

Agenda Item 13

Annual National Reports 2007

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**Annual National Reports
a) Finland**

Action Requested

- briefly present highlights from report (max. 5 minutes)
- take note of the information submitted
- comment

Submitted by

Parties



**NOTE:
IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING THEIR OWN
COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

Secretariat's Note

Attached are, as separate documents in order to minimise the need for revisions, the Annual National Reports for 2007, as submitted by the ASCOBANS Parties.

ASCOBANS Annual National Report

A. General information

FINLAND Name of party	1 January - 31 December 2007 Period covered
Penina Blankett Name of report compiler	11 February 2008 Date of report
Any changes in coordinating authority, appointed member of advisory committee	

B. NEW measures/action towards meeting the resolutions of the Meeting of Parties

1. Direct interaction of small cetaceans with fisheries

The COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 812/2004 of 26.4.2004 Laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries and amending Regulation (EC) No 88/98 has been implemented by a decree from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The Commission Regulation for the observation scheme was enforced by a decree from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in 30.12.2005. The Finnish observation scheme started 2006 and ended at 31.12.2007. No by-catches have been reported under this observation period. The Finnish report of 2006 to the European Commission can be downloaded from MAF –page: www.mmm.fi (in finnish). The final report of the observation scheme is under preparation.

Investigations of methods to reduce by-catch

Implementation of methods to reduce by-catch

Estimates of by-catch in set net and pelagic trawl fisheries

Species	Estimated number of by-caught animals	Area (ICES area or more detailed)	Notes (type of fishery, effort, seasonal variations, etc.)

2. Reduction of disturbance to small cetaceans

No information

Information on levels of disturbance
(e.g. seismic surveys, new high-speed ferry routes, studies about acoustic impacts on cetaceans, etc.)

None

Implementation of guidelines, new legislation, etc. to reduce disturbance

3. Protected areas for small cetaceans

None

Measures taken to identify, implement and manage protected areas

4. Further research on small cetaceans

Look at point 5.

Implementation of schemes to use and gain information from stranded cetaceans

Finland has taken part in a shared BONUS + application for SAMBAH – (Static Acoustic Monitoring of the BAltic Harbour porpoise) project.

Research on abundance, population structure etc.

None

Research on the effects of pollutants on cetacean health

5. Public awareness and education

Finland has continued the harbour porpoise sighting campaign and received information of three sightings of 8 animals in year 2007.

Measures taken in the fields of public awareness and education to implement or promote the Agreement