

An icy encounter - Floating cool activities for Spotted Seals



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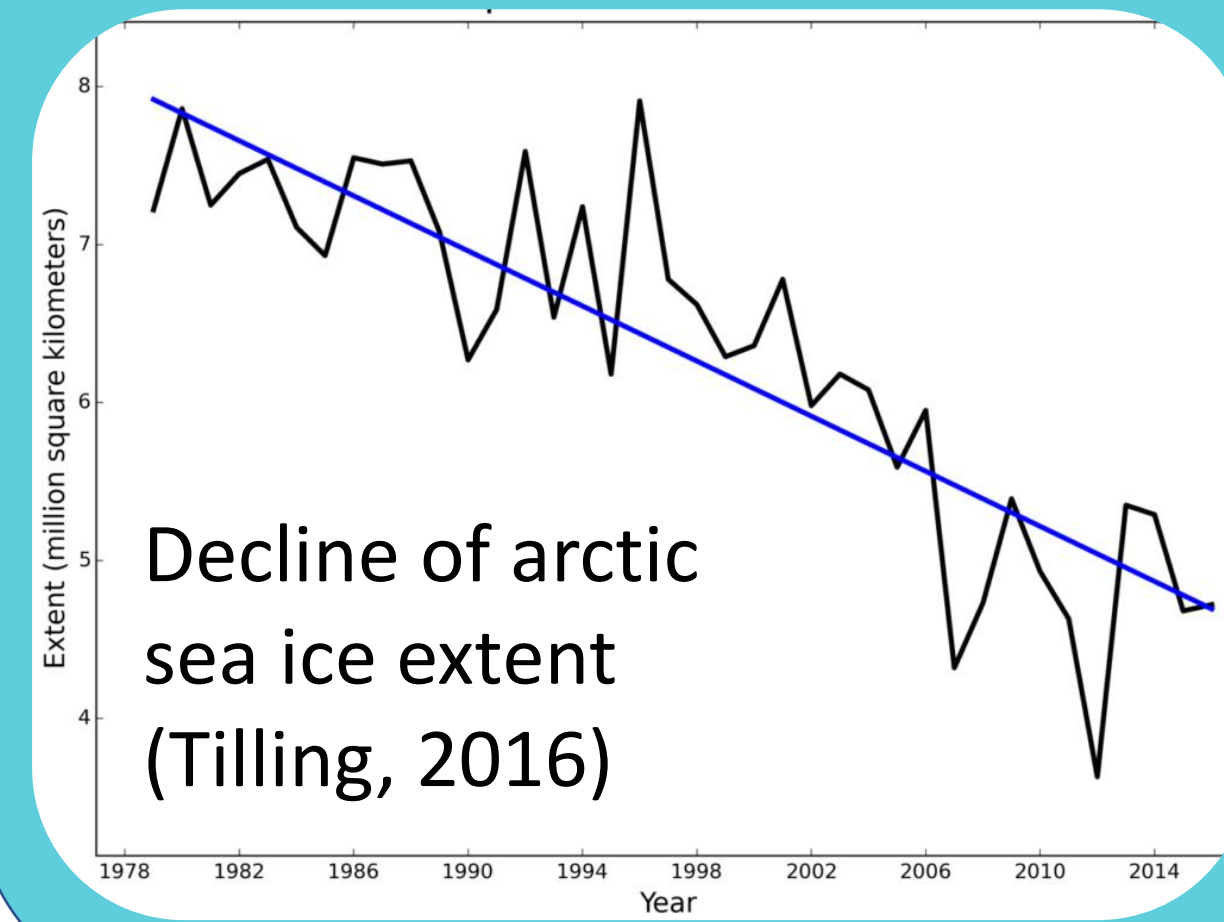
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Introduction

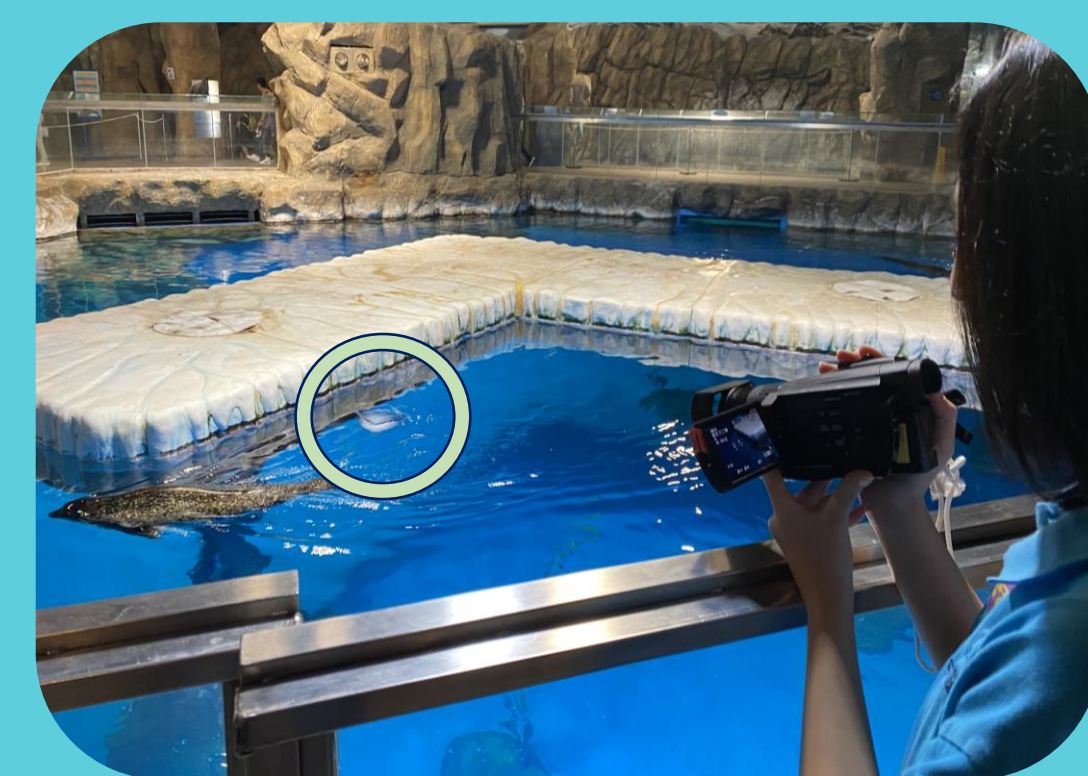
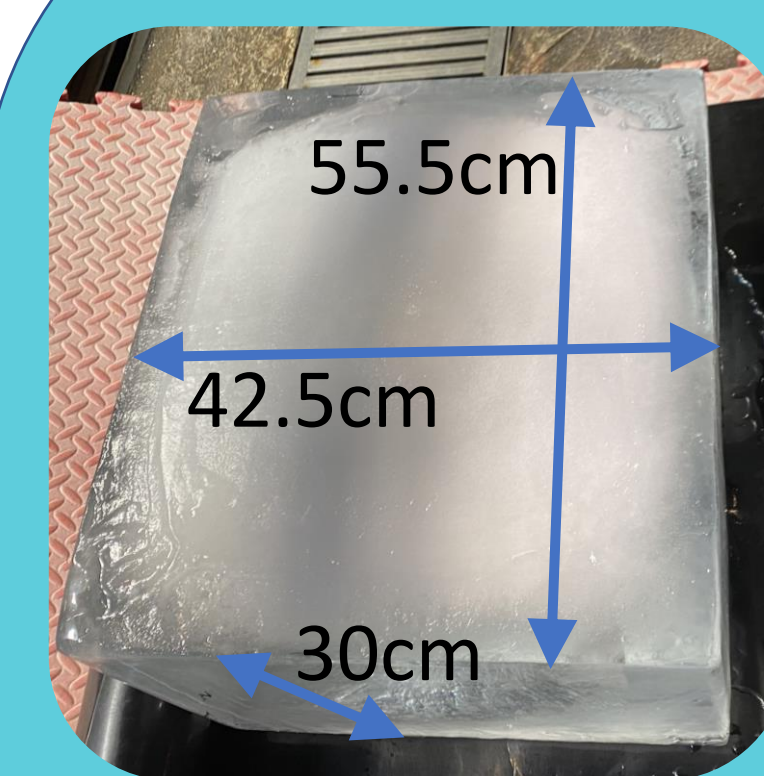
- Rapid loss of ice floats
- Natural behavior
- Pinniped enrichment



The seals showed a strong interest with a range of innate behaviors, demonstrating the importance of ice to the species.

In two out of three haul-out events, seals were able to haul out with >50% of body mass.

Methods



Conclusion

Our results indicate the significance of ice floats as an environmental enrichment for the species. By providing baseline data support, future projects can develop larger ice floats to extend the recorded natural, ice-related behaviours.

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Results

