

Agenda Item 2

Annual National Reports 2010

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**Annual National Report Lithuania**

**Action Requested**

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

Submitted by

Lithuania



**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**

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| Name of Party: | Period covered:               |
| LITHUANIA      | Date of report: 24 MARCH 2011 |

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| Any changes in coordinating authority or appointed member of advisory committee |  |

List of national authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans, including contact details

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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**

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| Investigations of methods to reduce bycatch<br><br><i>There is no any investigation for reducing of bycatch</i>   |
| Implementation of methods to reduce bycatch<br><br><i>There is no any implementation for reducing of bycatch</i>  |
| Please provide any other relevant information, including bycatch information from opportunistic sources.<br><br>- |

**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**

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| Please reference and briefly summarise any studies undertaken<br><br><i>There are no any studies done.</i> |
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**2.2 Ship Strike Incidents**

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

*There weren't any incidents accidents recorded in Lithuanian Sea zone.*

| Date | Species | Type of injury | Fatal injury (Yes / No) | Type of vessel (length, tonnage and speed) | Location (coordinates) | More information: (Name / Email) |
|------|---------|----------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|
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**2.3 Major Incidents Affecting Significant Numbers\* of Cetaceans**

*There weren't any incidents recorded in Lithuanian Sea zone.*

| Date | Location | Type of incident | Further Information |
|------|----------|------------------|---------------------|
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*\*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.

*No new measurements have been done.*

## 2.5 Other Forms of Disturbance

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

*No new forms of disturbance have been found.*

## 3 Marine Protected Areas for Small Cetaceans

No protected areas for cetaceans are identified in Lithuania

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## B. SURVEYS AND RESEARCH

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

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

*There are no researching works.*

### 4.2 New Technological Developments

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**4.3 Other Relevant Research**

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

**5 Post-Mortem Research Schemes**

*There is no any researching works.*

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| 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:**

*No any observations have been done.*

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Recorded cause of death</b> |
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| Please provide any other relevant information on post-mortem / stranding schemes. |
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***D. LEGISLATION***

## 6.1 Relevant New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines

Please provide any relevant information.

An Action Plan for protection of the harbor porpoise in Lithuanian Baltic Sea area is under preparation. It has to be adopted in the end of a year or in the beginning of 2012. The implementation of a Plan should start on 2012.

## ***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.

International Harbor Porpoise Day was celebrated for the 8th time at the Lithuanian Sea Museum. Every year the specialists of Lithuanian Sea Museum look for a way to improve a public awareness about species harbor porpoise. This year was the first one when Lithuanian Sea Museum decided to commemorate this day in an unusual way. There were invited over then 1000 students from different Lithuanian schools to make a contour of harbor porpoise by using a "live circuit". There was made a real picture and video from the sky. This action imposed a huge interest of the public. Many articles in a newspaper and a website were published. The video is able to be downloaded from the following internet address [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vWQdBiwxKE&feature=player\\_embedded#at=14](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vWQdBiwxKE&feature=player_embedded#at=14) and picture - <http://g.diena.lt/01/50/250772.jpg>.

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

Please provide any relevant information.

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