland regarding the need to protect these magnificent creatures and preserve their place in the ecosystem.

One striking fact that highlights the urgency of this issue is that only one company is responsible for the hunting of whales in Iceland. This monopoly on such a controversial and divisive industry only serves to underscore the need for change.

Moreover, it is disheartening to note that the vast majority of whale meat harvested in Iceland finds its way to Japan. This raises questions about the sustainability and ethics of the trade, as it contributes to a global demand that is far from clear-cut.

Lastly, and of no less importance, the continuation of whale hunting has a detrimental impact on Iceland's reputation on the world stage. It is widely recognized that the practice tarnishes the image of this otherwise beautiful and progressive country, which stands for so much more than the activities of a single industry.

I believe that advocating for the ban on whale hunting is not only a matter of ecological necessity but also a reflection of our collective responsibility to protect these magnificent creatures. It is an opportunity for Iceland to lead by example, strengthening its image as a nation committed to conservation and the preservation of our planet's biodiversity.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective, and I hope that together, we can work towards a brighter, more sustainable future for Iceland and the world.

Sincerely,

Makarov Anton

25.10.2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **steven coull**

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.

Regards

Steven Coull

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **adelina**

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

Good afternoon, my friend

Maybe my letter is late but I write anyway. I am against whale hunting. Murder is murder. especially when you can do without it.

people kill enough animals to diversify their diet. and people learned to breed whales as well as chickens? I don't think. These are not animals that can be easily and quickly raised or replaced with others without damaging the ecology of the entire ocean. stop the whale hunt. Thanks for your time.

Abdrzakova Alina, 25/10/2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Air Am**

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

Hello, my name is Muborova Maryam, today is October 25, 2023. I ask you to stop killing whales, you are the only ones doing this and harming the country's reputation. You are inflicting endless pain on innocent creatures who are the largest mammal in the world, destroying the wealth of the whole world, their dreams of seeing whales and in the future there will come a time when their numbers will come to an end. Whales are one of the most beautiful creatures, stop exploiting them.

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elaine Eastham**

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.

Elaine Smith

Shrewsbury Shropshire

25 October 2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Helen Holmes**

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 Kingdom 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 have always wanted to visit Iceland since I was a child but your horrific treatment of these beautiful creatures and their unborn future has stopped me. I actively encourage people to boycott visiting your amazing country until you ban whaling. I cannot understand how you choose to kill rather than preserve. You have a unique opportunity to become whale protectors, changing to eco tourism to see these beautiful beings in their natural habitat. There are so many people that would visit your country to see them.

Whales and other cetaceans as you well know are highly intelligent and sentient beings. They live in close knit communities, they know what is happening to their own. You cannot kill an animal such as this humanely as proven by this year's killings.

As you have shown you can't kill humanely then please stop this murderous practice and choose a route to protect before it's too late.

We as a species have done and continue to destruct our precious world for our greed. Whale meat is not needed, its not even safe to eat thanks to our pollution. I have seen the footage of the bodies being tipped back to sea after processing - such a waste of a valuable member of our eco system- shame on your country and your Government.

I really hope that one day I can visit Iceland and take part in an whale watching trip - but not until you have banned this horrific practice.

Thank you for your time.

Helen Holmes

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vusala Abbasova**

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

To whom it may concern,

I support a ban on whale hunting because whales help fight global warming.

Whales are among the largest carbon pools. In addition to directly consuming carbon, whales are known for their long-distance migrations, allowing them to influence the carbon cycle around the world.

After the death of the whale,

his massive body slowly sinks to the bottom of the ocean. As a result, all the carbon it accumulates ends up in the deep layers of the ocean. Since the decomposition of organic remains at the bottom is slower than in the upper layers of water or on land (one whale body can lie for decades), the carbon stored by the whale does not return to the atmosphere for a long time.

Unfortunately, this method of carbon reduction is barely functioning today due to the sharp decline in whale populations.

Although the number of whales in the world has increased drastically since the ban on commercial whaling, many species are still critically endangered and their numbers continue to decline.

To sum up above-mentioned, I categorically against whale hunting and call for banning this dangerous activity.

Best regards,

Vusala Abbasova

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25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Никита Балан**

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

Dear Members of the Icelandic Parliament,

I am addressing you as a citizen Nikita Balan from Ukraine. I am concerned about the ongoing whaling in Iceland. This practice has serious negative consequences for the local ecosystem and marine species.

I want to emphasize a few important facts:

1. Most Icelanders do not support whale hunting. This practice causes discontent in society and does not correspond to global standards of respect for nature.
2. The only whaling company, Hvalur, sells almost all of its meat to Japan. This highlights the commercial nature of the hunt and its lack of sustainability.
3. Whale hunting has a negative impact on Iceland's reputation. In the eyes of the international community, it creates a negative image of the country, excluding it from those who follow best environmental practices.

Given the above, I urge you to support the bill to ban whaling in Iceland. This decision will not only save many lives of these amazing creatures, but will also demonstrate your commitment to preserving your country's biodiversity and natural resources.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and for your work for the well-being of Iceland and our planet.

Sincerely,

Nikita Balan

25.10.2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **emmapw**

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

Dear Parliament of Iceland,

My name is Emilia Brdiczka it's Oktober 25th 2023.

I would like to urge you to stop allowing the hunt for whales. Disregarding the fact that whales are one of the most beautiful animals in the oceans and that there is already a massive decrease in the whale population, I would like you to consider the fact that whales play a huge part in the carbon dioxide trapping in the ocean. Not only do they bind the carbon dioxide permanently for their whole life and even take it with them when they die, but plankton feeds on their feaces, allowing them to bind even more carbon dioxide.

They are not only crucial for the ecosystem of the ocean but also extremely important for slowing down the climate change.

That said I hope you will make the decision to ban the killing of whales!

Sincerely

Emilia Brdiczka

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Victoria Denieport**

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.

Victoria DENIEPORT

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Melina Berghaus**

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

Dear Icelandic parliament,

Hello my name is Melina Berghaus.

I would urge you to to ban whaling once and for all. If we continue killing these beautiful animals they will eventually go extinct. Future generations will only know the tales of the gentle giants who once roamed our oceans.

Besides there is an economical reason to save the whales. Studies have shown that whales are huge ally in fighting climate change. In its live span a whale has the capacity to capability to capture the same amount of carbon dioxide as about 1500 trees do in one year.

Sincerely

Melina Berghaus

October 24 2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Валерия Баженова**

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

I support the ban on whaling on whales. You are destroying nature! Wake up! How many animals have already died at the hands of man, do not kill the latter. Stop it!

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Valeriia Prokopenko 25.10.2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **rebecca.m.pfaff**

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

October 25, 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.

Rebecca Pfaff

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Дарья Иванько**

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

Hello. I am a person who lives on this planet, like all other living beings. I wish to live in harmony with nature, in an environmentally friendly world. I am against killing whales! I want my children, and their children's children, their children's children, and so on, to see all living beings in the world, in natural conditions. Please, for the sake of peace on earth, for the sake of our children, stop the killing of whales!

Ivanko Daria Vladimirovna. 35 years. I am human!

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lisa Prentice**

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

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I have just returned from a trip to your beautiful country, Iceland. We climbed waterfalls, held our breaths awaiting geysers to explode & saw the natural beauty of the northern lights but all with a heavy heart as you are continuing to hunt majestic whales.

I write to you today from The United Kingdom 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.

Mrs Lisa Prentice

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Сергей Ко**

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

Dear all,

My name is Sergey Kotov. I'm from Russia. I found out that the Icelandic Parliament is considering a bill banning whale hunting. I support the ban on whale hunting. We live in the modern world and the old traditions associated with the killing of animals are a thing of the past. We must remain human, not savages. And a large whale has a large digestive system that releases a lot of waste.

Unlike human waste, whale waste is very useful because it contains nutrients (nitrogen and iron) necessary for the development and rapid growth of phytoplankton. Algae and cyanobacteria not only supply the planet with fresh oxygen, but also consume about 40% of all carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

People just need to leave the whales alone to preserve life on Earth.

Regards,

Sergey Kotov

25/10/2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: Людмила Леонтьева

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

Hello! ! I don't support whaling! Please stop killing them! Whale hunting spoils the country's reputation! It has a bad effect on the ecology of the whole planet!

Leontyeva Lyudmila

25.10.2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Мила Апенько**

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

I support the ban on whaling. I see their lives as important for humanity. The number of whales is very limited and is decreasing nowadays. I believe that every species has the right to live on our planet for the sake of diversity of species and for the sake of life itself!

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Toole Light**

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

October 25, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Germany/Lower Saxony 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.

Please, stop tradition, open your heart and choose kindness to animals and the nature 🍀

Thank you for your time.

Tomke Lichterfeld

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25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kika Katrin**

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

Hello!

My name is Katharina Rabosh. I heard news that a company that hunts whales in Iceland may have a new license. I, as a citizen of the world, declare that I am against this, just as the majority of the inhabitants of Iceland are against whaling! Please do not issue a license.

We can save whales, of which there are only a few left.

Best wishes,

Katarina Rabosh

25/10/2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Елікай Ерікқызы**

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

I support a ban on whale hunting! This is harmful to our natural environment, and besides, this is the only company that kills whales at the moment. we should not kill the beautiful creatures of our nature, whales are very important in the ocean, and killing whales violates the natural environment of the ocean and nature. I am against whale hunting!

Yelikay Yerikkyzy

25th of October

2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **dinara.expert**

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

Hello, my name is Dinara and I'm from Russia, I always supported the ban on whale hunting, because I dreamed of seeing whales live, I believe that they are the kindest and most defenseless animals, they need to be saved and not destroyed. I ask you to leave them alone, let them live and reproduce, and the more of them there are, the faster my dream of seeing them with at least one eye or even a tail will come true (and my most cherished dream is to swim next to them, study and help them)/

Thank you in advance

God be with you

25/10/2023

Dinara Zhangaulova

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ирина Лебедева**

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

Good afternoon! I request that Hvalur's whale hunting license be denied. This is a cruel trade that is not vital for people, either in your country or any other. Meat is exported mainly to Japan, a developed country, the only reason why they need this product is outdated traditions, far from modern ideas about a civilized society. In most civilized countries, whaling is prohibited, so it also spoils the country's reputation, and most of the citizens do not support it.

Many species of whales are on the verge of extinction; at the beginning of the 20th century, people significantly reduced the population of these amazing animals. People pay a lot of money to see a whale in its natural environment for even a split second, and you support the killing of unique animals. Moreover, having licenses, companies regularly ignore restrictions and prohibitions for the sake of profit.

Irina Lebedeva, 10/25/2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: Соломия Орда

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

Name: Solomiia Orda 25.10.2023

Good afternoon, I would like to express my support for the bill to ban whaling. After reading all the information on the site, I want to express my agreement, regarding everything said, in support of this law. The influence of whales on the oceanic world seemed especially important to me. After all, years of experience have repeatedly shown that nature does not contain anything extra for itself, and by interfering with the natural ecosystems in majority, we only worsen their condition. I want to mention the example of China and their war with sparrows. We must follow their example and not initiate any global changes in the ocean until we are sure that the negative consequences are as minimal as possible. Also, this fishing really worsens the authority of the country in the global arena. We must develop friendly relations with nature, not fight with it

It was my opinion as of citizen's of Ukraine

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Stefan Marxen**

Whale

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.

Stefan

Stefan Marxen

@laufenfuerdasmeer

So weit die Füße tragen! Laufen für das Meer!

Bachelor of Sport Science

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sime Validzic**

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

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the anti-whaling legislation that is being proposed in Iceland's parliament.

This ground-breaking legislation would put an end to whaling by Iceland and provide vital protection to these majestic whales under local wildlife laws.

The majority of Icelanders do not support the killing of whales and whaling has evolved into a personal project by an individual.

The welfare of large whales and killing them do not go together. In addition to their ecological role in maintaining marine ecosystems, whales have an intrinsic value. Whales are among the most intelligent animals of the world. They are highly social animals and deserve better. The killing of whales is cruel and unnecessary.

Killing whales is forbidden by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), of which Iceland is a member.

Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage. There are so many things that are really progressive about Iceland such good environmental standards that include the use of sustainable means of generating electricity; Iceland has a high human development index, the economy has been diversifying into manufacturing and service industries in the last decade, including software production, biotechnology, and finance, and the tourism sector is expanding, especially in ecotourism and whale-watching. Whaling has had a detrimental

impact on the nation's economy. There is absolutely no need for Iceland to be involved in the killing of whales.

News of Iceland abandoning whaling and instead joining international efforts for the conservation of whales and moreover, world ocean ecosystems and shared natural heritage, would be welcome news for which your government would be congratulated and praised around the world.

I am one of the founders of the animal rights movement in Croatia in 1999. All whales and dolphins are protected in Croatia and it is forbidden to keep them in captivity or to kill them.

I hope that you take these concerns into consideration and put an end to Icelandic whaling.

Yours sincerely,

Sime Validzic

Croatia

Date: 25 October 2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **delrcowie**

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.

Del Cowie

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **nurlan shaybekov**

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

Please stop killing whales, there are so few of them left, I am against all this.

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Michele Bollo**

Review of the 99. case, bill to amend various laws due to the ban on whaling.

Do you want to ban whale hunting?

You can support a bill to ban whale hunting by sending one email.

TO: Althingi's Trade Committee

- Long death war whale hunting violates animal welfare laws
- Whales are important to maintain marine ecosystems and should be protected
- The majority of Icelanders do not support whale hunting
- Less than 2% of Icelanders eat whale meat, it's sold to Japan
- Whaling is not part of the culture and heritage of Icelanders
- Whale hunting is sport fishing, no better
- Whale hunting is driven by one man with lots of money and is corrupt at its core.
- Whaling across the world is largely unacceptable and subject to international judgement and responses. -The proud people of Iceland need to be separated from whaling.

I support this bill: <https://www.althingi.is/thingstorf/thingmalalistar-efir-thingum/ferill/154/99/?ltg=154&mnr=99>

Thank you, Michele Bollo

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Laurel Panchuk**

STOP WHALING NOW PLEASE

Dear Sirs/Madams , please stop whaling in Iceland. This is the reason I will not visit your country. I cannot abide by this and am not going to give you my tourism dollars. I will also encourage my friends on FB and the general public not to visit for this reason either.

Laurel Panchuk

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Светлана Брода**

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

Svetlana Broda 10/25/23

I support the whale ban! Why kill them at all? Who eats this meat? What do they make from it? I don't understand...

I have always dreamed of seeing a whale in its habitat; it is a powerful experience.

Please don't destroy your dream!

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Отправлено из мобильной Яндекс Почты

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Helen Taylor**

Please do the right thing!

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, Helen

Helen Taylor

General Manager

Green Britain Foundation, Lion House,

Registered in England

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Maria-Luisa Ciccarelli**

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

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Maria Campos-Cattan**

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.

YOUR NAME Maria Cattan

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Christophe Hmd**

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.

YOUR NAME

HAMDAD Christophe

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **romelli guy**

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

Guy ROMELLI

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Яна Хосслер**

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

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Яна Хосслер**

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

Denisenko Elizaveta 25.10

I am against hunting whales, they are cute creatures, and they are different from those idiots who catch them

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Laura Gamble**

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.

Laura G

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Deven Shah**

Stop whaling in Iceland

Please please please stop whaling in Iceland. This is cruel and and unwanted. By continuing whaling the Icelandic government is going against its own climate action plan that aims to increase carbon sequestration. We are asking the government to cancel its decision to renew the whaling permit for five years

Please please stop the whaling in Iceland

Regards

Deven

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **nadezhda uspekova**

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

Hello!

Please, give up killing whales. Let these beautiful animals live and decorate our planet.

Thank you for hearing and counting my vote.

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25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Aleri Odendaal**

Stop whaling

To whom it may concern

You have the power to stop. We as humans know now better and what colossal impact our decisions can make on our beautiful planet.

Stop the barbaric act of killing whales in their thousands.

This is not the Icelandic way, this is not good for the environment and for public opinion or for your country as a whole.

Please hear our plea, let's act now for a better future .

Yours sincerely

Aléri Isbell

South Africa

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Simon Starke**

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,

Simon

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Annabella Arráez Franco**

Support Anti Whaling Bill

Hello my name is Annabella Arraez, I support the anti Whaling Bill, please ban the whaling ships and whaling season. Whales are very important to the ocean and to the planet and to human race. We need to take care of the whales. Please pass the bill for anti Whaling. Remember killing whales or whaling is not part of Iceland's cultural heritage. You are suppose to take care of marine ecosystems and not destroy them by killing whales. You should NEVER accept money from Japan to kill whales for dog food or even human consumption. Thank you very much for your time.

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Masha P**

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

I ask the government of the country to stop exterminating important animals for our planet for selfish purposes, this is wrong in relation to them. You are ruining lives, counting a hundred they are artificial, please come to your senses

Masha 25.10.23

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **James Duff**

Umsogn vio 99. mal, frumvarptil laga um breytingu a ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveioum

Dear Sirs and Madams ,

I am writing to you to ask you to Please Stop Whaling in Icelandic waters.

I am very sorry to see your country being maligned by the vanity of one wealthy old angry man.

I have always been very interested in the whales that we share our planet with. I cannot believe that Iceland has been allowing the hunting down and torturous slaughtering of these vital sentient beings. I believe this is actually a crime against humanity as the whales are vitally responsible for the very air that we all breathe into our lungs.

I would love to visit Iceland as a tourist, but I cannot spend my vacation money on traveling to a country that supports whaling in the modern age of society.

I consider whaling a sickening display of savagery and barbaric cruelty.

Please do everything you can to resist the aberrant behavior of the narcissist Mr Lofftson.

Please do all you can to revoke any and all permits allowing the murder of our whales in Icelandic waters.

All of us need whales to be thriving and doing their jobs taking care of the earth on land in the air and at sea.

Please stop Whaling in Iceland under any circumstances, not one more death of a whale.

Thank You for your kindness and consideration,

James Duff

Tucson Arizona USA

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Timothy Hands**

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.

Tim Hands

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alexandra Richards**

Alexandra Richards

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to help put a stop to the gruesome and horrifying acts of whaling that has been going on in Iceland. The killing of these whales are barbaric. Perhaps the most depressing fact of the Icelandic whaling crisis is the absolute lack of demand for whale meat, especially from the Icelandic people themselves. Rather the whale "meat" is shipped to Japan, to be turned into pet food and sold in vending machines, creating a giant carbon footprint, and for what? This also brings a huge carbon footprint on our planet!

This is heartbreaking. I strongly stand against this and hope you see this too!

Thank you

Alexandra Richards - Naudé

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Shannon Ross**

Re: BAN WHALING

Thank you so much.

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Rowan Dorritt**

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 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.

Rowan Dorritt, Southampton, UK.

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Елизавета Филиппова**

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

To whom it may concern,

My name is Elizaveta Filippova and I am writing down this email on 24th of October, 2023.

I would love to express my deep concern about the whaling in Iceland and state that I support the ban on whaling.

Whales are amazing and unique creatures whose influence on the ocean life and ecosystem is irreplaceable.

Iceland has a reputation as a very progressive country in many areas and whale catching greatly spoils the opinion of this beautiful country. Moreover, the majority of population does not support this as well.

I believe that my vote and many others may influence the deduction making and hope that whaling will be forbidden in the foreseeable future.

Best regards,

Elizaveta Filippova

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Wideke Bijleveld**

Please ban commercial whaling

Ágæta Alþingi / Dear Members of the Parliament,

Please show leadership when it comes to protecting marine life. Commercial whaling should be banned. Whales play a vital role in the overall health of the marine environment. They help provide at least half of the oxygen we breathe and help to fight climate change.

I respectfully urge full support of the Pirate Party's proposed bill to ban commercial whaling in Iceland.

Sincerely,

Wideke Bijleveld

The Netherlands

25 October 2023

25. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sylvia Hoeks**

Letter of support of the bill to ban whaling

Los Angeles, Oct 22nd 2023

Dear Parliament of Iceland,

I'm sending you a letter stating my support of the bill to ban whaling and protect whales.

In a time where we should be actively fighting to save and repair our planet I can under no circumstances understand or approve the act of whaling.

Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act as the majority of the public is against whaling and whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture.

Looking at the economy; business relations are in danger because of whaling.

And even more ; whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen and Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.

In this bill to ban whaling 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).

I ask you to please approve of this bill as we have no time to waste in saving Nature, or what is left of it.

Best,

Sylvia Hoeks.