

Agenda Item 2

Review of New Information on Threats to
Small Cetaceans (reporting cycle 2017 only)

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**2017 Annual National Report:
Lithuania**

Action Requested

- Take note

Submitted by

Lithuania



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TO BRING THEIR OWN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

Secretariat's Note

The Rules of Procedure adopted at the ASCOBANS 8th Meeting of Parties remain in force until and unless an amendment is called for and adopted.

NATIONAL REPORTING FORMAT FOR ASCOBANS

1ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2017

As outlined in ASCOBANS [RESOLUTION 8.1](#) on National Reporting, the national reports covering the year 2017 will cover the following sections of the Annex to the Resolution, in addition to the standard sections I and VII:

- bycatch (section II A1)
- resource depletion (section II A2)
- marine debris (section II C9)
- surveys and research (section III)
- use of bycatches and strandings (section IV).

The reports submitted will inform discussions at the 24th Meeting of the Advisory Committee, which will be held in September 2018 and will tailor its agenda to focus on the topics selected for this national report.

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Party Information

A. Name of Party	Lithuania
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D. List of relevant national institutions <i>(List of national authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans. For each one mention the name, postal address, contact person, telephone and email address)</i>	Same as B & C above Dr. Darius Daunys Marine Science and Technology Center of the Klaipėda University phone +370 46 398899 email darius.daunys@jmtc.ku.lt
E. List of relevant fisheries stakeholders in your country <i>(List of fisheries associations and cooperatives, research centres, relevant private sector entities and other organizations involved in fisheries in waters frequented by cetaceans. For each one mention the name, postal address, contact person, telephone and email address)</i>	Ms. Vaida Survilienė Lithuanian Fund for Nature Algirdo str. 22-3, LT-03218 Vilnius, Lithuania Email vaida.surviliene@gmail.com

SECTION II: HABITAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (THREATS AND PRESSURES ON CETACEANS)

A. Fisheries-related Threats

1. Bycatch

a) How is the magnitude of the threat assessed/monitored? <i>(Include percentage where applicable in the adjoining column)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated observer schemes	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries observers	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Electronic Monitoring	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> Strandings	%
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	%
b) In the last year, which species of small cetaceans were recorded as bycatch? <i>(Include numbers) Please provide the following information where available:</i> i. <i>Species</i> ii. <i>Number of bycaught animals</i> iii. <i>Gear type</i> iv. <i>ICES area</i> v. <i>Overall sampling effort</i>	None were recorded.	
c) In the last year, were there any notable incidents? <i>E.g. mass bycatch incidents, unusual species bycatch etc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If you answer is yes, please provide details. Click or tap here to enter text.
d) Are there any mitigation measures in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If you answer is yes, please provide details. Click or tap here to enter text.
e) If yes, what mitigation measures are being used and where? <i>E.g. Acoustic deterrent devices, seasonal closures, gear modifications etc.</i>	None.	
f) Other relevant information. <i>E.g. provide links to OSPAR reports (FCS and GES being covered already so no need to duplicate), annual bycatch reports (for more detailed information) etc.</i>	None.	
g) Relevant new research/work/collaboration on bycatch within the Agreement Area.	None.	

2. Resource Depletion		
a) Based on the latest stock assessments (carried out in advance of the December Council negotiations), are there any notable depletions of fish species which would be a concern for cetaceans?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>If your answer is yes, please provide details:</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
b) In Parties' national waters, where are these depletions occurring? <i>By ICES Area</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.	
c) What measures are being taken to manage pressures on depleted fish stocks, including relevant regulations/guidelines? <i>E.g. decrease in TAC, recovery plan etc.</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.	
d) Is there any evidence within your national waters that resource depletion may be impacting cetaceans (e.g. evidence of starvation)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>If your answer is yes, please provide details:</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
e) Are there any national surveys which evaluate cetacean body condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>If your answer is yes, please provide details:</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
f) Relevant new research/work/collaboration	None.	
B. <u>Habitat Change and Degradation (incl. potential physical impacts)</u>		
1. Marine Debris		
a) What monitoring is in place to assess the level of marine debris? <i>E.g. type of litter (size, shape, material) amount, impacts on species, geographical location etc.</i>	Marine Research Department of Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for implementation of the Marine Monitoring program relating HELCOM issues. There are no special measures related to the species monitoring.	
b) What parameters are provided through this monitoring?	Click or tap here to enter text.	

c) Are these data publicly available? Y/N If so, please provide a link.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Link Click or tap here to enter text.
d) In the last year, what species of small cetaceans were found to have been impacted by marine debris?	None.	
e) Are there any mitigation measures in place? Y/N	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, what mitigation measures are being used? <i>E.g. changes in gear to prevent loss, entanglement response, adoption of measures to reduce land-based/boat-based source of marine debris.</i> Click or tap here to enter text.
f) Other relevant information. <i>E.g. link to OSPAR reports (FCS and GES being covered already so no need to duplicate)</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.	
g) Relevant new research/work/collaboration on marine debris.	Click or tap here to enter text.	

SECTION III: SURVEYS AND RESEARCH

A. Biological Information (per species)

1. Dedicated Surveys (abundance and distribution)

If additional space is required, please submit the information in a table in excel. Attach maps separately, clearly marking which survey they apply to.

Region (map of survey area)	Project	Time Period	Method (e.g. line transect, Photo ID etc.)	Species	Abundance of animals (including confidence limits) if applicable	Link to project/report/publication
None.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.			

B. <u>Other relevant monitoring/survey activities</u>		
1. Is there a national monitoring programme that enables Conservation Status of cetaceans in your waters to be assessed? <i>(provides abundance estimates and/or life history parameters and information on pressures)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide details: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Please provide an overview of current national monitoring programmes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within MPAs 	Approach: <input type="checkbox"/> Photo-ID <input type="checkbox"/> Line transect surveys <input type="checkbox"/> Passive Acoustic Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Strandings	Target Species: Click or tap here to enter text.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wider Seas 	Approach: <input type="checkbox"/> Photo-ID <input type="checkbox"/> Line transect surveys <input type="checkbox"/> Passive Acoustic Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Strandings	Target Species: Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Are any of these programmes carried out in collaboration with other Parties?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide details: Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Links to Relevant Outputs	Click or tap here to enter text.	
C. <u>Life history parameters by ASCOBANS species – if easier please submit information in a table in Excel format.</u>		
1. Age at sexual and physical maturity	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide links and details where applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Inter-birth intervals	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide links and details where applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Calf and adult mortality rates	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide links and details where applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Potential reproductive span/capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide links and details where applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Longevity	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide links and details where applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.
6. Diet	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide links and details where applicable:

		Click or tap here to enter text.
7. Age and sex structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide links and details where applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.
8. Other relevant factors	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide links and details where applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.
<i>If you are entering information for more than one species, please enter the data in the above-mentioned categories here:</i> Click or tap here to enter text.		
SECTION IV: USE OF BYCATCHES AND STRANDINGS		
A. <u>Stranding Network</u>		
1. Is there a national stranding network in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide details below: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Please add the names and URLs of all national stranding/necropsy networks	Click or tap here to enter text.	
3. Does this cover the whole or part of the reporting country's coastline?	Click or tap here to enter text.	
4. Are necropsies carried out to determine cause of death?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide details below: Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Are any cases photographed, measured or sampled even if not collected for necropsy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide details below: Click or tap here to enter text.
6. Is there a database of strandings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide link to and details of responsible institutions: Click or tap here to enter text.
7. Is the data available online or downloadable on request?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide details below: Click or tap here to enter text.
8. ASCOBANS is currently developing a web-accessed database for marine mammals strandings and necropsy data (see AC23/Inf.9.1.a). Please indicate which national stranding network(s) you designate to become part of this international web-accessed database:	Currently no networks in action in Lithuanian area due to almost zero number of strandings.	
9. Please state whom to contact for integrating this stranding network into the ASCOBANS database (name, position, email, telephone)	See section 1, B and C	
B. <u>Parties Involved</u>		

1. Live-Stranding Responses Details (phone, email, website)		See section 1, B and C			
2. Reporting of Carcasses Details (phone, email, website)		See section 1, B and C			
<p>C. <u>Stranding numbers from reporting year (2017)</u></p> <p><i>If additional space is required, please submit the following information in a table in excel, as an attachment with this form.</i></p>					
Species	Total number of stranding events	Total number of individuals (dead/alive)	Number necropsied	Most common cause of death	Other Causes of Death
None.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
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<p>D. <u>New and Relevant Publications</u> (Including new methods and any new projects using samples/outputs)</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>					

SECTION V: OTHER MATTERS

A. Other information or comments important for the Agreement

Click or tap here to enter text.

B. Difficulties in implementing the Agreement

Click or tap here to enter text.