



## CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY HOSTS LECTURE “WOPS, THWOPS AND GRUNTS, OH MY! HOW A WHALE HEARS THE WORLD” \*\*FOLLOWED BY BEACH CLEAN-UP\*\***

Kerri Seger, a PhD student at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, will research humpback whale acoustics in the waters off Maui and Lana‘i. She studies the North Pacific humpback whale population in their feeding grounds in Southeast Alaska and their breeding grounds in Baja, Mexico. A portion of this population also comes to Hawai‘i. While Kerri is in Hawai‘i to record humpback whale social sounds to compare against those from Alaska and Mexico, she will share stories and results from previous fieldwork experiences.

Directly following the one-hour presentation, Cynthia Matzke (Scripps Institution of Oceanography Masters research partner) will be leading a microplastic-focused beach cleanup at the beach adjacent to the sanctuary—come search for “nurdles” with us. On the Blue‘aina trip later in the day, Cynthia and Kerri will be collecting acoustic data. To join this field research segment, please contact the sanctuary for further details.

**WHAT:** Sanctuary Lecture Series  
**WHEN:** Sunday, December 22, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Kīhei Conference Room, 726 S. Kīhei Rd.  
**WHO:** Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

The sanctuary is administered by a partnership of NOAA’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai‘i through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The sanctuary works to protect humpback whales through research, education, conservation and stewardship. Join us on [Facebook](#).

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#### **On the Web:**

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary: <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>  
NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>  
State of Hawai‘i Department of Land and Natural Resources: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/>