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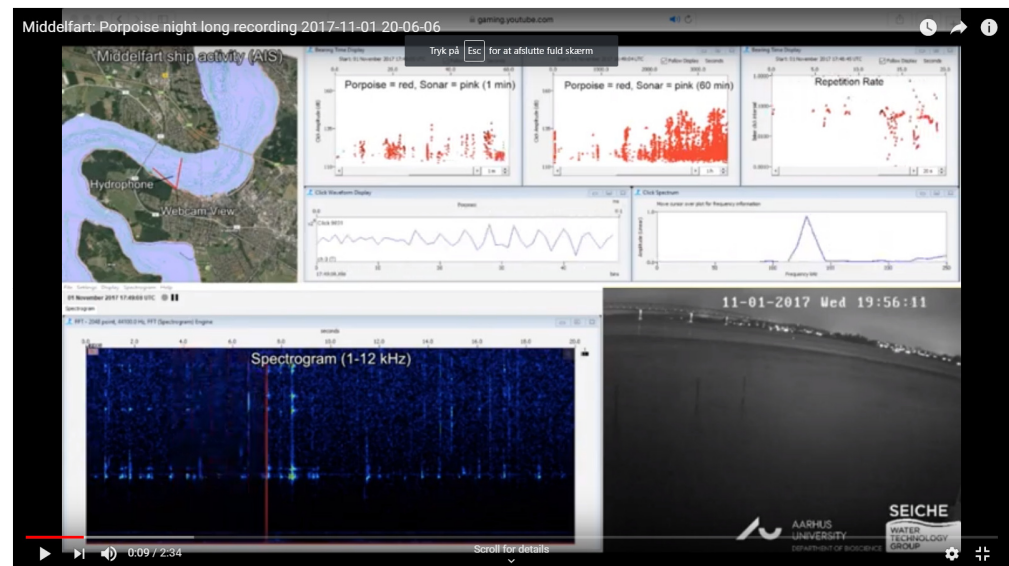


INCREASE INVOLVEMENT, AWARENESS AND COOPERATION

- Fjord&Belt in Kerteminde "Marine Tracker" app for porpoise detections
- Middelfart listening station, 2017 – ongoing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPOIRi9Ouls> and
<https://bios.au.dk/forskningraadgivning/temasider/baelt-i-balance/>

hvaler.dk on Facebook - very active



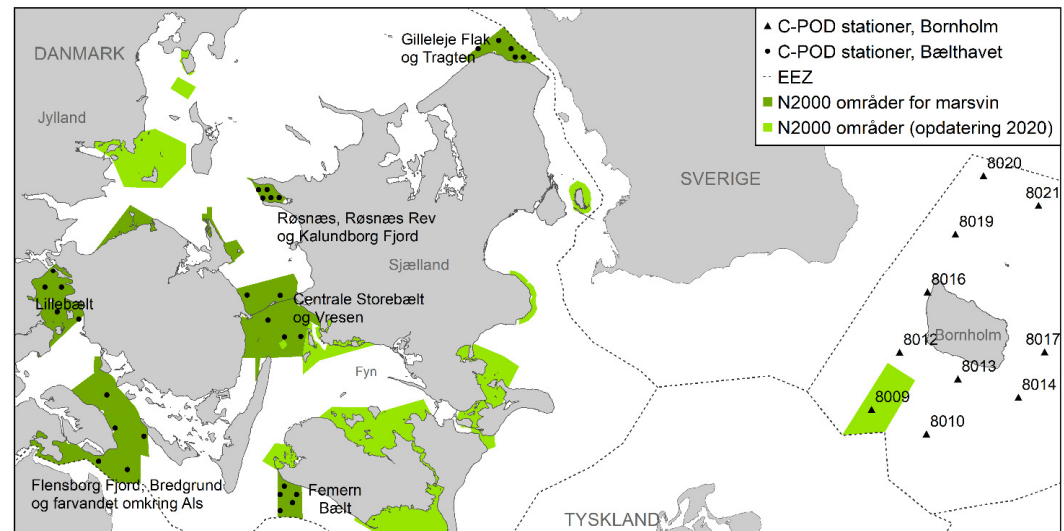
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- MiniSCANS-II in July 2020 – by aerial survey coordinated and funded by Germany, Denmark, and Sweden completed and reported.

BALTIC PROPER

- PAM monitoring around Bornholm planned for 2023-2024 - hopefully part of SAMBAH-II

Future plans

- SCANS-IV in July 2022

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- Electronic video monitoring
- Detected fishing activity,
- North Sea, Skagerrak, Kattegat
- Results: mesh size, fishing gear, and area were important contributors to bycatch

HARBOUR PORPOISE					
Area	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Year
North Sea	123 (0-337)	515 (246-822)	984 (492-1,644)	0 (0-0)	1,622 (739-2,804)
Skagerrak	64 (28-106)	134 (56-223)	211 (105-344)	96 (48-154)	505 (238-827)
Øresund	19 (10-30)	10 (5-18)	30 (15-46)	43 (23-69)	102 (52-163)
Belt Seas	57 (21-100)	145 (95-199)	201 (130-282)	90 (48-144)	493 (294-752)
All areas	263 (59-573)	804 (402-1,262)	1,426 (743-2,317)	229 (119-366)	2,722 (1,323-4,518)

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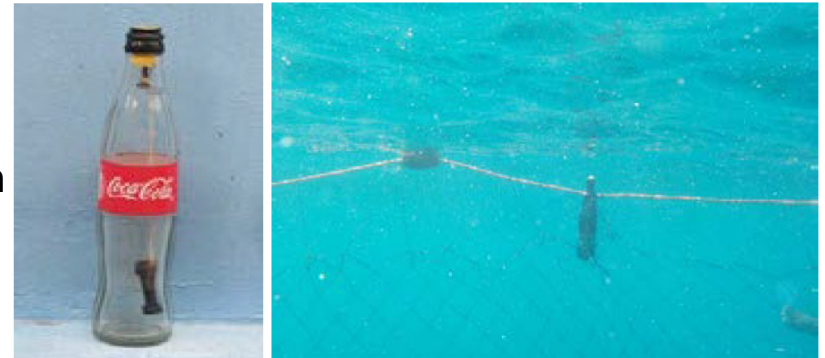
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Ongoing projects with alternative gear

- DTU Aqua research focus on pots, seine, pearl net, rattle pingers, low nets.
- Pots – efficiency across the year and with different bait. Pearl net trials will begin this year – follow up on Isabella Kratzer's PhD.
- Big challenge is the low cod quota, making trials in cod fishery impossible.

Reduce bycatch: in the Baltic Sea: Delegated act



MONITOR AND MITIGATE IMPACT OF UNDERWATER NOISE

Projects/research/monitoring in underwater noise and its impact on harbour porpoises?

- National noise monitoring stations continued
- **TANGO**, 2019-2022. Rerouting shipping lanes in the Kattegat – effects on soundscape and ecosystem 2019-2021. Field work finished aug 2021. Analysis ongoing. Collaboration with SNM and FOI (Swedish Defence Research Agency).
- **SATURN**, 2021-2025. Impacts of disturbances on marine populations – the importance of animal movements and energetics. Tagging of porpoises.

MONITOR AND ASSESS POPULATION HEALTH STATUS

Status of collection of dead porpoises:

Data from 2019: STRANDEDE HAVPATTEDYR I DANMARK 2019 Beredskabet vedrørende Havpattedyr (National Contingency Plan)".

- 59 dead harbour porpoises (56 stranded/3 known bycatches)
- 14 harbour porpoises necropsied - > no signs infectious diseases/negative for morbillivirus. Six of the necropsied porpoises were assessed to be potential bycatches
- Denmark has funding for dissecting 25 porpoises per year

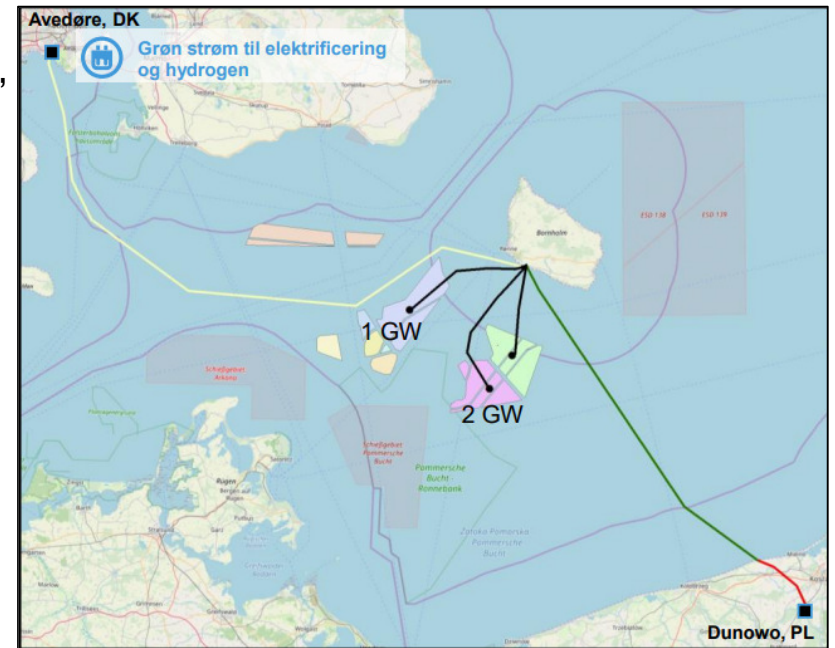
Interesting cases to mention? no

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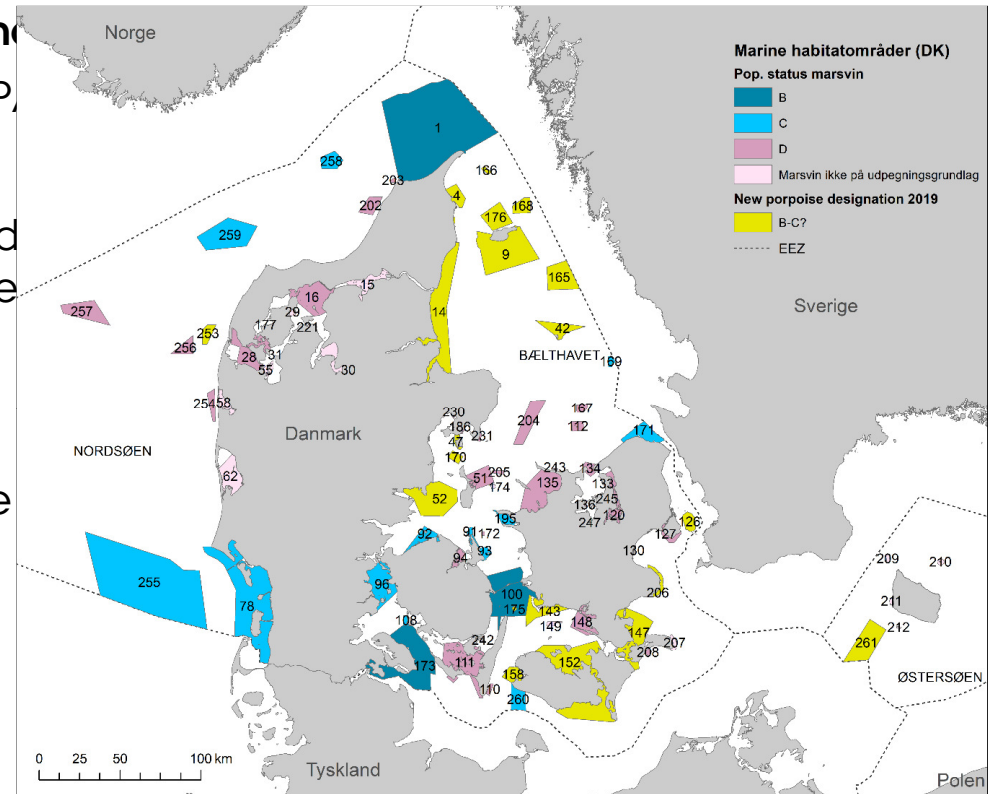
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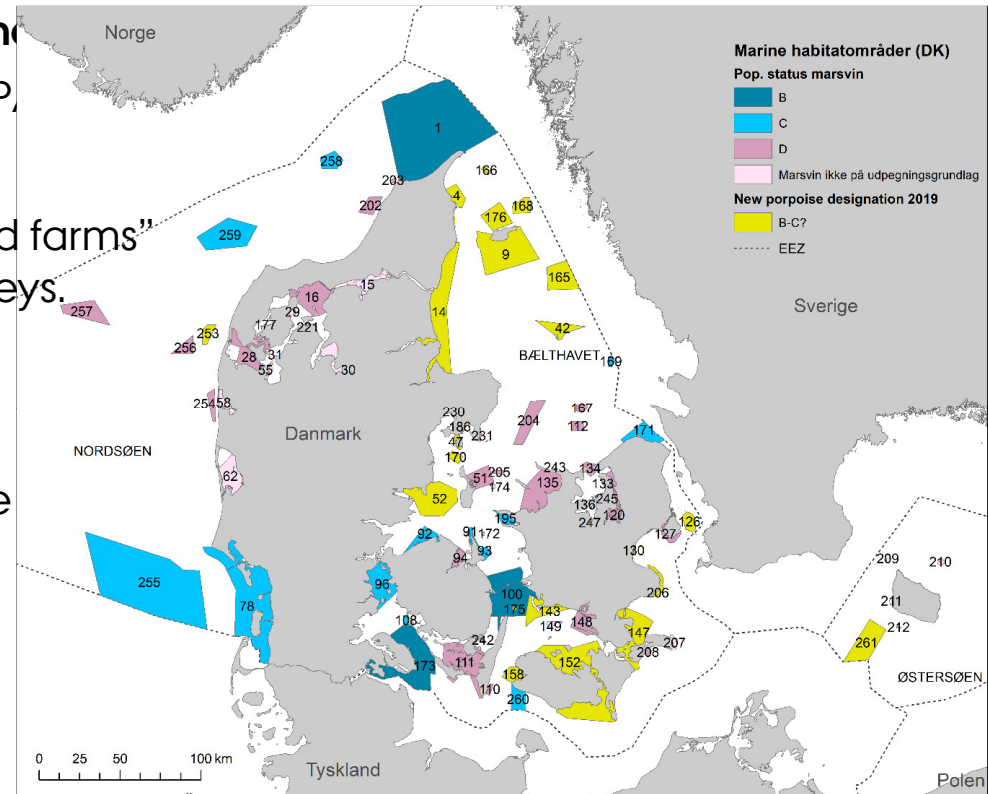
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Conservation measures and/or management plans in place for existing areas?

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