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Dear Supporter,

Happy December! This year has just flown by! As we finish up the last month of the year, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Our final newsletter of 2022 looks back on some of what we have done the past month!



Fogo Island Visit

In partnership with [Shorefast](#), CPAWS Newfoundland and Labrador travelled to Fogo Island to complete a series of “Whale Talks”. Students at Fogo Island Central Academy enjoyed learning about species found right in their backyard and had the chance to see and feel real whale bones and baleen! CPAWS-NL also presented a “Whale Talk” to the public at a workshop held in partnership with Fraser Carpenter of Fogo Island’s [Steel and Stone Gallery](#). The workshop instructed individuals on making their own ceramic whale tail, which will be fired, salt glazed, and ready to take home early in the new year.



LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES

Credit: NOAA Fisheries

Nature Feature: Leatherback Sea Turtles

The Leatherback Sea Turtle is the largest species of sea turtle, and they are among the oldest species on the planet! They are named for the leather-like skin that covers their teardrop shaped shell and are the most widely ranging marine turtle and the only species found commonly in the waters of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Today, all seven species of sea turtles are classified as at-risk, with the leatherback turtle listed as Endangered under Canada's Species at Risk Act. Key threats are incidental capture, ingestion of marine debris, habitat loss and degradation, and trade and illegal hunting.

You can learn more about them and other marine species on our data hub we launched last month! You can find it at datahub.cpawsnl.org. The Special Marine Areas Data Hub was funded by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation, and Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. The project was also supported by many other organizations and individuals through their generous data contributions, input, and presentations, including Salmonid Association of Eastern Newfoundland, Dr. William Montevecchi, and Emilie Novaczek.



Happy holidays from everyone here at CPAWS NL!

We're incredibly thankful for all your support this year. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and a happy start to the new year!

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or issues that you many have. Send us an [email](#), give us a call at 709-726-5800, or [visit our website](#) to find out how to [volunteer](#) or make a [donation](#). Also, if you're interested in keeping up to date on what's new and exciting at CPAWS-NL follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) for regular updates.

All the best,

CPAWS Newfoundland and Labrador Team

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