

**Agenda Item 5.1: ASCOBANS Baltic Recover Plan (“Jastarnia Plan”) –
Implementation**

**Marine Mammal Workshop, 1 April 2004, Kolmården, Sweden:
Recommendations regarding harbour porpoises**

Submitted by: Secretariat



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Secretariat's Note

The workshop "Marine Mammals of the Baltic Sea: History, Present Status and Challenges for the Future" was held on 1 April 2004, Kolmården, Sweden. It was convened and co-chaired by Carl Chr. Kinze, CCKonsult, Frederiksberg, Denmark, and Iwona Kuklik, Hel Marine Biological Station, Hel, Poland.

The attached document contains the conclusions of the workshop with respect to harbour porpoises.

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Harbour Porpoise Session

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Recommendations

1. Acknowledging the German-Swedish initiative the workshop *recommends* to set up a common GIS-database containing all available information on present and past distribution of the harbour porpoise in the entire Baltic proper and biological parameters such as age, reproductive status and body condition that can be linked to a geographical position.
2. Therefore the workshop further recommends to conduct a search for old specimens along the entire Baltic proper coast line in school collections etc in order retrieve DNA and morphological data and to carry out a retrospective survey by retrieving historic data from archive newspapers etc.
3. Recognising the need for an entire Baltic coverage and acknowledging the progress of the SCANS II survey the workshop recommends strongly to consider to include as much of the Baltic Sea proper as possible the forthcoming acoustic and visual surveys.
4. The workshop further recommends to collect qualitative sighting schemes such as they are or have been carried out in Denmark, Finland, Germany, and Sweden.
5. Addressing incidental catches in salmon driftnets the workshop established a lack of specification as to which gear should be prohibited and therefore recommends to revise the regulations accordingly by assessing the by-catch probability all local gear types.