CAPOD Funding Report

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Event /Course Title	European Cetacean Society 32nd Annual Conference - Workshop A Wikimedia edit-a-thon
Date of event	07/Apr/2018

1. Brief description of Event (*50-100 words*):

"A Wikimedia edit-a-thon"
The workshop aimed at providing participants information on how to share their knowledge on free online platforms (mainly Wikipedia). This will help making very specialised scientific knowledge more publicly available and may improve the information that is currently available. Furthermore, this provides scientists with a relatively easy way to engage in public outreach and educational efforts that is available across much of the world and might therefore potentially have a big impact.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

I have learned that there are many different platforms (such as Wikimaps, Wikispecies, Wikidata etc.). within the Wikimedia society and not just Wikipedia. We got to make our own account and were taught how to alter existing pages, for instance, how to correct "wrong" information and spelling mistakes. The rules of the community itself were explained. One of the not so obvious benefits of joining this online platform is that you could make your research more visible by share it outside the peer-reviewed community.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

I will be considering joining either/both the Dutch and English Wikipedia platforms and maybe some specialised working groups.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials.

This is the info page:
http://www.europeancetaceansociety.eu/conference/wikimedia-edit-thon

I don't have any additional resources.

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

My main tip would be to go explore what other resources there are apart from Wikimedia. This was completely new to me and might be new to others as well.

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

I liked the workshop. However, due to the many options (9 workshops to choose from) and maybe the more general description of the workshop there where not a lot of participants which was a bit of a shame.