

Responsible Whale Watching

Management, Capacity, Resources and Support





Cetaceans and the Pacific Nations



How we can help



**GLOBAL
BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE
FOR
RESPONSIBLE
WHALE AND DOLPHIN
WATCHING**

**TOURISM ACTIVITIES
INVOLVING WILD CETACEANS**

Club Med 

WCA
World Cetacean Alliance

SOPHIE LEWIS & DYLAN WALKER

BEST PRACTICE

1 Tourists should be well briefed in advance on the potential impacts of the tour on cetaceans.



Health & Safety



Sustainability & Conservation



Guidelines & Managing Customer Expectations

2 Operators must ensure that each vessel has a knowledgeable guide on board.



3 The vessel should approach from a direction that is parallel and slightly to the rear of the cetacean.

4 If dolphins bow-ride, the vessel should remain at a constant speed with no sudden change in direction.



5 Vessels should not approach a whale closer than 100m and a dolphin closer than 50m.

CAUTION ZONE

NO APPROACH ZONE

6 Once within 300m of a cetacean, vessels should:



slow down



identify behaviour



turn off sonar

7 Stay at 300m if a lone calf is present or resting or nursing behaviour is evident.



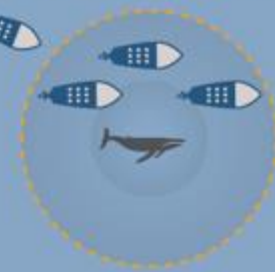
8 No more than three vessels should be between 300m and the minimum approach distance.

9 All vessels must ensure they stay on the same side as one another.

max 30 mins each



max 10 mins each



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WCA RESPONSIBLE WHALE WATCHING CERTIFICATION





Whale Heritage Sites

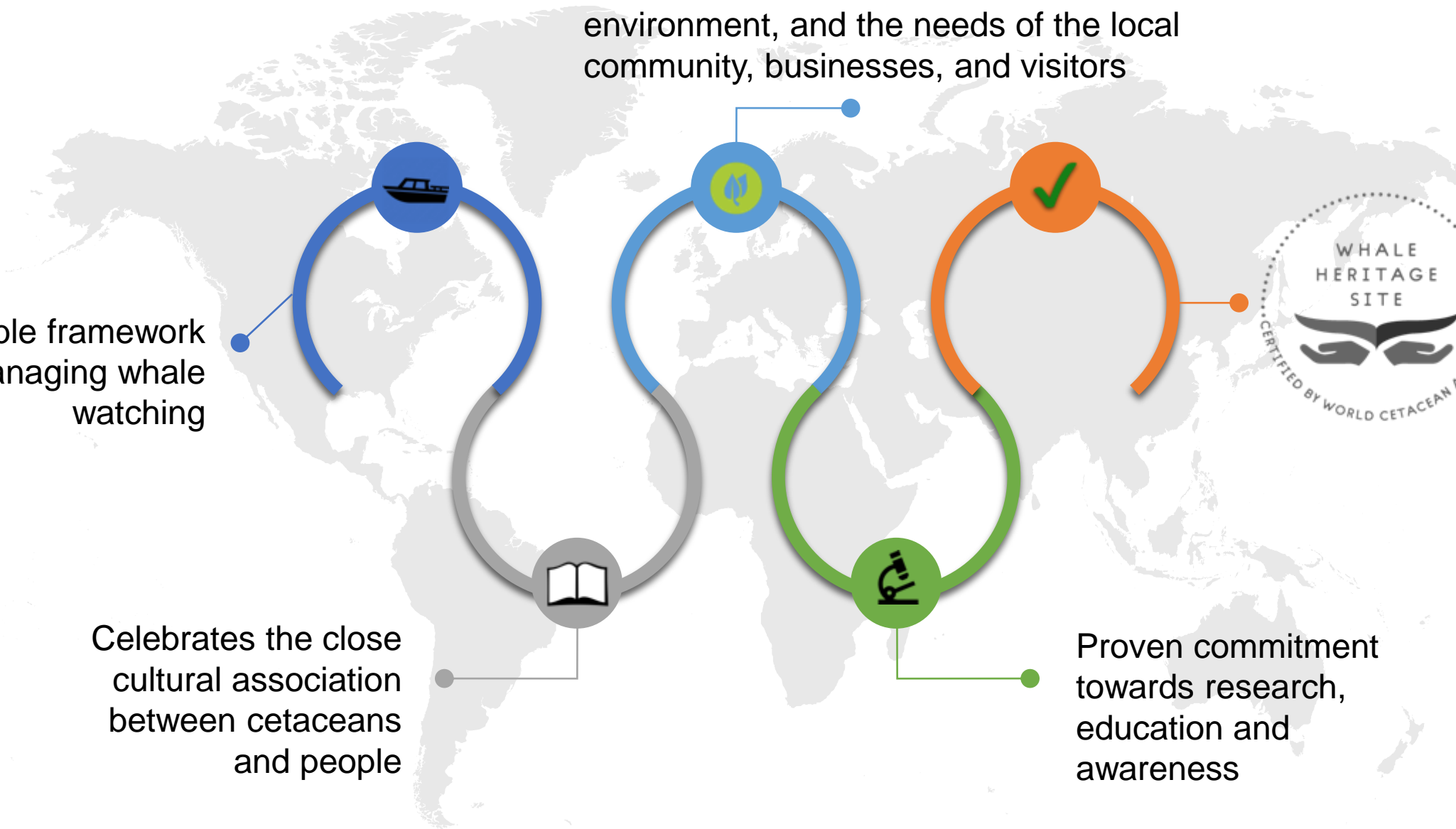


Sustainable balance between the natural environment, and the needs of the local community, businesses, and visitors

Responsible framework for managing whale watching

Celebrates the close cultural association between cetaceans and people

Proven commitment towards research, education and awareness



Capacity building and community engagement



Tools to encourage human behaviour change



Platforms for research

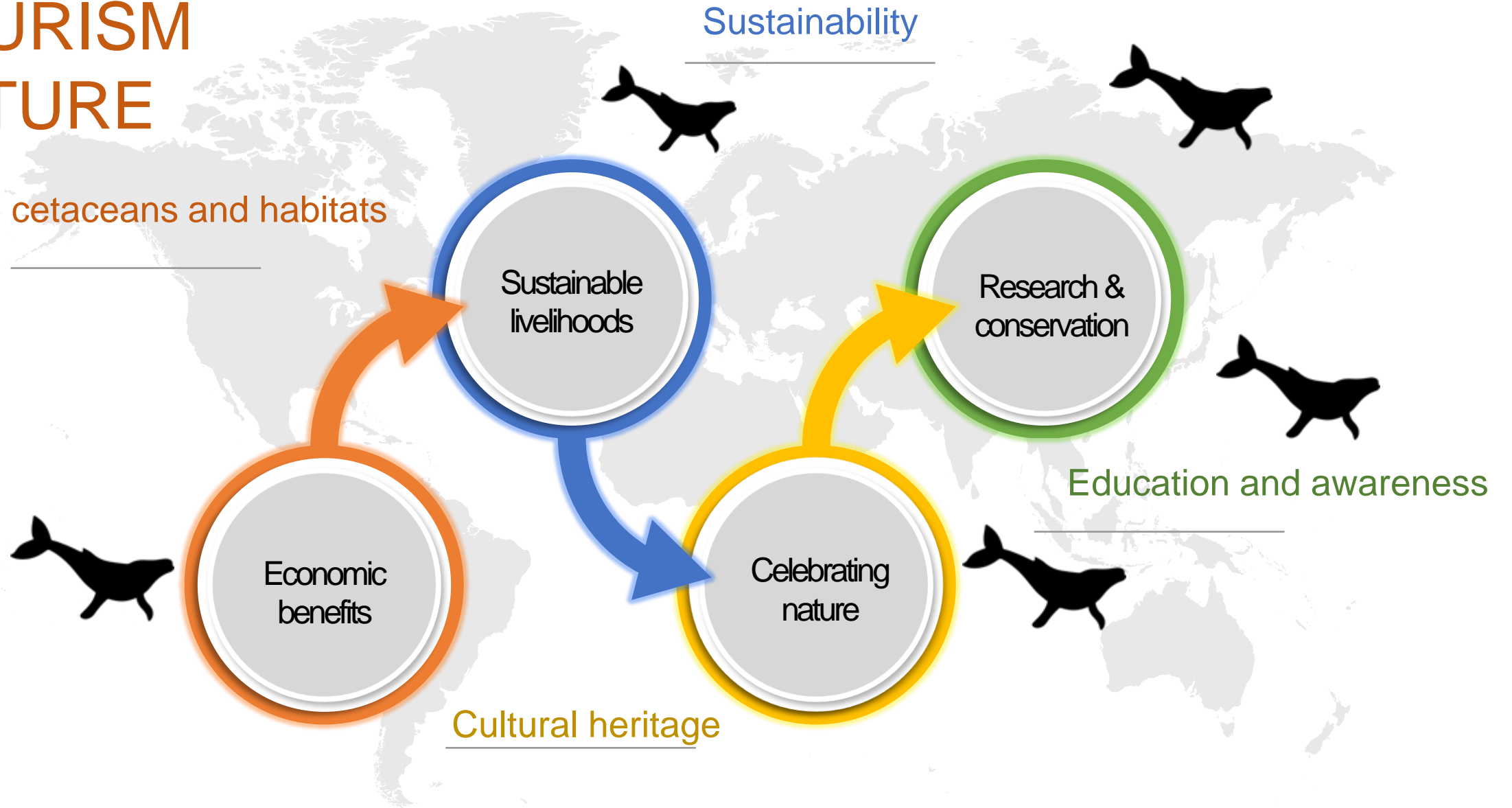


Supporting local communities



TOURISM FUTURE

Saving cetaceans and habitats



We are here to help



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