



# **SLOVENIAN DOLPHIN PROJECT**

## **Information on Research Courses 2022**

Morigenos – Slovenian Marine Mammal Society



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## Morigenos

**Morigenos – Slovenian Marine Mammal Society** is an independent, scientific, non-profit, nongovernmental organisation that aims to combine scientific research, monitoring, education, public awareness, capacity building and management, to achieve effective conservation of the marine environment and biodiversity.

»Morigenos« means »sea-born« in ancient Celtic language. The organization was established in 2001 and is carrying out several projects in the field of scientific research, education, public awareness and conservation.



Morigenos is a partner to several Slovenian and international projects, organisations and expert groups and is the only Slovenian organization with the status of a partner organization to ACCOBAMS (Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area), which was also signed by the Republic of Slovenia.



Morigenos is a member of Cetacean Alliance, a non-profit network of nongovernmental organisations committed to preserving marine biodiversity and reducing human impact on cetacean populations. The network includes NGOs with bases in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

Morigenos is run by enthusiastic people who believe each individual can contribute to a better world and positive changes. The team is composed of biologists, veterinarians, geographers, educators, chemists, etc. The work of Morigenos involves people from all over Europe and Morigenos team members are actively participating in several research projects and organisations all over the world.

Morigenos is also officially recognized as "an organization working in public interest of nature conservation" by the Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning.

## Slovenian Dolphin Project

Slovenian Dolphin Project is a long-term research, monitoring and conservation programme, focusing on bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in Slovenian and adjacent waters in the northern Adriatic Sea. It is the first systematic and long-term study of any cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) in Slovenia.

The project was started in 2002, when hardly anything was known about dolphins in Slovenia. In fact, dolphins were not even considered as a regular component of Slovenian fauna. They were thought to be only occasional visitors to our waters. However, through systematic boat surveys, land-based watches and photo-identification, Morigenos team discovered and documented a small, but resident population of bottlenose dolphins in the area. We have been studying and following these dolphins ever since.

Research activities focus on dolphin distribution, abundance, social structure, habitat use, feeding habits, fishery interactions and tourism impact through dedicated boat surveys, land-based watches and theodolite tracking, photo-identification, behavioural observations and passive acoustic monitoring. Research is carried out in Slovenian waters and in the adjacent Italian and Croatian waters, as dolphins are not restricted by national boundaries. Morigenos holds all the necessary research permits for studying dolphins in this area. Apart from research, the project is carrying out extensive education and public awareness activities.

Based on the Slovenian Dolphin Project, the Slovenian authorities have acknowledged the existence of a dolphin population in Slovenian waters and have taken the first steps (however small) towards its conservation. The results of Morigenos research are being used for Slovenia's reporting to the international agreement ACCOBAMS (Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Neighbouring Atlantic Area) on the status of cetaceans in Slovenia.

The project also provided the scientific baseline for »Expert Recommendations Towards the National Action Plan for the Conservation of Cetaceans in Slovenia«, prepared jointly by the Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation and Morigenos.

The project received the »Ford Environmental and Conservation Award« in 2005.

Results of scientific research done by Morigenos have been presented in several international scientific journals. Papers can be found on the page [Scientific publications](#).

## **Bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*)**

The bottlenose dolphin is probably the best studied cetacean in the world. The Mediterranean subpopulation is listed as »Vulnerable« by the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature). While being common in many areas, most populations appear to be relatively small and possibly locally endangered. Bottlenose dolphin is the only regular cetacean species in the north Adriatic Sea.

Research done by Morigenos has shown that bottlenose dolphins are regularly present in Slovenian waters. Up to 150 dolphins use the area in any given year. They appear to use this area to feed, socialize, rest and raise their young. Some animals use the area more regularly than others, but at least some (including mothers with calves) have been present every year since 2003. The most commonly encountered dolphins appear to form relatively stable groups.

## **Research activities**

Research activities aim to provide the scientific baseline for effective conservation of dolphins and their habitat, by monitoring their trends and identifying the main threats affecting the animals.

During the Summer Dolphin Research Courses, we will monitor the presence of dolphins in the study area and collect data on their movements, behaviour, interactions with fisheries and photoidentification. Daily surveys are conducted from boats and from land observation points. Surveys are only done in good weather (no strong wind, no rain, no fog). Data collection takes part in Slovenian waters, as well as in the neighbouring Croatian and Italian waters. Apart from dolphin research, we also collect data on loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*).

## **Boat surveys**

Boat surveys are conducted using a 5.8 m inflatable boat with rigid hull powered by a 60 HP fourstroke engine. When in search, the research crew visually scans the sea surface. Navigation and environmental data are collected during the survey. The boat will be handled by qualified Morigenos

team members or collaborators. They have all the necessary permits and have extensive boating experience.

### **Land-based watches**

Land-based watches are conducted from a land observation point, using binoculars and a tracking device called theodolite. Environmental and boat traffic data are collected.

### **Sightings**

If dolphins are sighted at sea, the boat approaches the animals and starts the focal group follow. The boat will stay with the animals for one or more hours, depending on the number of dolphins in their group, their behaviour, weather conditions or other circumstances. Time, GPS position and other data are recorded at regular intervals.

Morigenos researchers will be in charge of handling the boat, photo-identification and the general coordination of work. The participants will help observing and counting the animals, observing behaviour and recording data (time, position, number of animals, behaviour, identified individuals, etc.). Once the main tasks have been completed, the participants can take photos with their own cameras.

If dolphins are sighted from land, the research team will follow their movements through theodolite tracking.

### **Photo-identification**

Photo-identification is the central method used in this study. Individual dolphins are recognised by natural markings, such as scars, nicks and notches on dorsal fins. These markings are natural and result mainly from encounters between individual dolphins in social interactions. They can also be caused by other marine organisms and diseases, or encounters with humans. Pigment patterns, shape of the dorsal fin and other peculiarities can also help distinguish individuals. Since 2002 we have photoidentified over 150 dolphins, all of which were given names and included in the catalogue.

When a group of dolphins is located, the aim is to get a fin shot of every member in the group. This method is non-invasive and can provide information on many aspects of dolphin biology and ecology.

## **Behavioural observations**

If conditions allow it, dolphin behaviour is systematically recorded throughout the sighting, at regular intervals. Information such as group size and composition, presence of calves, dive times and potential interactions with fisheries are recorded, regardless of whether observations are done from a boat or from land.

## **The Research Team**

Research and other activities will be coordinated by a qualified Morigenos team, which has more than 10 years of experience in marine mammal research and organisation of research courses. Morigenos team members are actively involved in several internationally renowned organisations relevant to marine mammals and marine conservation, including the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, European Cetacean Society, Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS), International Whaling Commission and the Sea Mammal Research Unit of the University of St Andrews.

One or two researchers will be in charge of fieldwork and general project coordination, while research assistants and project participants will help in all aspects of the project. Some team members may help occasionally or help coordinate activities from elsewhere.

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Coordinator of Research courses  
Researcher

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Coordinator of Research courses  
Researcher

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Morigenos Research Coordinator  
President of Morigenos

## Daily routine

Daily routine may vary from day to day, mainly depending on the weather, but also on research priorities and other circumstances. Wild animals and weather are not completely predictable, so we ask you to keep this in mind.

We normally wake up at 7:00 (sometimes earlier), check the weather conditions, eat breakfast and prepare the research equipment. If the sea is calm and there is no rain, we head out to sea in search of dolphins. We do that in two ways: from a land observation point and by using a boat. During research courses, the fieldwork is therefore carried out in two teams, which take turns. One team carries out boat surveys, while the other performs land-based watches. This way the participants will experience different approaches to studying dolphins in the wild. Fieldwork can last up to several hours in hot weather.

When we return to the research base, we store the research equipment, sort and store the collected data and have some lunch. If there is time, we pre-analyse some of the data (photo-identification, for example). Other activities are carried out according to the weather, plans and needs for that particular day. If the weather allows it, we may do additional fieldwork in the afternoon.

If the sea is not calm, we do not search for dolphins, as waves make it very difficult to find them. Furthermore, the accuracy of the data collected in such conditions is reduced. Last but not least, surveying in a rough sea can be quite difficult. In such case we can focus on work, data analysis, have some rest or just head out to the beach, where we can enjoy swimming, playing beach volley, socializing and exploring the coastline. Several lectures and presentations will be organized.

We will visit several interesting places along the Slovenian coast. Each day will depend on the weather and other circumstances. In the evening there will be time to rest, party or to experience the night life of Portorož.

If you feel ill and need a rest, you are free to say so. Nobody will be forced to do anything. The atmosphere in the course is informal and relaxed. If you have a problem, please inform the course leader about it. The team will try to help you the best way they can.

## Duties

The participants share everyday duties and chores with Morigenos team members. This includes cooking, dish washing and house cleaning. Out in the field the participants help in search of dolphins, in observing the dolphins and in the collection of data. At the research base, the participants might help in data sorting and analysis.

## Training

This course enables you to experience day-to-day life of a dolphin researcher, as well as obtain background knowledge of marine mammal science, marine biology and conservation.

All the necessary training on research procedures, equipment use, data recording, dolphin search and boat safety is provided.

By the end of this course, you will:

- have a better understanding of current issues in marine mammal and turtle conservation;
- obtain an overview of different methods for studying marine mammals in the wild;
- acquire practical experience of pleasures and frustrations of marine mammal field research.

Among other things, you will learn about whale and dolphin biology and ecology, general research procedures, boat safety, basics of photo-identification techniques, basics on GPS use, visual search for dolphins from a boat and from land, observing dolphin behaviour and identification of different whale and dolphin species.

Morigenos team members will hold several lectures, video presentations and short workshops on the biology and ecology of whales and dolphins, research procedures, methods and conservation. Our research base also holds plenty of popular and scientific literature, where the participants can read more about whales and dolphins, ecology, nature conservation, marine environment, etc. The project team will be happy to answer any questions.

## Can we guarantee you to see dolphins?

No. You will most likely see them, but nobody can truly guarantee it.

We usually see dolphins several times during the 10-day period and we will do everything in our power to enable the participants as many sightings as possible. However, we ask you to be aware that these dolphins are wild, freeranging animals. That is exactly what they should be. This means they are very unpredictable, they have a relatively large home range and they travel around a lot. Therefore we cannot (and do not want to either!) control their movements.

Therefore we never know when or where we will encounter them. The search can last only a minute or several hours. Sometimes a day-long search can be unsuccessful. Sometimes we encounter dolphins on several days in a row, but on other occasions it might be impossible to find them for days. In a way, this is the beauty and magic of such work. That is why you need to be patient. Bad weather (rough sea, rain, bad visibility) can also restrict or prevent us from doing fieldwork and therefore reduce our chances to find dolphins. All of this is part of dolphin research. If you expect some sort of a tourist tour, where we would draw dolphins closer to our boat with some kind of a trick, then we would not advise you to participate in our courses.

Morigenos team members will do everything they can to maximize your chances of seeing dolphins, but keep in mind that we cannot guarantee you the presence of dolphins during the courses. We do not control the weather, nor the dolphins. This is a scientific research project, not a tourist dolphin-watching business.

## Will I be able to swim with dolphins?

No. Here are the main reasons:

Dolphins are protected by law in Slovenia (and other European countries). An attempt to swim with them can be seen as harassment and can be considered a legal offence.

Swimming with dolphins can be dangerous and various incidents over the world prove that. Dolphins are usually not aggressive towards humans (although they can be), but their way of playing can be more rough than ours. They could accidentally hurt us, because they are large and strong animals, which can grow up to 3 m in length and weight more than 200 kg. Furthermore, as dolphins are wild animals, they are unpredictable and should be treated as such.

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Dolphins are free-ranging animals and should not become used to being in close contact with humans, because that may be dangerous for them and could make them vulnerable in future situations. Wild animals should remain wild.

Dolphins are mammals just like us, therefore a possibility exists that they could transmit a disease to us or that they could get one from us.

Our aim is to study the behaviour and life of dolphins in their natural environment, without trying to interact with them too much. We can admire their beauty, elegance and playfulness without touching them. They are wild animals, not pets.

Last but not least, dolphins in the northern Adriatic Sea do not appear to be interested in swimming with humans.

## **The boat**

We will be using a rigid inflatable boat VSR 5.8R as our research platform. The length of the boat is 5.8 meters. The boat can easily handle even rough sea and is equipped with all the necessary safety equipment, including life-jackets. The boat uses a low noise engine and is easily manoeuvrable, therefore it enables us to follow the dolphins without causing unnecessary disturbance.

## **Accommodation**

The participants are accommodated in Morigenos research base. Participants share a room with other participants. Private rooms are not available. Participants sleep on bunk beds with mattresses. Clean bed sheets and blankets are provided. The research base provides a sleeping place, working place, kitchen, dining place, shower and toilet. Please keep in mind that this is not a hotel or a youth hostel. The atmosphere is very relaxed and informal. You should be able to live in the same place with a group of people working on the project, coming from all over Europe and beyond. The Summer Dolphin Research Courses offer you a different and unique experience. This is no ordinary holiday.

## **Conditions for participation**

Anyone can participate in the research course, regardless of nationality. No specific education or previous experience is required. However, the participant must:

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- be over 16 years old (if under 18, a written permission from parents is required);
- be able to swim;
- be able to tolerate the summer heat (several hours on the boat or on land observation point) and be in moderate physical condition;
- be adaptable (a requirement for living in a relatively small place with several people);
- have a positive attitude towards the environment and living beings;
- speak either Slovene, English or Croatian (one of these three languages; communication must be fluent!);
- be able to work in a group of people from various countries;
- read the information in this document carefully and accept these conditions; - fill in and sign the application form and the declaration (below).

Please make sure that you fulfil these conditions! They exist for your own sake, as well as for the sake of other team members and the functioning of the entire research course.

If you do not comply with these terms, we have the right to prevent you from participating.

Please note that the course leader has the right of expelling you from the course if your behaviour and attitude should negatively affect the normal activities or well being of other participants.

You must inform the project leader about any personal difficulties you might have (allergies, asthma, certain diseases, etc.).

Please note that Morigenos and its members are not and cannot be responsible for any personal problems, injuries or illness you might get during the course.

## Participation fee

The participation fee is **793,00€** and **549,00€** for students.

Price includes:

- accommodation at Morigenos research base;
- all meals and soft drinks (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks);
- water and electricity;
- fieldwork;
- scientific lectures, guidance and training;
- scientific supervision;
- visits of natural monuments and other sites;
- visit to the Aquarium Piran;
- personal insurance;
- certificate of attendance.

Price does not include:

- Travel costs of participants are not included in the fee. You need to make your own travel arrangements to get to us and from us.
- Potential personal expenses: restaurants, bars, souvenirs, alcoholic drinks, telephone, internet.

Discounts:

We offer all our returning participants (those that have already participated in our research courses in the past years) a 10 % discount! We look forward to having you with us again!

If you book two courses in a row, we offer a 10 % discount for the second course.

By participating in this project, you are directly helping fund part of the research activities. Your participation fee is used to cover the field expenses. This would not be possible without your involvement. Additionally, by taking active part in the collection of data, you provide help to the research team in the field and thus becoming part of it. Your participation therefore directly contributes to research and conservation of dolphins and marine turtles in this region.

## Dates

Research courses 2022 will be organized during the following periods:

Course	Arrival	Departure	Number of days	Participation fee*
1	4 July 2022	13 July 2022	10	793,00€ full fee 549,00€ students fee
2	18 July 2022	27 July 2022	10	793,00€ full fee 549,00€ students fee
3	8 August 2022	17 August 2022	10	793,00€ full fee 549,00€ students fee
4	22 August 2022	31 August 2022	10	793,00€ full fee 549,00€ students fee

\* We reserve the right to change the fee. VAT is included in the price.

**Please understand that it is not possible to arrive earlier or depart later than the given dates.** If you arrive to Slovenia earlier or depart later, we can direct you to some accommodation possibilities in the area, but we cannot host you outside the provided dates.

On the arrival day, Morigenos team will meet the participants at the **Main Bus station in Piran, at 15:00 hours**, and take them to Morigenos research base. You can call us at +386 31 77 10 77 or 386 68 663 667 in case you run into any problems, get lost or if your transportation is late.

On the departure day, participants can depart at any time of the day, but no later than 19:00 hours. If the weather is good, work in the field is expected to be done on that day as well (in that case the participants are can decide whether they want to join the fieldwork or not).

It is also possible to participate in more than one course.

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## Packing advice

The participant should bring along:

- a valid passport;
- cash for your personal expenses;
- bathing suit;
- beach and bathroom towel;
- personal toiletry;
- personal medication (if needed)
- sunscreen;
- sunglasses;
- a cap or a hat for the sun;
- light summer clothes;
- at least one warm jumper and trousers;
- warm jacket or wind stopper;
- sandals, flip-flops and footwear for walking on various terrains;
- a small backpack;
- water bottle for personal use on the boat;
- a mask + snorkel (optional)
- camera (optional);

## About Slovenia and its coast

Slovenia is a small country with high species and landscape diversity. It is a member of the European Union. The Slovenian coastline is very short, only about 46 km long. We will spend most of our time in Lucija, Portorož and Piran, as well as at sea. Slovenian waters cover approximately 300 km<sup>2</sup>, while the total study area covers about 1000 km<sup>2</sup>. There are several (very small) marine protected areas along the coastline. The deepest point in the area reaches 37 m, while the average depth is about 20 m. The sea bottom is muddy, sandy or rocky, with meadows of sea grass. Numerous invertebrate species

inhabit these waters, as well as many fish and bird species. Between April and October, loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) visit the area to feed.

The currency in Slovenia is **EURO (€)**. In most shops and restaurants you can pay with credit cards (Maestro, Mastercard, Visa, etc.). You can also withdraw money at the bank or at cash machines.

## How to get there

### By bus

There are bus stations in Lucija, Portorož, Piran, Izola and Koper. Buses are departing from Ljubljana, Slovenia (<http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/eng/>), Croatia ([www.autotrans.hr](http://www.autotrans.hr)) and Italy (<http://www.autostazionetrieste.it/>, <http://www.apgorizia.it/>, [http://www.veolia-transport.si/Vozni\\_redi\\_in\\_vozovnice/Vozni\\_redi/index.html](http://www.veolia-transport.si/Vozni_redi_in_vozovnice/Vozni_redi/index.html)). Check the timetables at the respective websites.

### By train

Koper is the nearest train station to our research base. There are train connections to Koper from Ljubljana. If you travel from Croatia, there are train connections from Zagreb to Ljubljana. Please visit <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/passengers> for more information.

Another train station is in Trieste (Italy), right next to the Slovenian border. After you arrive to Trieste by train, you can take a bus (or a taxi). Please visit <http://www.ferroviadellostato.it/> for more information on train connections from Italy.

### By plane

If you are arriving by plane, there are several possibilities. You can fly to Ljubljana and then take a train to Koper or a bus to Koper, Izola, Piran, Portorož or Lucija. Information about flights to Ljubljana can be found at <http://www.adria.si/en/index.cp2> and <http://www.lju-airport.si/eng/default.asp>.

EasyJet flies from London Stansted to Ljubljana (<http://www.easyjet.com>).

You can fly to Trieste (Italy) and then take a bus to Piran. For information about flights to Trieste, visit <http://www.aeroporto.fvg.it>. You can also fly to Trieste or Rijeka with RyanAir (<http://www.ryanair.com/en>).

You can fly to Venice (Italy) and then take the boat to Izola (a town about 10 min drive from Piran).

Information about the boat connection is provided below.

You can use GoOpti shuttle from the airport directly to Piran (<http://www.goopti.com/>)

You can fly to Portorož airport (a smaller airport). You can then reach Piran by taxi (5 min drive). For more information please visit <http://www.portoroz-airport.si/>.

## **By boat**

There is a fast catamaran connection between Venice (Italy) and Izola (Slovenia). The boat is called Prince of Venice. For more information visit:

[http://www.benetke.com/prince\\_of\\_venice.php?nodeCode=51433705851](http://www.benetke.com/prince_of_venice.php?nodeCode=51433705851) Another

connection from Venice (Italy) to Piran (Slovenia):

<http://www.sloveniaforyou.com/Ferry.htm>

## **Booking**

Booking is done through e-mail or telephone. The booking is temporary and should be confirmed with a payment of the participation fee. The payment can be made in one or two instalments. The first payment (half of the participation fee: **244 €**) needs to be made within 10 days after the initial registration. During this time nobody can take your place. If you do not confirm your booking by payment in due time, your place can be taken by someone else. The second payment has to be made at least 20 days prior to the chosen course. If this is not done, it will be considered as a cancellation. In that case, someone else can fill in that place - in that case, you are not entitled to any reimbursement.

The payment is done through the bank account of Morigenos.

IBAN account number: **SI56 6100 0000 2549 604**

SWIFT (BIC): **HDLSI22**

Bank: **Delavska hranilnica d.d., Ljubljana Miklošičeva 5 SI-1000 Ljubljana Slovenia (EU)**

**Please note that any potential additional bank expenses should be covered by participants.** Do not send checks or money by mail.

The number of places is limited, therefore we advise you to register on time.

**Please send the application form and the declaration (below) to:**

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**Morigenos, Kidričevo nabrežje 4, 6330 Piran, Slovenia**

## **Cancellation**

If the registered participant wishes to cancel the reservation (regardless of the cause), he/she should do that at least 20 days before the beginning of the chosen course. If the applicant paid the full participation fee in a single instalment, 50 % of the participation fee is reimbursed in case of the cancellation on time (50 % of the participation fee is non-refundable). If the registered participant does not cancel the reservation on time (before the given deadline), he/she does not receive any reimbursement. If the applicant only paid the 1st instalment, he/she does not receive any reimbursement upon cancellation. Participants that register exactly on the given deadline, cannot receive any reimbursement in case of cancellation.

If the course is cancelled by Morigenos (for any reason), the participant will receive full reimbursement of the paid fee.

You have the right to reject to participate in any activity in this course in case you feel that this activity represents a threat to your safety. You have the same right if you are not satisfied with the quality of the research vessel, the equipment or the research base. However, in this case, you must be aware that you are not entitled to any reimbursement.

## **Contact**

For any additional information, please feel free to contact us at:

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## APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS)

I wish to participate at the Morigenos research course #\_\_\_\_ from (date) \_\_\_\_\_ to (date) \_\_\_\_\_. I pay: \_\_\_\_\_ Euro (fee for the booked course)

Payment: I have made a bank transfer in Euro to the bank account of Morigenos, IBAN account number: **SI56 6100 0000 2549 604**, SWIFT (BIC): **HDELSI22**, Bank: **Delavska hranilnica d.d., Ljubljana, Miklošičeva 5, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.**

**I accept that 50% of the course participation fee is non-refundable.** In case of cancellation from my side I am expected to give a minimum 20-day notice in order to be entitled to a reimbursement equal to 50% of the course participation fee. I understand and accept that I will not be refunded in case I do not give a notice of my cancellation at least 20 days before the chosen course. I accept that in case of a cancellation by Morigenos (for any reason), I will be reimbursed with the full amount of the course fee or, upon request, Morigenos will try to place me in another course, depending on availability.

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (please use capital letters)

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) MALE  FEMALE

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION

I the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_, born on the \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy), in \_\_\_\_\_, address \_\_\_\_\_, Post code \_\_\_\_\_, City \_\_\_\_\_, Country \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I have decided to participate in the research courses of Morigenos from (date) \_\_\_\_\_ to (date) \_\_\_\_\_, on my personal will.

I also declare that:

- I have been informed about the type of activities during the research courses,
- I understand that I have the right to quit any of these activities or abandon the research location whenever I feel that such activities may represent a threat to my safety or health,
- I have the same right in case I am not satisfied with the quality of the research boat or the research base,
- I agree that if I quit any of these activities for reasons mentioned above, I will not be entitled to any sort of reimbursement,
- I agree that due to the nature of research courses, Morigenos and its legal representatives, members or anyone else involved in the course, cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience, accident, incident or illness I may suffer from during my participation in the research course,
- I agree that I will not publish any of the photos or video footage taken on the boat of Morigenos in any electronic or other media, and that I need to acquire permission from Morigenos before any potential publication of such material, because I understand that Morigenos aims to avoid all potential abuse of photos, video footage and Morigenos work,
- I allow Morigenos to use my photos for research and promotional purposes if needed,
- if during my participation in the field course I will be included in any photos or video footage documenting the activities of Morigenos, I agree that Morigenos can use such photos or video footage for research and promotional purposes, display in documentary films or other institutional purposes,
- I allow Morigenos to use my personal data for accounting and statistical analyses and
- I agree that for any dispute concerning the interpretation, application and enforcement of this declaration, the court of jurisdiction will be the Court of justice of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_