

STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

One of the world's leading authorities on whales, Bruce Mate is the director of the Oregon State University (OSU) Marine Mammal Institute and a Professor of Fisheries and Wildlife. He studied sea lion migrations to earn his doctorate at the University of Oregon in 1973, did post-doctoral work in biochemistry looking at heavy metal metabolism in pinnipeds, and has since done research on seals, manatees, sea otters, dolphins, and whales.



DR. BRUCE MATE

Bruce is best known for pioneering the tracking of whales using satellite-monitored radio tags. The transmitters allow Bruce and his associates to discover new information about critical habitats, migration routes, and behaviors of endangered whale species. Recently, Bruce and his research team studied sperm whales in the Gulf of Mexico (including the last two summers during and after the oil spill), blue and humpback whales in the eastern North Pacific and in the southeast Bering Sea, blue whales off Chile, fin whales in the Mediterranean, humpback whales off Gabon, southern right whales off South Africa and gray whales off Mexico (since 1979), the Pacific Northwest, and Russia.



Baja Gray Whale Expedition

Allan Morgan is a freelance wildlife photographer, an experienced naturalist, and a traveler from Tucson, Arizona. His first travels aboard ships as a naturalist were on whale watching cruises to Baja California, Mexico, in 1976. Since that time, he has served as an expedition leader and a lecturer on natural history tours and cruises to a great variety of destinations, including Alaska, the Canadian Arctic, Greenland, Iceland, Scandinavia, the British Isles, Central and South America, the Russian Far East, and Antarctica. He has been travelling to Antarctica since 1988. Allan enjoys sharing his experience in the natural world, especially his knowledge of birds and mammals.



ALLAN MORGAN

Allan's photographs have appeared in many books and magazines, including Audubon, GEO, Natural History, National Geographic, National Wildlife, Smithsonian, and Newsweek.