

Action Points

Reference	Action Point (old reference)	Jastarnia Plan		WBBK Plan		Priority level
		Applies	Mandate	Applies	Mandate	
JG13/AP1/JP/WBBK	Parties should involve stakeholders, including fishermen and fisheries organizations, and urge them to accept responsibility for eliminating the potential risk of bycatch in gillnets and to take the necessary actions to obtain this goal. The Secretariat and Parties should continually contact fisheries organizations to make them aware of the importance of recovering carcasses of bycaught animals. (JG12/AP9)	X	COOP-01: Involve stakeholders in the work of reducing bycatch of harbour porpoises	X	Rec.1: Actively seek to involve fishermen in the implementation of the plan and mitigation measures to ensure reducing bycatch	High
JG13/AP2/JP/WBBK	Based on the outcome of the dialogue between the ASCOBANS Secretariat and the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), the Jastarnia Group recommends that options for and implications of developing a porpoise-friendly label be examined jointly by the Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group and Bycatch Working Group of the Advisory Committee. (new)	X		X		Medium
JG13/AP3/JP/WBBK	Noting the successful Natura 2000 dialogue forums conducted in Denmark, Parties are encouraged to consider	X		X		Medium

	establishing a similar format for the stakeholder working group. (JG12/AP57)					
JG13/AP4/JP/WBBK	Each country is encouraged to designate one website for reporting sightings and strandings by the public. The Secretariat should place the URLs on the ASCOBANS website. (JG12/AP35)	X	PACB-01: Improve communication and education for increased public awareness and collection of live observations and dead specimens of the Baltic harbour porpoise	X	Objective d: Monitoring the status of the population	High
JG13/AP5/JP/WBBK	Parties should establish programmes for recording opportunistic sightings and strandings, preferably in a coordinated way for all Baltic Sea States, and deliver the information gained through these programmes to the HELCOM database on a regular basis. (JG12/AP37)	X		X		High
JG13/AP6/JP/WBBK	The recommendations of the Jastarnia and WBBK Plans should be forwarded by the Secretariat to all relevant organisations active in the Baltic. (JG12/AP39)	X	COOP-02: Strive for close cooperation between ASCOBANS and other international bodies	x	Rec.2: Cooperate with and inform other relevant bodies about the Conservation Plan	High
JG13/AP7/JP/WBBK	The Jastarnia Group acknowledges the progress regarding the cooperation	x		x		High

	between the Jastarnia Group and relevant meetings of HELCOM. The Jastarnia Group promotes further cooperation with HELCOM SEAL and will strive to cooperate with the HELCOM Fish Group. Further, HELCOM should continue to be invited to take part in the Jastarnia Group meetings. (JG12/AP46)					
JG13/AP8/JP	Parties should continue and step up their joint monitoring efforts and to promote the collection of data at the sub-regional and local levels based on the methods adopted by SAMBAH. Progress should be reviewed annually. (JG12/AP30)	x	MON-01: Implement and harmonize long-term continual acoustic harbour porpoise monitoring			High
JG13/AP9/JP	The Jastarnia Group strongly encourages Parties to initiate SAMBAH-II, specifically in terms of fundraising, in order for fieldwork to start in 2021, ten years after SAMBAH. (JG12/AP17)	x	MON-02: Carry out full-scale surveys of harbour porpoise abundance and distribution			High
JG13/AP9/WBBK	Parties are strongly encouraged to continue to undertake and cooperate on inter-SCANS surveys of the WBBK harbour porpoise population and evaluate trends in population density and abundance. (JG12/AP65)			x	Rec.7: Estimate trends in abundance of harbour porpoises in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat	High

JG13/AP10/JP/WBBK	ASCOBANS should join efforts with HELCOM in seeking to influence Baltfish once the new EU Regulation on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures is adopted. (new)	x	Monitor, estimate and reduce bycatch	x	Objective b: Mitigation of bycatch; Objective c: Assessment of bycatch level	High
JG13/AP11/JP/WBBK	Parties should consider the recommendations of the October 2015 ASCOBANS Workshop on Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) and implement this technique for bycatch monitoring as appropriate in the national context. (JG12/AP26)	x	RES-03: Improve methods for monitoring and estimation of harbour porpoise bycatch	x	Rec.6: Estimate total annual bycatch	High
JG13/AP12/JP/WBBK	Parties are encouraged to undertake or promote research regarding bycatch. (JG12/AP64)	x		x		High
JG13/AP13/JP/WBBK	Parties are encouraged to carry out a power analysis to estimate the required sample size for bycatch monitoring. (new)	x	RES-03: Improve methods for monitoring and estimation of harbour porpoise bycatch	x	Rec.6: Estimate total annual bycatch	High
JG13/AP14/JP	Parties should develop guidelines, and continue to develop and implement methods, for reducing and monitoring bycatch in the relevant fisheries, as called for in Jastarnia Plan Action COOP-01. (JG12/AP7)	x	MON-03: Monitor and estimate harbour porpoise bycatch rates and estimate total annual bycatch			High

JG13/AP15/JP/WBBK	Bearing in mind the Parties' commitments under the Habitats Directive and other relevant EC regulation, Parties are required to establish a system to monitor bycatch on all vessels regardless of size. (JG12/AP27)	x		x	Rec.6: Estimate total annual bycatch	High
JG13/AP16/JP	Parties are strongly encouraged to carry out spatio-temporal risk-assessments of harbour porpoise bycatch using harbour porpoise distribution and fishing effort data. (new)	x	RES-04: Carry out a spatio-temporal risk assessment of harbour porpoise bycatch			High
JG13/AP17/JP/WBBK	Parties should undertake or continue efforts to test and implement pots, traps and other porpoise-friendly gear, taking account of the responsibility of the stakeholders for mitigating bycatch and actively participating in this research and development. Parties are encouraged to report to the Jastarnia Group on related initiatives or research even where the intention is not primarily the conservation of marine mammals. (JG12/AP11).	x	RES-05: Further develop and improve fishing gear that is commercially viable with no harbour porpoise bycatch	x	Objective b: Mitigation of bycatch	High
JG13/AP18/JP/WBBK	Parties should promote the development of pingers not audible to seals and alerting devices other than pingers. (JG12/AP19)	x		x		High
JG13/AP19/JP/WBBK	Parties should continue to provide funding for research on alternative	x		x		High

	fishing gear and practices as needed. (JG12/AP63)					
JG13/AP20/JP/WBBK	In order to achieve a favourable conservation status for Baltic harbour porpoises as required under the Habitats Directive, Parties should make concerted efforts to eliminate bycatch especially in current and future Natura 2000 sites (SACs) where harbour porpoises form part of the selection criteria. In these areas, this could be achieved by replacing set nets and introducing alternative gear that is considered less harmful. (JG12/AP5)	x	MIT-01: Implement the use of fishing gear that is commercially viable with no harbour porpoise bycatch	x	Rec.3: Protect harbour porpoises in their key habitats in minimizing bycatch as far as possible Rec.5: Where possible replace gillnet fisheries known to be associated with high porpoise bycatch with alternative fishing gear known to be less harmful	High
JG13/AP21/JP/WBBK	Parties are strongly encouraged to investigate ways of limiting part-time set-net fisheries. (JG12/AP1)	x	MIT-02: Reduce or eliminate fishing effort with gillnets or other gear known to cause porpoise bycatch in areas with higher harbour porpoise density or occurrence, and/or in areas with higher risk of harbour porpoise bycatch, according to spatio-	x		Medium - High, depending on area
JG13/AP22/JP/WBBK	With respect to recreational fisheries, Parties should work towards banning or limiting the use of those types of gear known to pose a threat to harbour porpoises. (JG12/AP2)	x		x		High
JG13/AP23/JP/WBBK	Parties should step up action to reduce fishing effort involving gear known to cause high porpoise bycatch rates as required under the Jastarnia Plan, and to provide information documenting the	x		x		High

	magnitude and location of such effort to ICES. (JG12/AP3) .		temporal risk assessments			
JG13/AP24/JP	Parties are invited to commission research on whether pingers or other alerting or harassment devices cause undue habitat exclusion and habituation. (JG12/AP21)	x	RES-06: Improve the knowledge on potential population-level effects of the use of pingers, and develop acoustic devices for bycatch mitigation further			Medium
JG13/AP25/WBBK	Parties should continue to provide funding for research on non-detrimental use of acoustic devices and possible habitat exclusion through pingers. (JG12/AP69)			x	Rec.9: Ensure a non-detrimental use of pingers by examining habitat exclusion and long-term effects of pingers	High
JG13/AP26/JP	Parties should ensure more monitoring and enforcement of pinger use irrespective of vessel size. In the meantime, Parties must develop long-term measures to mitigate bycatch, such as alternative fishing gear. (JG12/AP15)	x				High
JG13/AP27/WBBK	Parties are strongly encouraged to take all necessary steps to achieve as soon as possible agreement to implement immediately the use of pingers in gillnet fisheries associated with bycatch irrespective of vessel size or type, as provided for in the Plan, and to enforce the use of pingers. (JG12/AP62)			x	Rec.4: Implement pinger use in fisheries causing bycatch	High

JG13/AP28/JP/WBBK	Parties should continue to collect data on the extent of ghost nets in their waters, including net types and locations. Regular assessments should then be made of the total quantities of nets lost or discarded, taking account of the distribution of different types of fisheries. (JG12/AP31)	x	MIT-04: Prevent, retrieve and recycle derelict (“ghost”) fishing gear, with focus on high-density areas of harbour porpoises	x	Rec.3: Protect harbour porpoises in their key habitats by minimizing bycatch as far as possible	High
JG13/AP29/JP/WBBK	Taking into consideration the future requirements under the MSFD, Parties should continue to implement measures to prevent the loss of fishing gear, and mitigation measures for ghost nets, such as regular clean-ups, provision of disposal containers at ports, deposit systems, mandatory reporting of lost gear, marking of nets etc. Wherever possible fishing communities and other relevant stakeholders should be actively involved. Periodic reviews of progress should be conducted by the Jastarnia Group. (JG12/AP32)	x		x		High
JG13/AP30/JP/WBBK	Parties are asked to undertake baseline studies of underwater noise in their respective waters as a reference point for future impact assessments. (JG12/AP23)	x	RES-07: Improve knowledge on impact of impulsive and continuous anthropogenic underwater noise on harbour	x	Objective e: Ensuring habitat quality favourable to the conservation of the harbour porpoise	High
JG13/AP31/JP/WBBK	Parties should investigate possible detrimental effects of various types of sound and disturbance on harbour porpoises (including pinger signals, noise	x		x		High

	from vessels, seismic surveys, wind parks or construction). Parties should initiate and support studies on the effect of anthropogenic noise on the harbour porpoise both on the individual and on a population level. (JG12/AP24)		porpoises, and development of threshold limits of significant disturbance and GES indicators			
JG13/AP32/JP/WBBK	Parties are encouraged to adopt regulations on the reduction of sound emissions associated with construction of offshore wind farms and to set an upper limit for pile driving operations. The results of current studies should be reflected both in the national legislation of Parties and in the relevant Indicators for Good Environmental Status to be developed for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. (JG12/AP20)	x	MIT-05: Implement regionally harmonized national threshold limits and guidelines for regulation of underwater noise	x		High
JG13/AP33/WBBK	Parties are strongly encouraged to coordinate and standardize their monitoring efforts and determine the number of stranded or bycaught animals to be collected for necropsies through the coordination group established in 2016. (JG12/AP66)			x	Rec.8: Monitor population health status, contaminant load and causes of mortality	High
JG13/AP34/JP/WBBK	The animals collected should be necropsied and examined with regard to health status, contaminant load and causes of mortality. The resultant data should be fed into a common database,	x	MON-04: Collect dead specimens and assess health status, contaminant	x		High

	such as the future database required under MOP Resolution 7.4. (JG12/AP68)		levels, cause of mortality and life-history parameters of harbour porpoises			
JG13/AP35/WBBK	The necropsy coordination group shall assist with the establishment of the foreseen database on “Web-accessed database for marine mammal stranding and necropsy data”, and Parties shall support the process through providing funding for a workshop. (new)			x		High
JG13/AP36/JP	Parties are strongly encouraged to collect any stranded or bycaught animals for necropsies. (new)	x				High
JG13/AP37/JP	Parties are strongly encouraged to use the data provided by SAMBAH, in particular in connection with the establishment of management plans for SACs and MPAs for harbour porpoises, as well as with regard to mitigation measures. (JG12/AP34)	x	MIT-06: Expand the network of protected areas for harbour porpoises, improve its connectivity, and develop and implement appropriate management plans including monitoring schemes for these areas			High
JG13/AP38/WBBK	Parties should promote research on the consequences of impacts on prey			x	Rec.10: Include monitoring and	Medium

	communities for harbour porpoises. (JG12/AP70)				management of important prey species in national harbour porpoise management plans	
JG13/AP39/JP/WBBK	Coordinating Authorities of the countries hosting the Group's meetings are asked to ensure the attendance of an expert on the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) at the respective meetings of the Group. The Secretariat should recall this recommendation to the Coordinating Authority of the host country in good time before the meeting. (JG12/AP50)	x	Other	x	Other	High
JG13/AP40/JP/WBBK	The Jastarnia Group recommend to the ASCOBANS Parties to adapt the focus of its future meetings to correspond to the updated national reporting structure and cycle (see Resolution 8.1). Those issues which the AC would focus on, the Jastarnia Group would also focus on, unless there are other pressing matters. (new)	x	Other	x	Other	High
JG13/AP41/JP/WBBK	Parties are encouraged to take turns hosting the meetings of the Jastarnia Group and to ensure that the necessary funding for this purpose is made available. (JG12/AP55)	x	Other	x	Other	High