

# UK UPDATES:

## UK HARBOUR PORPOISE SCIs/cSACs

### DRAFT CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

**TO ENSURE THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE SITE IS MAINTAINED AND THAT IT MAKES AN APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAINING FAVOURABLE CONSERVATION STATUS (FCS) FOR HARBOUR PORPOISE IN UK WATERS.**

**IN THE CONTEXT OF NATURAL CHANGE, THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED BY ENSURING THAT:**

1. HARBOUR PORPOISE IS A VIABLE COMPONENT OF THE SITE;
2. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT DISTURBANCE OF THE SPECIES; AND
3. THE CONDITION OF SUPPORTING HABITATS AND PROCESSES, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PREY IS MAINTAINED.

HARBOUR PORPOISE  
NATURA SITES  
NETWORK

Network size:  
~68,000 km<sup>2</sup>

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## PROGRESS UNDER CO3

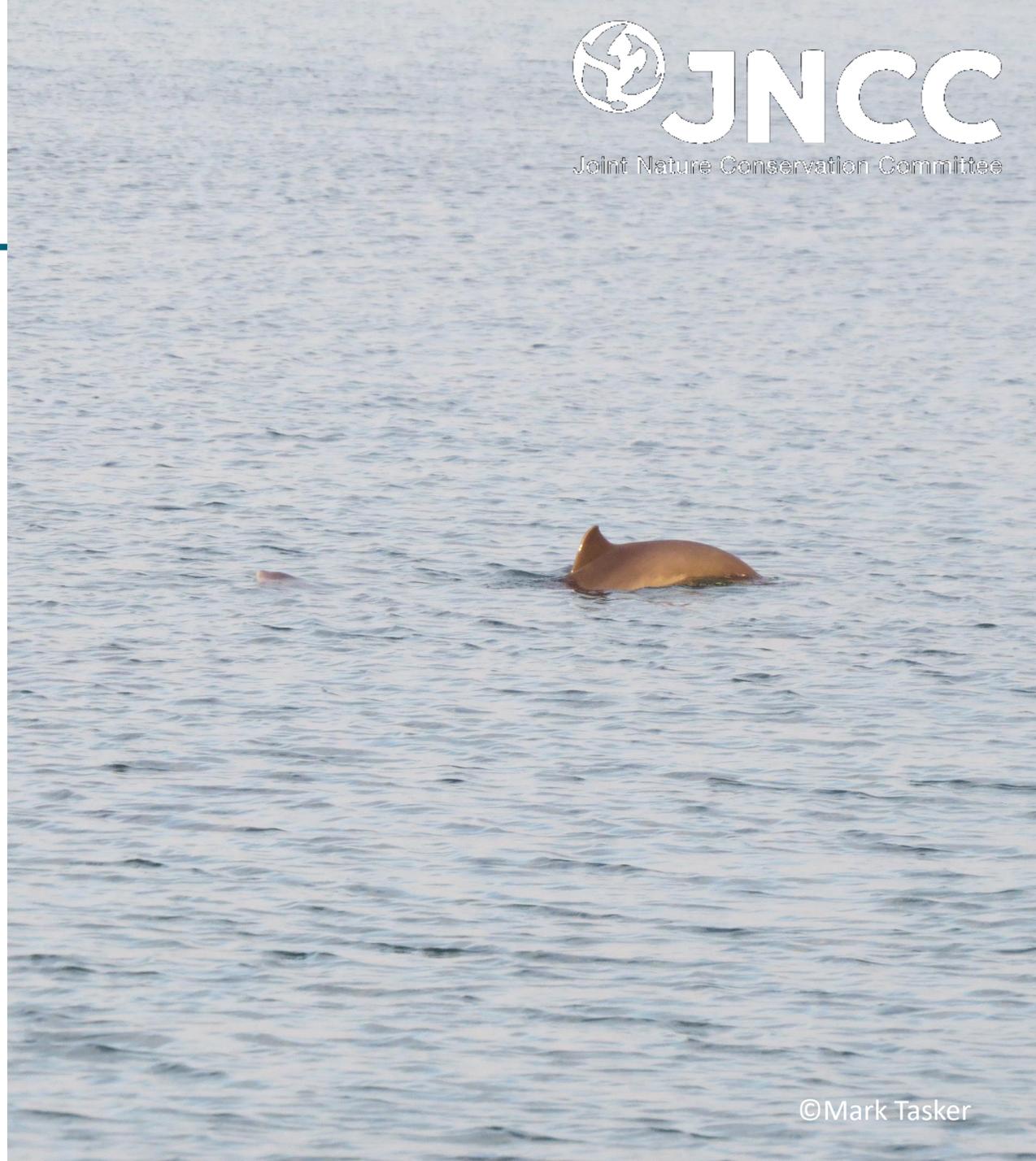
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### CHARACTERISING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HABITAT AND PREY IN HARBOUR PORPOISE cSACs

PROJECT DEVELOPED BY ALICE LOWRY AND JNCC

#### PROJECT AIMS;

- REVIEW OF HARBOUR PORPOISE DIET
- MODEL KEY PREY DISTRIBUTION IN THE SOUTHERN NORTH SEA SAC
- EXPLORE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HABITAT AND PREY
- EXPLORE IMPACTS OF ACTIVITIES ON HABITATS RELEVANT TO KEY PREY SPECIES



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### CHARACTERISING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HABITAT AND PREY IN HARBOUR PORPOISE cSACs

#### PROGRESS;

- REVIEW OF HARBOUR PORPOISE DIET COMPLETE. 3 KEY PREY SPECIES TAKEN FORWARD FOR HABITAT ASSESSMENT
- INITIAL INVESTIGATION INTO DISTRIBUTION OF POTENTIALLY SUITABLE HABITAT FOR KEY PREY SPECIES IN SOUTHERN NORTH SEA cSAC BASED ON BATHYMETRY AND SEDIMENT DATA

