



SAMBAAH II

Introduction and discussion points for the 14th Jastarnia Group meeting

Copenhagen, 13 March 2018

What are we aiming for today?

What are the Jastarnia Group recommendations to the AC and to countries on SAMBAH II?

- What are countries needs/recommendations for SAMBAH II?
- Contact persons – both scientific and governmental

SAMBAH recap

Aims

- Abundance (2011-2013)
- Distribution
- Best practice
- Dissemination

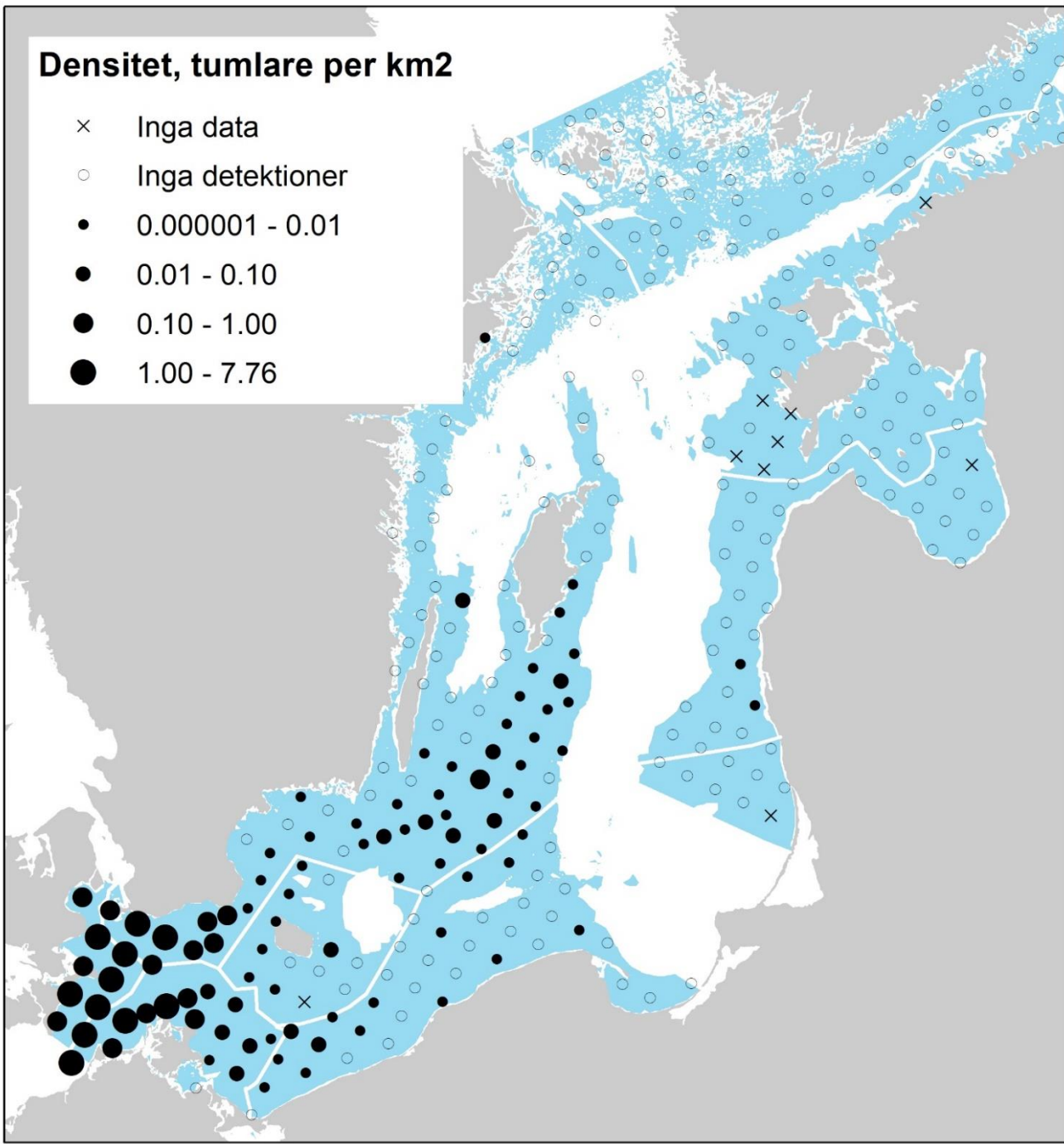
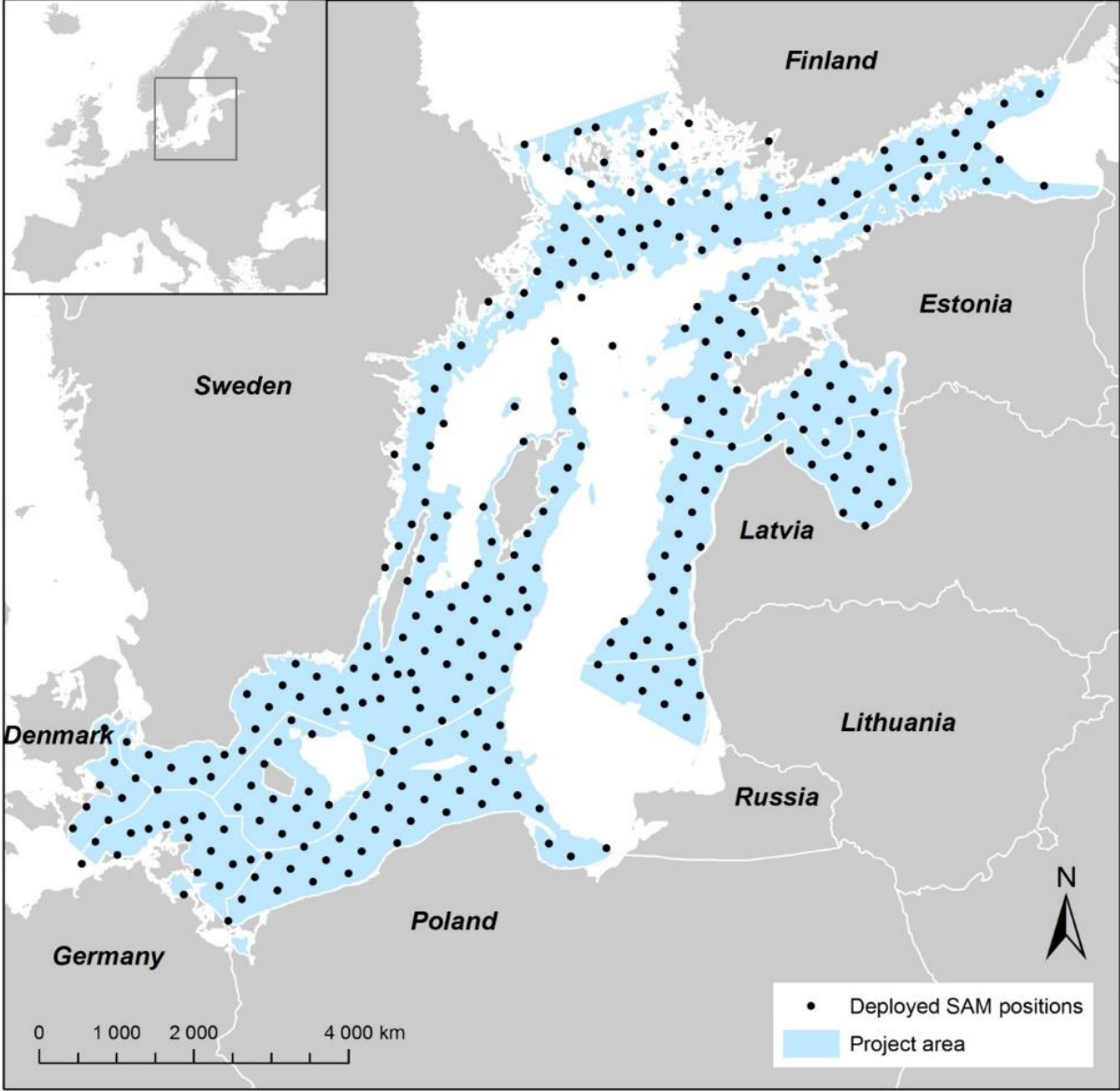
Challenges/opportunities for improvement

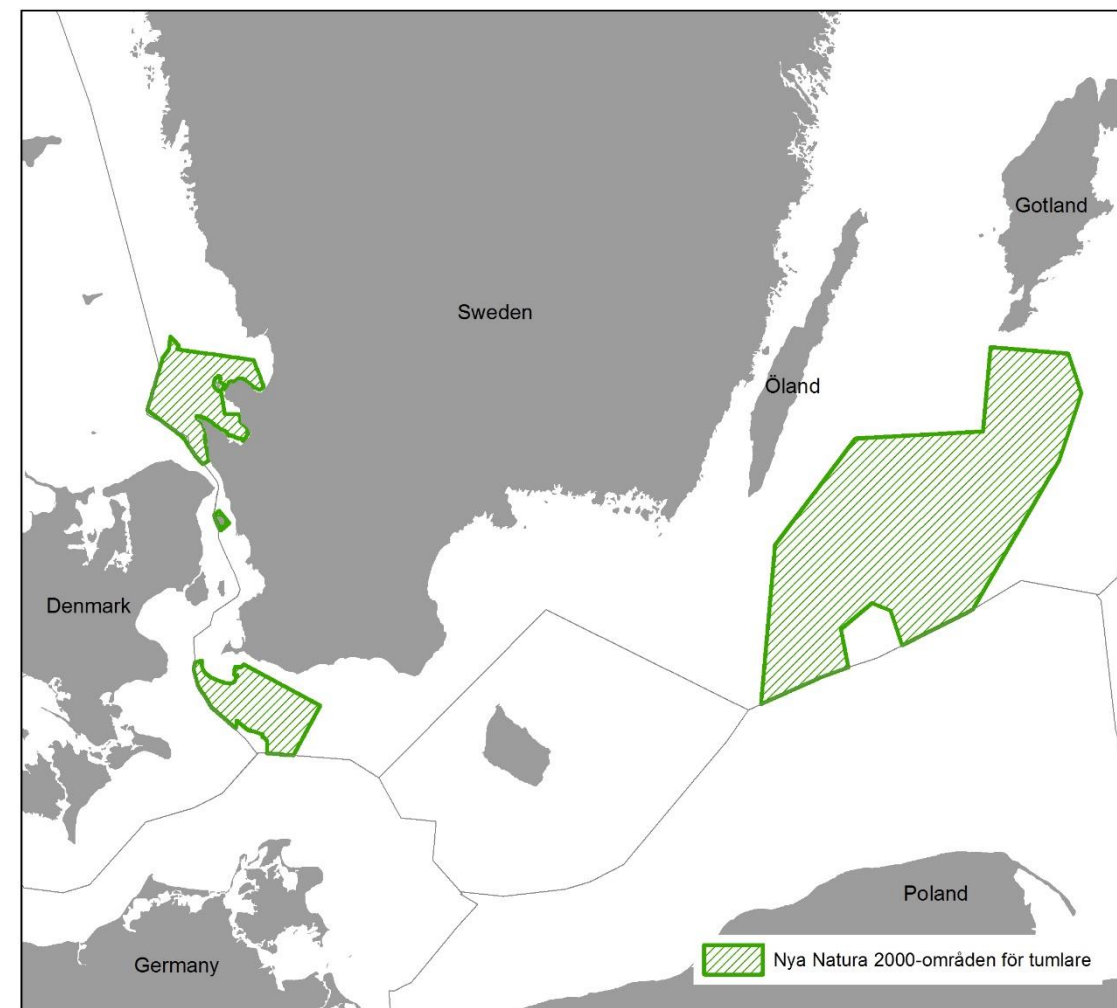
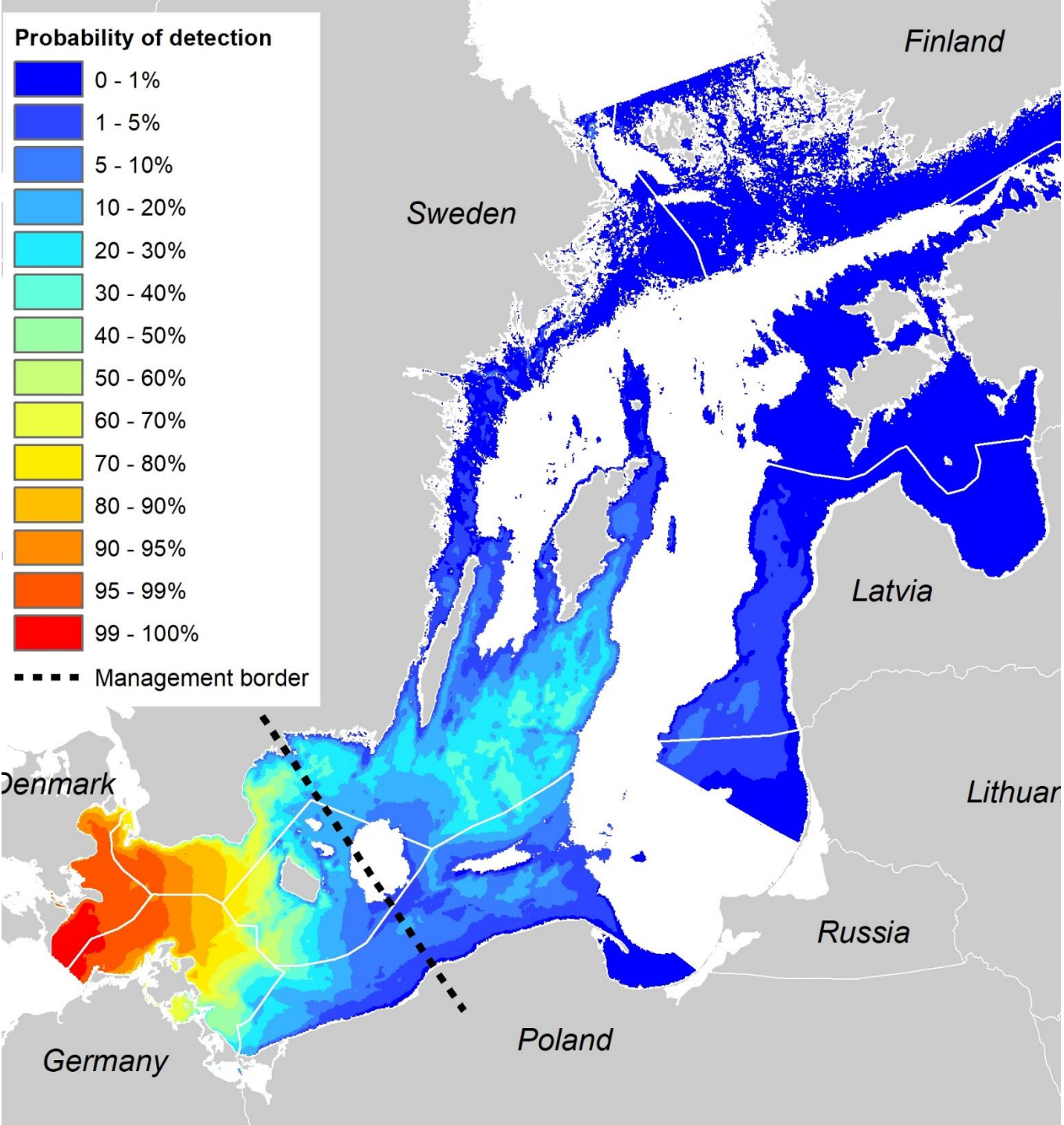
- Missing areas >80 m depth
- Detection function difficult → large confidence interval in estimates
- Budget
- Russia not included
- Germany not a formal project partner

SAMBAH recap

Outputs and results

- Abundance estimates show 497 (80-1091) porpoises remain in the Baltic Proper
- Distribution maps point at some important areas
- One large area in Baltic Proper designated as Natura 2000
- SAMBAH nominated as one of the best LIFE projects






SAMBAH II – Aims and outputs

What is needed for implementation of the Jastarnia plan? For HD and MSFD reporting? Other needs?


- Abundance?
- Distribution?
- Cover deeper areas as well as the SAMBAH area? Same delimitations as in SAMBAH? Russia?
- Coastal stations?
- Communication/dissemination?
- Practical conservation actions?
- Monitoring of threats such as underwater noise/bycatch?
- Additional issues?



Can we make a list of the top 3-4 priorities?

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Needs – what is available in the different countries?

- Support from countries
 - Project manager
 - Project group \leftrightarrow contact persons
 - Funding 
 - Knowledge
- 1) Funding for writing application
 - 2) EU LIFE Programme + National co-funding

SAMBAH II – suggested rough time plan

2018 – preparations

2019 – application written

2020/2021 – project start

2021/2022 – start of fieldwork

The exact timing depends on the timing of the LIFE call and the selection process