

Monitoring bycatch of protected species

- 3 year pilot project with onboard observers, ended in 2019
- 2 year pilot project using Electronic monitoring, 2020 to 2021



Research conducted in Sweden with regards to bycatch reduction

Pingers and gillnet modifications

- Voluntary use of pingers
- Development and trials of a pinger that cannot be used as a “dinner bell” by seal
- Commercial trials with “seal-safe” pingers (Future Ocean and New Banana pinger)
- Increased acoustic visibility of gillnets decrease bycatch of porpoises
- Pinger use in commercial fisheries create habitat exclusion
- Helcom Action, developing Harbour porpoise bycatch risk maps, effort analysis and bycatch estimates for Harbour porpoise



New Fishing gear developed as an alternative to gillnets

- Cod pot efficiency and life-cycle analysis of pot fisheries
- Development of small-scale seine fishing gear as an alternative for flatfish and cod
 - Projects on hold or ended due to management restrictions and fisheries regulations
- Development of fyke-nets targetting cod
- Development of trap-nets targetting cod

