

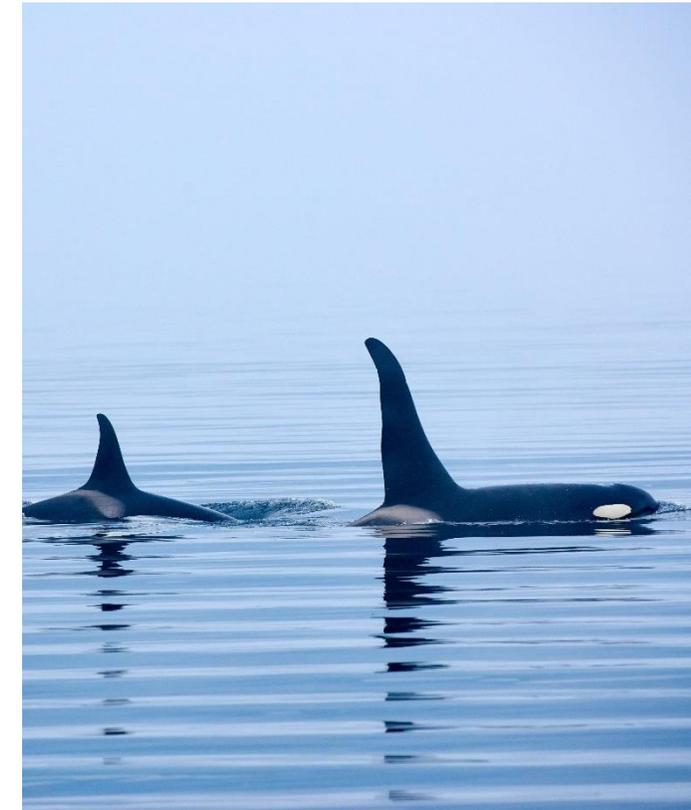
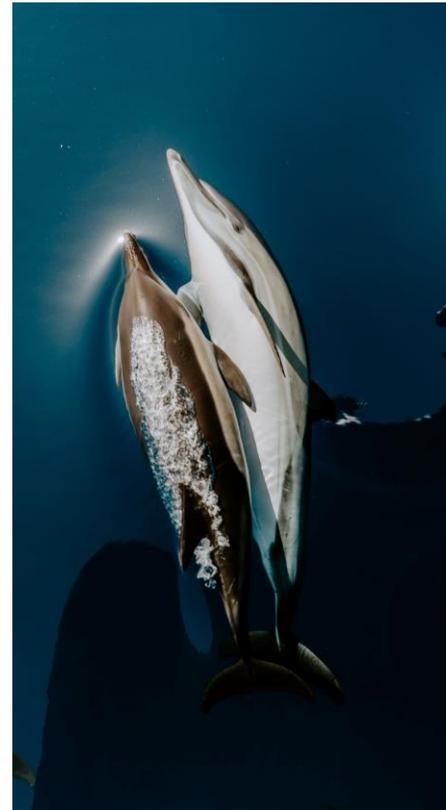


2.3. Marine Debris

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2.3.1. Does your country have monitoring in place to assess levels of marine debris?

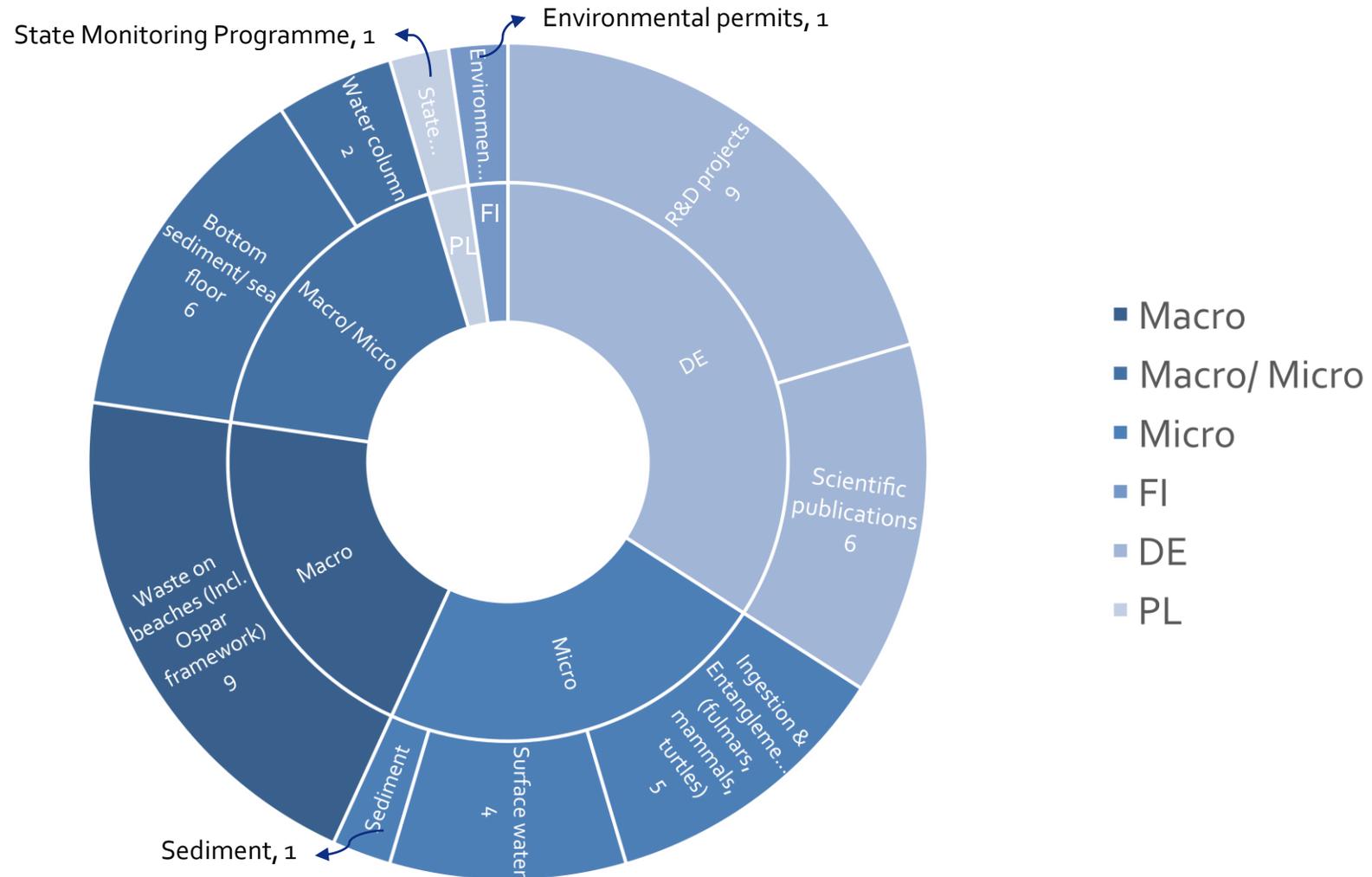


Figure 1: Monitoring to assess levels of marine debris.

2.3.2. Are these data publicly available?

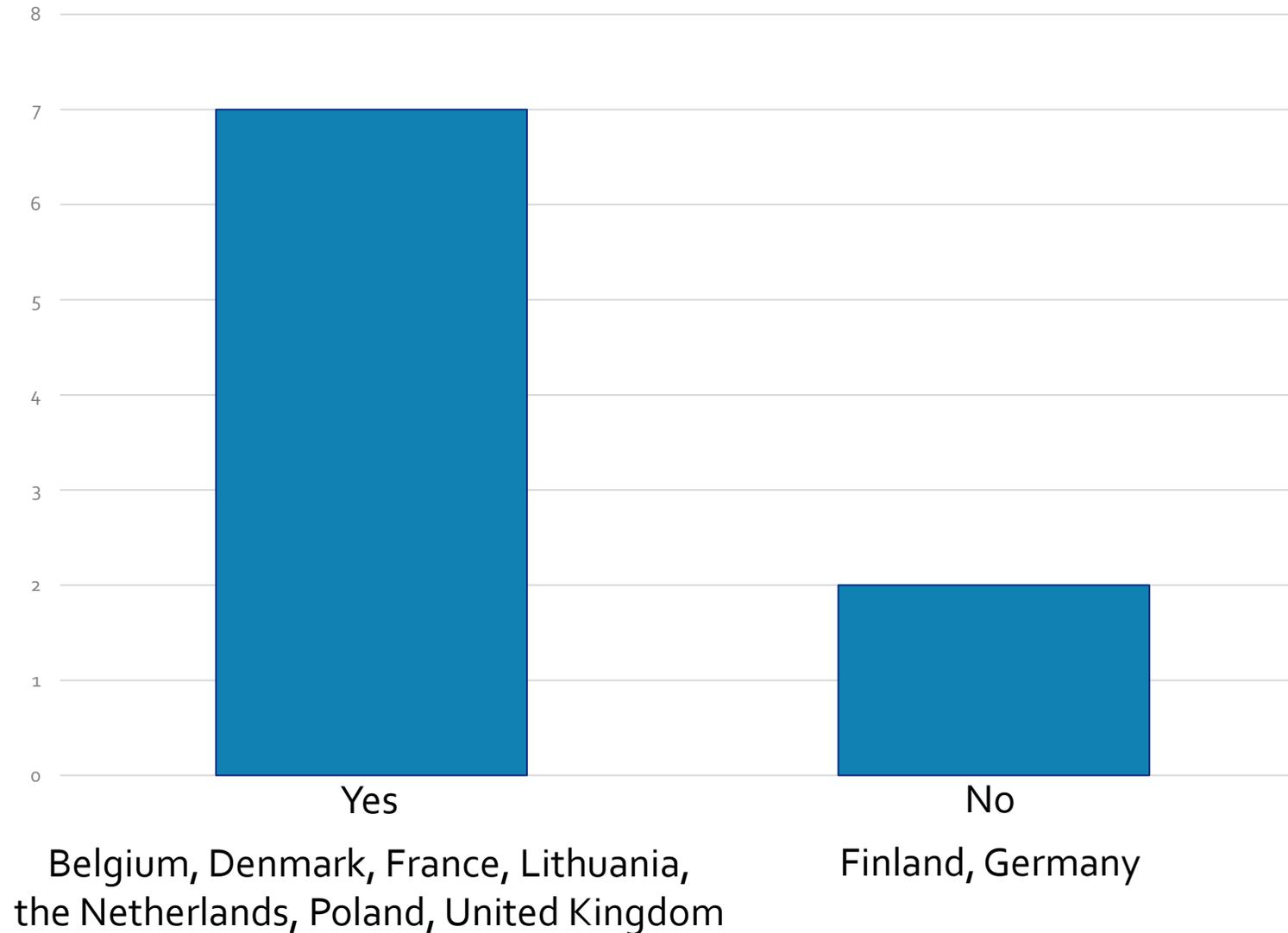


Figure 2: Overview of publicly available data.

2.3.3. What species of small cetaceans were found to have been impacted by marine debris?

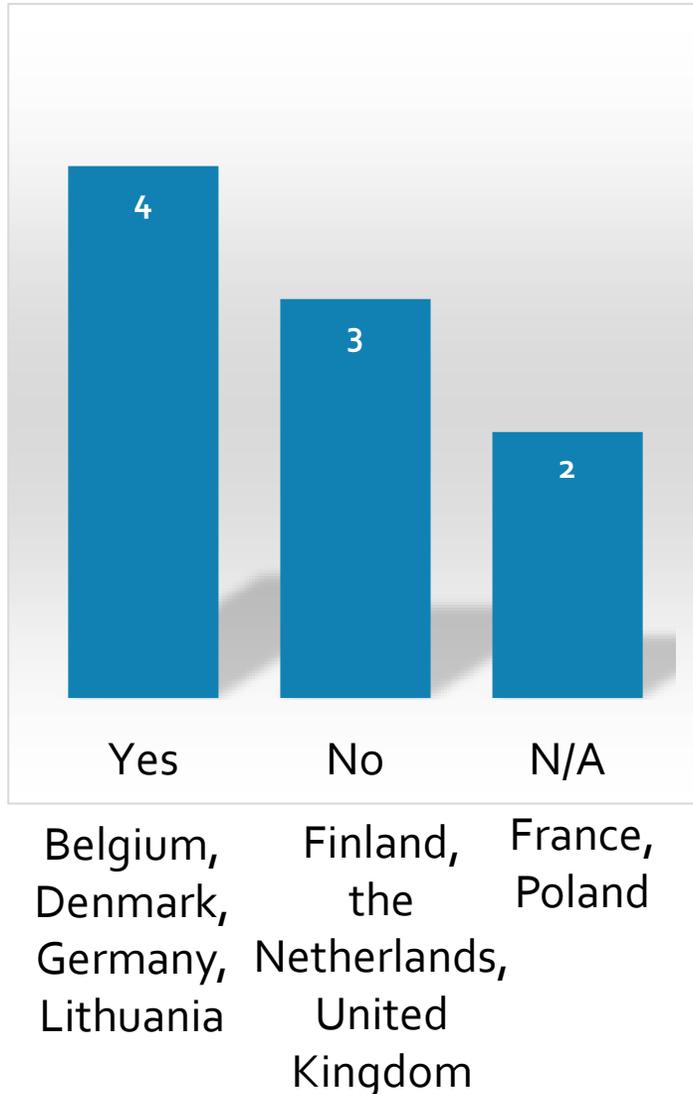
- **Cuvier's Beaked Whale** (France)
 - 16 Kg of plastic debris in stomach
- **2 Short-beaked Common Dolphin** (United Kingdom)
 - Non-fatal and incidental ingestion

None: Germany, the Netherlands, Poland

N/A: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Lithuania



2.3.4. Are there any mitigation measures in place?



Measures:

- Reducing use of plastics
- Beach cleanup campaigns
- Fishing for Litter
- Cleanup of shipwrecks
- Waste management
- Removal of waste fee system in harbors
- OSPAR recommendations
- MSFD and EU Directives
- Disseminating information, promoting environmental educational campaigns and filling existing knowledge gaps by research

Figure 3: Responses to current mitigation measures.

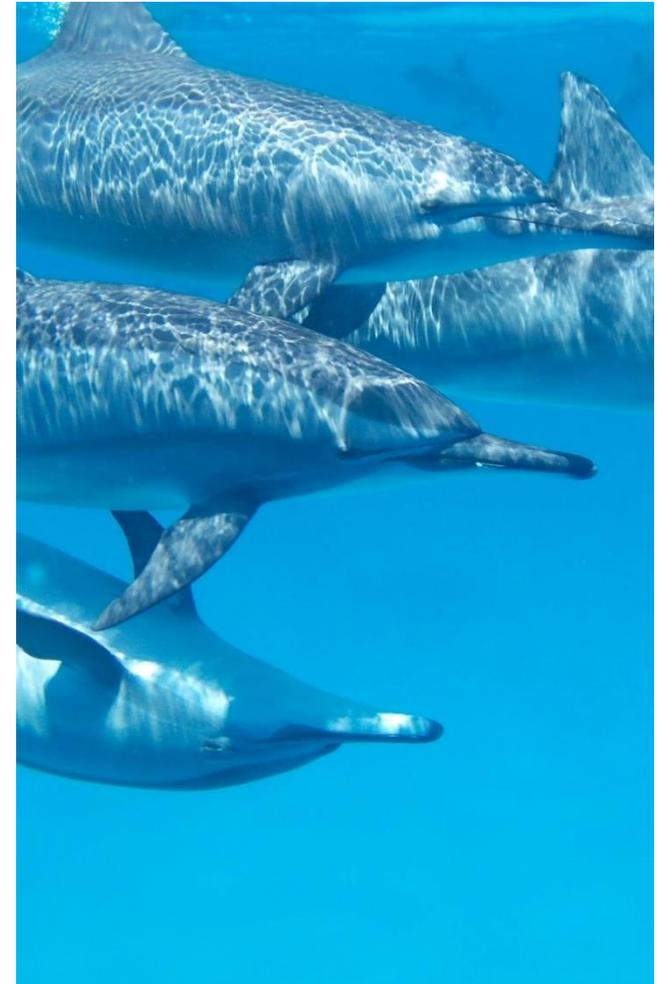
2.3.5. How is marine debris managed? (incl. relevant regulations / guidelines and the year of implementation, current and planned)

Belgium	Denmark	Finland	France	Lithuania	Poland	United Kingdom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Action Plan on Marine Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project on collecting lost and abandoned fishing gear by the Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries- Funding for DKK 9 million to strengthen the efforts against marine waste- New measures planned for recreational fishermen to report lost gear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Finnish waste legislation- Legislation on Environmental protection- Updated Programme of Measures of the Marine Strategy Finland 2022-2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Laws to ban single use of plastic (3)- MSDF measures to prevent marine litter (6)- Roadmap "zero plastic waste at sea" (2019)- National charter "Beaches without plastic waste" being developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Abatement measures periodically reviewed and updated- Value for beach litter that defines good environmental status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The National Waste Management Plan (2022)- issues related to marine litter and sources of its formation, quantities produced and managed, objectives and directions of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Various litter strategies published, aiming to reduce waste entering the environment, which has resulted in changes such as plastic bag charges and ban on use of microbeads

Figure 4: Information on the management of marine debris.

2.3.6. Relevant new research/work/collaboration on marine debris in your country.

Belgium	2 publications
Finland	5 ongoing projects, 9 completed projects, 2 initiatives (Zero waste Finland and Satakolyt), various proposed actions/measures
France	1 international project (INTERREG MANCHE France-England), 2 interregional projects (Clean Atlantic and OceanWise)
Denmark	5 publications, 2 information material, 2 projects (Round Table Marine Litter and FONA-Plastics in the Environment)
Lithuania	2 national projects ("Renewal of the Program of Measures and Measures to Achieve a Good State of the Baltic Sea Environment in Lithuania" and "Marine Litter monitoring")
United Kingdom	2 reports
N/A	Denmark, the Netherlands, Poland



2.3.7. Is the perceived level of pressure from marine debris in your country increasing, decreasing, staying the same or unknown?

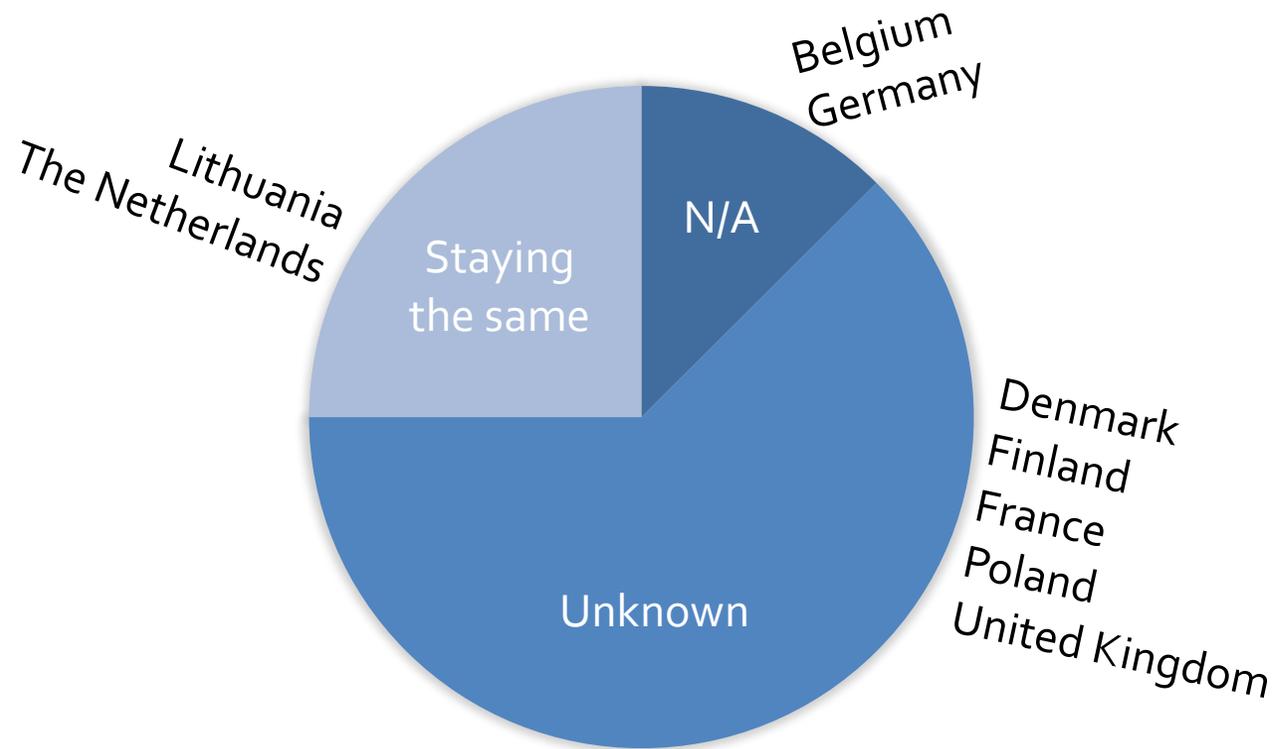


Figure 5: Perception of pressure level from marine debris.