

Agenda Item 2

Annual National Reports 2009

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**Annual National Report Finland**

**Action Requested**

- Briefly present highlights from reports (max. 5 minutes)
- Take note of the information submitted
- Comment

Submitted by

Finland



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



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**General Information**

Name of Party: Finland	Period covered: 1.1.2009-31.12.2009
	Date of report: 24.3.2010

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**NEW Measures / Action Towards Meeting the Objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan and the Resolutions of the Meeting of Parties**

Please feel free to add more rows to tables if the space provided is not sufficient.

**A. HABITAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

**1 Direct Interaction with Fisheries**

Investigations of methods to reduce bycatch  <i>In the absence of reported bycatches, no studies are carried out.</i>
Implementation of methods to reduce bycatch  <i>None</i>
Please provide any other relevant information, including bycatch information from opportunistic sources.  <i>Permanent contacts between Ministries and stakeholders, especially fisheries organizations, to facilitate among others thing, awareness of harbour porpoise</i>

In addition, please attach or provide link to your country's Report under EC Regulation 812/2004.

**2 Reduction of Disturbance**

**2.1 Anthropogenic Noise**

Please reference and briefly summarise any studies undertaken  <i>None</i>
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**2.2 Ship Strike Incidents**

Please list all known incidents and for each, provide the following information:

Date	Species	Type	Fatal	Type of	Location	More
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		<b>of injury</b>	<b>injury (Yes / No)</b>	<b>vessel (length, tonnage and speed)</b>	<b>(coordinates)</b>	<b>information: (Name / Email)</b>

**2.3 Major Incidents Affecting Significant Numbers\* of Cetaceans**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of incident</b>	<b>Further Information</b>

\*Two or more animals

**2.4 Pollution and Hazardous Substances**

Please report on main types of pollution and hazardous substances (including source, location and observed effects on cetaceans). Please provide information on any new measures taken to reduce pollution likely to have an impact.

**2.5 Other Forms of Disturbance**

Please provide any other relevant information, e.g. relating to recreational activities affecting cetaceans.

**3 Marine Protected Areas for Small Cetaceans**

Please provide any relevant information on measures taken to identify, implement and manage protected areas for cetaceans, including MPAs designated under the Habitats Directive and MPAs planned or established within the framework of OSPAR or HELCOM.

Please indicate where GIS data of the boundaries (and zoning, if applicable) can be obtained (contact email / website).

***B. SURVEYS AND RESEARCH***

**4.1 Overview of Research on Abundance, Distribution and Population Structure**

Please provide an brief summary of (and reference to) any national work.

***Finland will take part to SAMBAH (Static Acoustic Monitoring of the***

*Baltic Sea Harbour porpoise) project. Project is partly funded from EU Life+ programme. In the project, 300 SAM units will be used over a two years period (2011-2012). 45 units will be deployed in Finnish waters. More info available on <http://ww.sambah.org>*

#### 4.2 New Technological Developments

Please provide a brief summary of any relevant information

#### 4.3 Other Relevant Research

Please provide a brief summary of any relevant information

### ***C. USE OF BY-CATCHES AND STRANDINGS***

#### 5 Post-Mortem Research Schemes

Contact details of research institutions / focal point	
Methodology used (reference, e.g. publication, protocol)	
Collection of samples (type, preservation method)	
Database (Number of data sets by species, years covered, software used, online access)	
Additional Information (e.g. website addresses, intellectual property rights, possibility of a central database)	

#### 5.1 Number of Necropsies Carried out in Reporting Period:

Species	Recorded cause of death

Please provide any other relevant information on post-mortem / stranding schemes.

#### **D. LEGISLATION**

##### **6.1 Relevant New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines**

Please provide any relevant information.

#### **E. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

##### **7.1 Public Awareness and Education**

Please report on any public awareness and education activities to implement or promote the Agreement to the general public and to fishermen.

- *Finland has continued the harbour porpoise sighting campaign and received information of five sightings of totally 5 animals in year 2009.*
- *The Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have established a common practice of recommending fishermen to avoid fishing with nets in coastal areas where harbour porpoises have been sighted.*
- *SAMBAH project (see 4.1) will start wide dissemination actions for public and stakeholders about harbour porpoise starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2010*

#### **POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT**

Please provide any relevant information.

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