

Agenda Item 13

National Reporting

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**2012 Annual National Report
Lithuania**

Action Requested

- Take note
- Comment

Submitted by

Lithuania



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TO THE MEETING**

2012 ASCOBANS Annual National Reports

This format for the ASCOBANS Annual National Reports was endorsed by the 6th Meeting of the Parties in 2009. Reports are due to be submitted to the Secretariat by 31 March of each year.

Parties are requested to use this report to provide NEW information on measures taken or actions towards meeting the objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan and the Resolutions of the Meeting of the Parties.

The 7th Meeting of the Parties in 2012 agreed to move to online reporting with immediate effect. In order to benefit fully from the opportunities for synergies among CMS Family treaties afforded by this tool, Parties decided that a revised national report format be developed by a small working group assisted by the Secretariat for consideration by the Advisory Committee in preparation for the 8th Meeting of the Parties. While retaining the questions related only to ASCOBANS, it should align more closely to the format used in CMS, AEWA and EUROBATS.

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Changes

Changes in Coordinating Authority or appointed Member of the Advisory Committee

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List of National Institutions

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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Habitat Conservation and Management

Fisheries Interactions

Direct Interaction with Fisheries

1.1 Investigations of methods to reduce bycatch

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There was no investigation of methods to reduce bycatch.

1.2 Implementation of methods to reduce bycatch

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There was no implementation of methods to reduce bycatch.

1.3 Other relevant information

Other relevant information, including bycatch information from opportunistic sources

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None

1.4 Report under EC Regulation 812/2004

Please provide the link to your country's report under EC Regulation 812/2004.

> None

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[LT 2012\(2011\) Report on implementation of R812-2004.doc](#) - Annual report on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 - (2011)

Reduction of Disturbance

2.1 Anthropogenic Noise

Please reference and briefly summarise any studies undertaken

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No studies of anthropogenic noise were done.

2.2 Ship Strike Incidents

Please list all known incidents and provide information separately for each

	Incident 1	Incident 2	Incident 3	Incident 4	Incident 5
Date	None				
Species					

Type of Injury					
Fatal Injury (Yes/No)					
Type of Vessel (length, tonnage, speed)					
Location (coordinates)					
More Information (name, email)					

2.3 Major Incidents

Major Incidents Affecting Significant Numbers of Cetaceans (two or more animals)

	Incident 1	Incident 2	Incident 3	Incident 4	Incident 5
Date	None				
Location					
Type of Incident					
Further Information					

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.

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No new measurements were done.

2.5 Other Forms of Disturbance

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

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None

Marine Protected Areas

Marine Protected Areas for Small Cetaceans

3.1 Relevant Information

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.

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There are no protected areas for cetaceans established in Lithuania. No measures were taken to identify such areas because of lack of data on cetaceans in Lithuanian sea zone.

3.2 GIS Data

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

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None

Surveys and Research

4.1 Abundance, Distribution, Population Structure

Overview of Research on Abundance, Distribution and Population Structure

> Coastal Research and Planning Institute of Klaipeda University is a subcontractor in the international project "Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea Harbour Porpoise" (SAMBAH). Static acoustic monitoring devices which detect and log porpoise sonar click activities have been set up in nine sites of Lithuania marine waters. Analysis of collected data will be accomplished in 2014.

4.2 Technological Developments

New Technological Developments

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None

4.3 Other Relevant Research

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None

Use of Bycatches and Strandings

Post-Mortem Research Schemes

5.1 Contact Details

Contact details of research institutions and focal point

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No post-mortem researches were performed.

5.2 Methodology

Methodology used (reference, e.g. publication, protocol)

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None

5.3 Samples

Collection of samples (type, preservation method)

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None

5.4 Database

Database (number of data sets by species, years covered, software used, online access)

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None

5.5 Additional Information

Additional information (e.g. website addresses, intellectual property rights, possibility of a central database)

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None

Activities and Results

5.6 Necropsies

Number of necropsies carried out in the reporting period

	Number	Recorded cause of death
Phocoena phocoena	0	
Tursiops truncatus	0	
Delphinus delphis	0	
Stenella coeruleoalba	0	
Grampus griseus	0	
Globicephala melas	0	
Globicephala macrorhynchus	0	
Lagenorhynchus albirostris	0	
Lagenorhynchus acutus	0	

Orcinus orca	0	
Hyperoodon ampullatus	0	
Mesoplodon bidens	0	
Kogia breviceps	0	
Other (please specify under number)	0	
Other (please specify under number)	0	
Other (please specify under number)	0	
Other (please specify under number)	0	
Other (please specify under number)	0	
Other (please specify under number)	0	

5.7 Other Relevant Information

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

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None

Relevant New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines

6.1 New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines

Please provide any relevant information

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The Management plan and the Action plan for harbor porpoise in Lithuanian Baltic Sea area were prepared and adopted by order of Minister of Environment on 29 February 2012. The implementation of the plans started at the beginning of 2013 and will continue until the end of 2014. The main aim of the plans is to improve a state of harbor porpoise in Lithuanian Baltic Sea area by implementation of information actions, e.g. installation of information boards in the coastal area, publishing booklets and creation of a video film about the species, inquiry of fishermen about bycatch, arrangement of lectures for fishermen.

Public Awareness 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.

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The International Harbor Porpoise Day was celebrated for the 10th time at the Lithuanian Sea Museum. This year an interactive lecture about harbour porpoise's biology and ecology was given by specialist of the museum and workshop on making the comics "Save the harbour porpoise in the Baltic Sea" was organized for students of Vilnius Academy of Arts and Klaipėdos Vydūno high school. About 15,000 people visited exhibition of painted comics while it was open from May 17 - June 8, 2012.

Possible difficulties encountered in implementing the Agreement

Difficulties in Implementing the Agreement

Please provide any relevant information

> The main problem is insufficient data on presence of cetaceans in the marine waters of Lithuania.

Common Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) was recorded two times - one dead individual was found in 1998 and two animals were observed in 2007. According to the information of The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species it may be the best way to consider the Common Bottlenose Dolphin as extralimital in all Baltic Sea.

The last records of two Harbour Porpoise findings (as bycatch) were in 2001 and 2003. No Harbour Porpoises were detected during the marine mammals inventory in 2007-2009, which was a part of the LIFE project "Marine Protected Areas in the Eastern Baltic Sea". New data from the international project "Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea Harbour Porpoise" (SAMBAH) will be available only in 2014.