Industrial heritage in the Polar areas – The modern whaling industry in the Arctic and Antarctic
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Brief history of exploitation
Introduction
What is «modern» whaling

- Technological system
- Steam propulsion
- Specie diversification
- Organisation of production
- Full utilization of resource
Modern whaling; 1860–1904

- Early developments – technologies
- Svend Foyn – system builder
- Large scale exploitation – globalisation process
- Conflicts
Modern whaling; 1905–1971

• Expansion into the Polar areas
• From industrial production to large scale
• From whaling-stations to pelagic whaling
• Over-exploitation and collapse
• Low production during WW2
• New actors in whaling
• The introduction of bans
• NGO
Catches 1905–1971

Whales caught in Antarctica 1905-1971

Distribution of species caught
By the whaling industry
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