

## Personal details

**Name:** Fernando Ugarte

**Date and place of birth:** 01.01.1968, Mexico City.

## Education

MSc (cand.scient., 2001). Department of Aquatic Resources and Environmental Biology, Norwegian College of Fisheries Science, University of Tromsø. The study program focused on marine mammal biology, oceanography and fisheries biology. The title of the thesis was: "*Behaviour and social organisation of killer whales in Northern Norway*".

## Work

**Since August 2007: Head of the Department of Birds and Mammals**, Greenland Institute for Natural Resources. Administration and leadership of a research team, including participation in some of the fund raising and research activities.

**2005-2007: Head of section in the Ministry of Fisheries and Hunting**, Greenland Home Rule government. Management of large whales, hunting database, North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO), International Whaling Commission (IWC) and, to a lesser extent bilateral agreements with Canada concerning management of shared populations of small cetaceans and polar bears.

**2003-2005: Science Officer in Sea Watch Foundation Cymru (Wales)**, Sea Watch Foundation. Coordination of the research on marine mammals carried out in the Cardigan Bay Special Area for Conservation (SAC). Primarily monitoring of bottlenose dolphins, but also monitoring of harbour porpoise and grey seals. The work was funded by the Countryside Council of Wales.

**2001-2003: Freelance biological consultancy.** Engagements included surveys in Iceland (NASS, Iceland Marine Research Institute) and Antarctica (SOWER, IWC), as well as monitoring a killer whale's release into the wild in Iceland and Norway (Keiko/Free Willy Foundation, Ocean Futures and HSUS).

**1990-2001: Studies of killer whales in northern Norway, WWF killer whale project (later NORCA).**

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