

**42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2020****NAFO Internship Program  
(Prepared by the NAFO Secretariat)**

At the 2011 Annual Meeting, the NAFO Internship Program was adopted by the Organization to commence its activities in 2012. The NAFO Intern Program allows students, post-graduates or early career individuals from NAFO member countries to work in the NAFO Secretariat as an intern for periods of up to six (6) months. Interns can gain experience and knowledge in operations of NAFO as an intergovernmental organization while the NAFO Secretariat can benefit through the presence of an additional professional and his/her capacity and knowledge. It was noted that the Secretariat will report to STACFAD each year on the internship process.

This year, one intern participated in the NAFO internship program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NAFO internship was postponed for the second half of 2020.

**Anna Wall**

Anna Wall was invited to complete a three-month internship at the NAFO Secretariat. Anna first started her internship program at the 2019 Annual Meeting of NAFO in Bordeaux, France. She then rejoined the Secretariat in the winter of 2020.

Hailing from Sweden, Anna holds a Master of Science in Marine Sciences and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Sciences from Gothenburg University. She currently works as a nature conservation officer at the department of nature conservation in Gotland, Sweden. Anna previously worked for the ABNJ Deep seas project with FAO in Rome.

During her internship, Anna helped on bycatch and discards analyses of haul by haul data by creating maps showing where and when bycatch of certain species occur. She also assisted by writing R scripts for NAFO publication requirements and assisting in the production of responses for various United Nations requests for information.

### **Summary of Interns hosted at the Secretariat since inception**

Since the NAFO Internship Program was introduced, the Secretariat has received applications from Canada, Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland), EU, Japan, Norway, Russia and the USA.

2019	Canada/Spain EU (Sweden)	Javier Guijarro Sabaniel Anna Wall
2018	Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) EU (France)	Sebastian Glindtvad Antoine Balazuc
2017	USA	Jessica Randall
2016	Norway Japan	Martha Astrup Yumi Okochi
2015	EU (Croatia)	Toni Bartulin
2014	EU (Italy)	Maria Elvira (Mariel) Murazzi
2013	Russian Federation EU (United Kingdom)	Viktoria Egochina Thomas Reilly
2012	USA Canada	Erica Kidd Geneviève Scott

### **2021 Budget Estimate**

The 2021 budget estimate proposal includes a provision of \$11,000 which would allow the NAFO Secretariat to host an intern(s) for up to 6 months.