

Dear [Insert Parliament member name here],

I request your support of the Pirate Party's proposed bill to ban whaling in Iceland.

The disturbing findings in the 2022 MAST report revealed that 41% of the whales killed by Hvalur hf, Iceland's last whaling company, suffered immensely before dying. Despite the implementation of supposedly stricter regulations, the first whaling tour of the 2023 season saw two out of three Fin whales hunted down in clear violation of both the 5th Article and Iceland's Animal Welfare Act

Whaling does not support Iceland's economy, with 90% of the whale meat exported to Japan. Influential figures in the multi-billion-dollar film industry, including Hollywood Directors, Producers, and Actors, have pledged to boycott Iceland until whaling is banned. This looming economic loss threatens to strike a severe blow to Iceland's economy, a consequence that cannot be overlooked.

Living whales also provide ongoing revenue to Iceland's whale watching companies - nearly twice the profit of whaling. Ecotourism (whale watching) has proven far more profitable as an ongoing and sustainable resource supporting Iceland's economy. Beyond the economic aspect, whales play a vital role in maintaining the health of marine ecosystems.

I urge you to support a future for Iceland without whaling.

Sincerely,