

The Jastarnia and WBBK Plans

Progress report 2022

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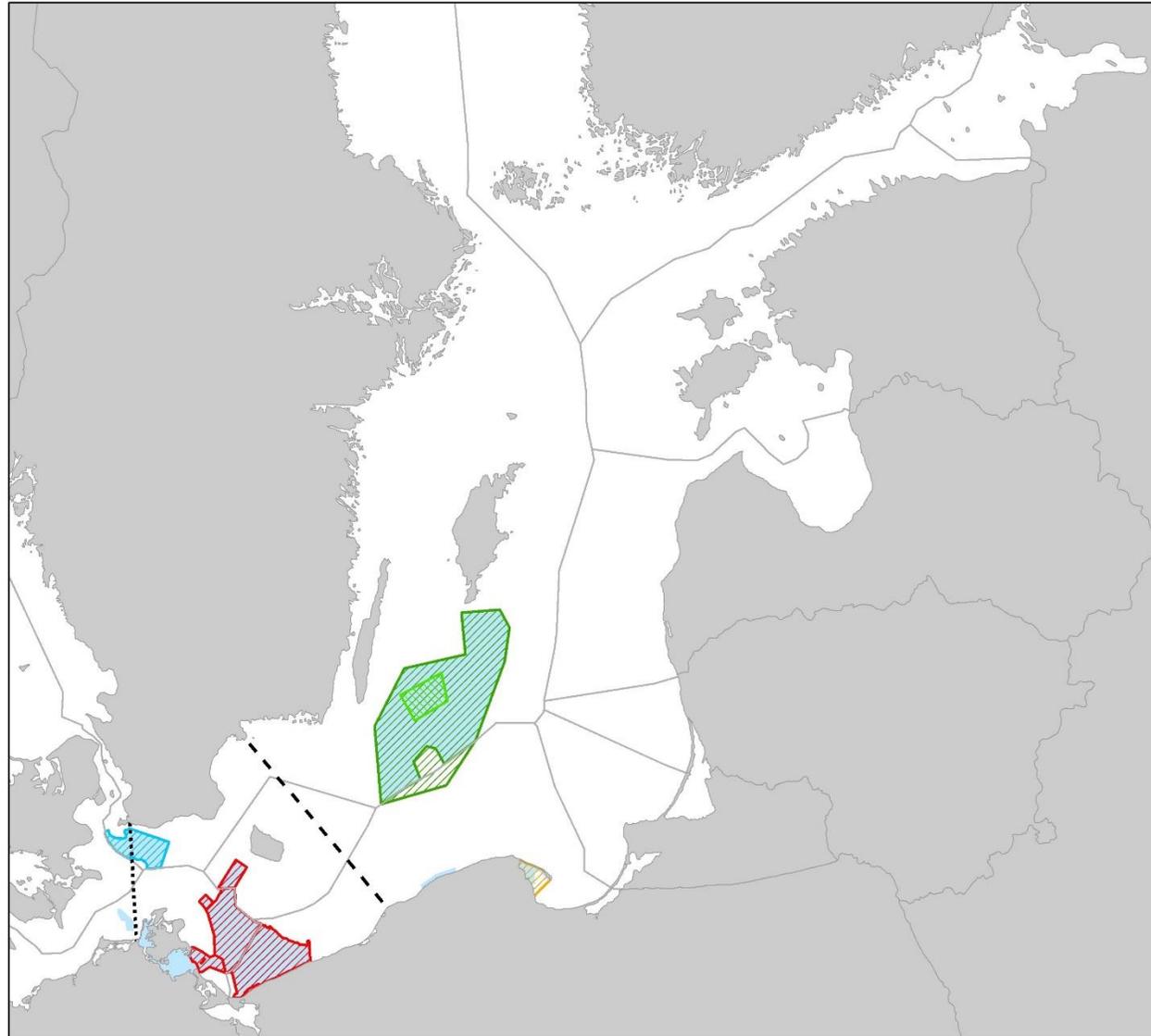
Content

Short update of the most relevant things from the progress reports and JG18 meeting

- 1) Delegated act and BALTFISH work on further measures
- 2) Update on Baltic Proper harbour porpoise listing in CMS Appendix I
- 3) SAMBAH II
- 4) Trend analysis from MiniSCANS-II
- 5) Update of WBBK plan
- 6) Letter on underwater explosions
- 7) Action points ([Inf.3.1a](#))



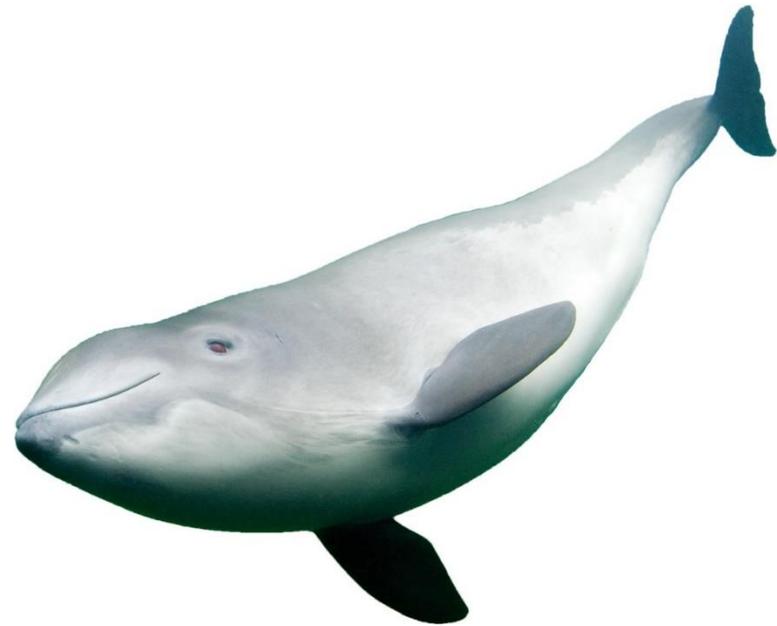
Baltic porpoise delegated act 2022/303



- Closure of Northern Midsea bank for all fisheries except pots, traps etc
- Closure of Hoburgs bank och Midsjöbankarna and the Polish part of the Southern Midsea bank for all static net fisheries
- Closure of static nets in “German/Polish SAC cluster” during Nov-Jan
- Obligatory use of pingers on static nets West and East of the “sandbank Ryf Mew” (Inner and Outer Puck Bay, within and outside the Natura 2000 site “Zatoka Pucka Półwysep Helski”
- Closure of “Sydvästskaånes utsjövatten” for static nets in Nov-Apr, and obligatory use of pingers in May-Oct

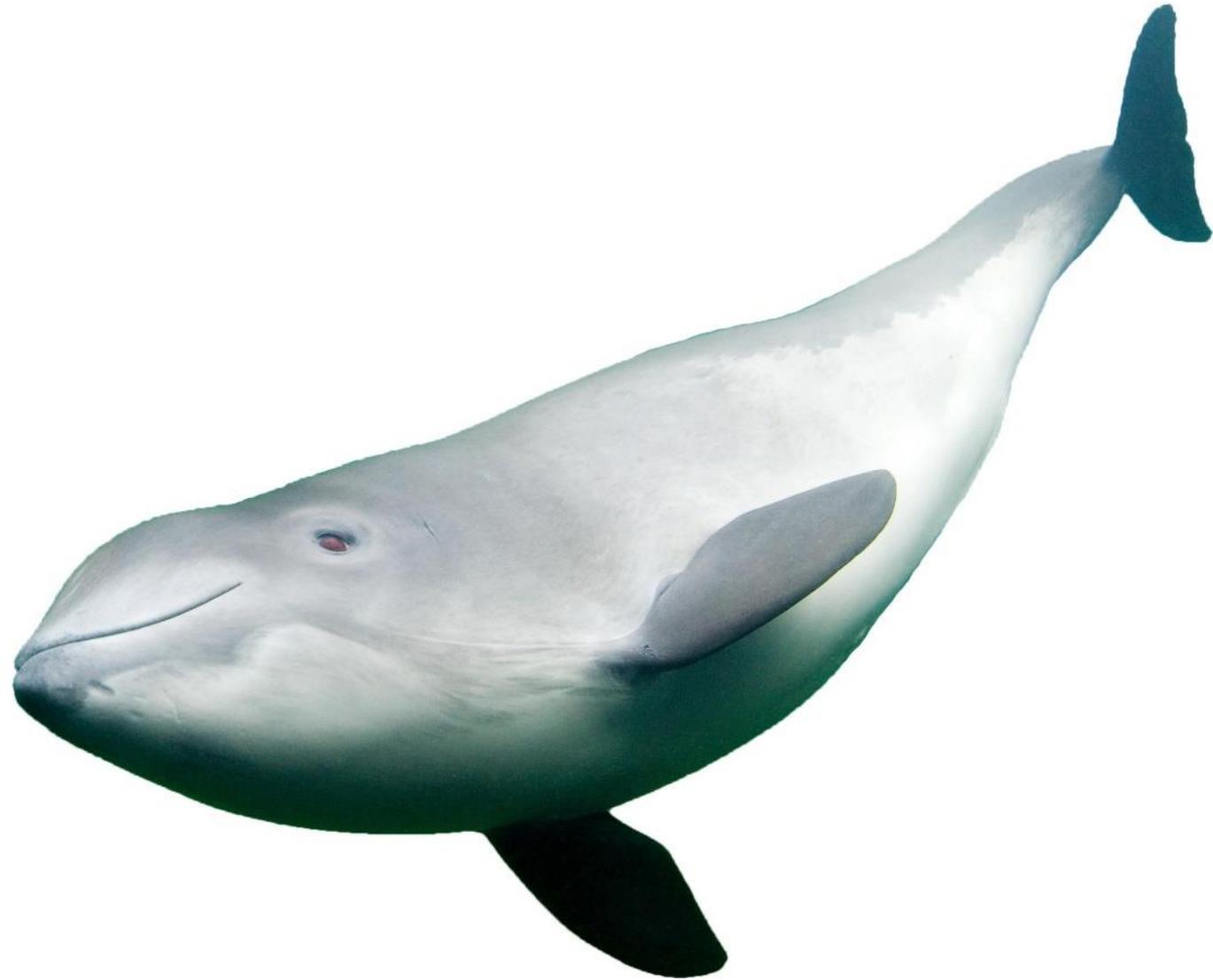
Continuation on joint rec from BALTFISH

- **Military concerns on use of pingers in static net fisheries** (See Rec. from this meeting and AP11+17/JG18)
 - BALTFISH continuing to work on other measures
 - Real time closures (see AP19/JG18)
 - Possibly use of pingers in smaller areas

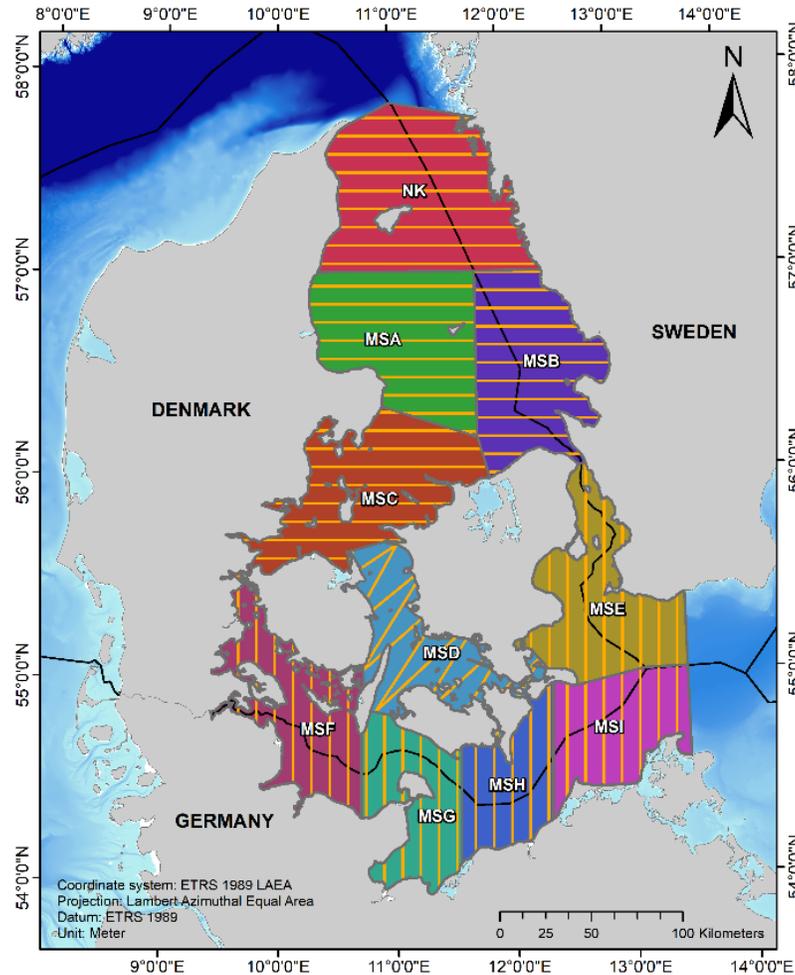


Listing of the Baltic Proper porpoise in CMS Appendix I

In progress
(AP20/JG18)



MiniSCANS-II survey – trend analysis



17,301 (95% CI = 11,695-25,688)

Lowest since 1994

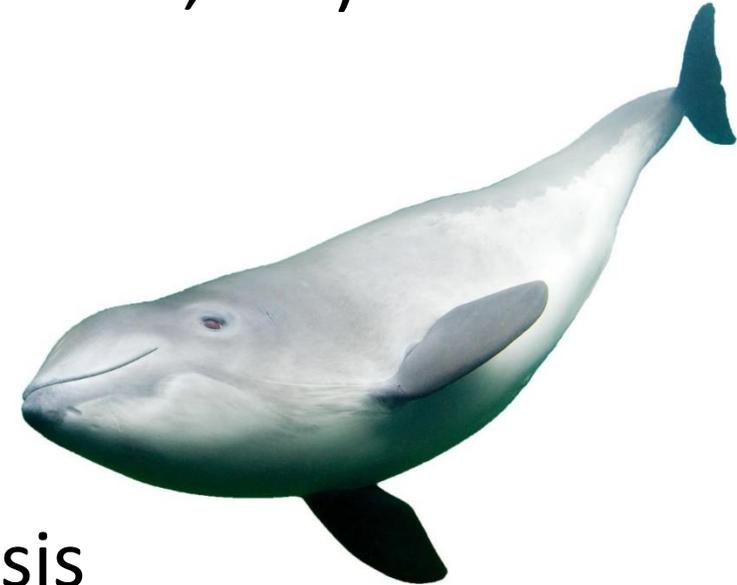
- Linear trend analysis

→ no trend

- Bayesian trend analysis

→ higher probability for decline than no decline

Worrying in the light of 2021 DTU Aqua report on bycatch



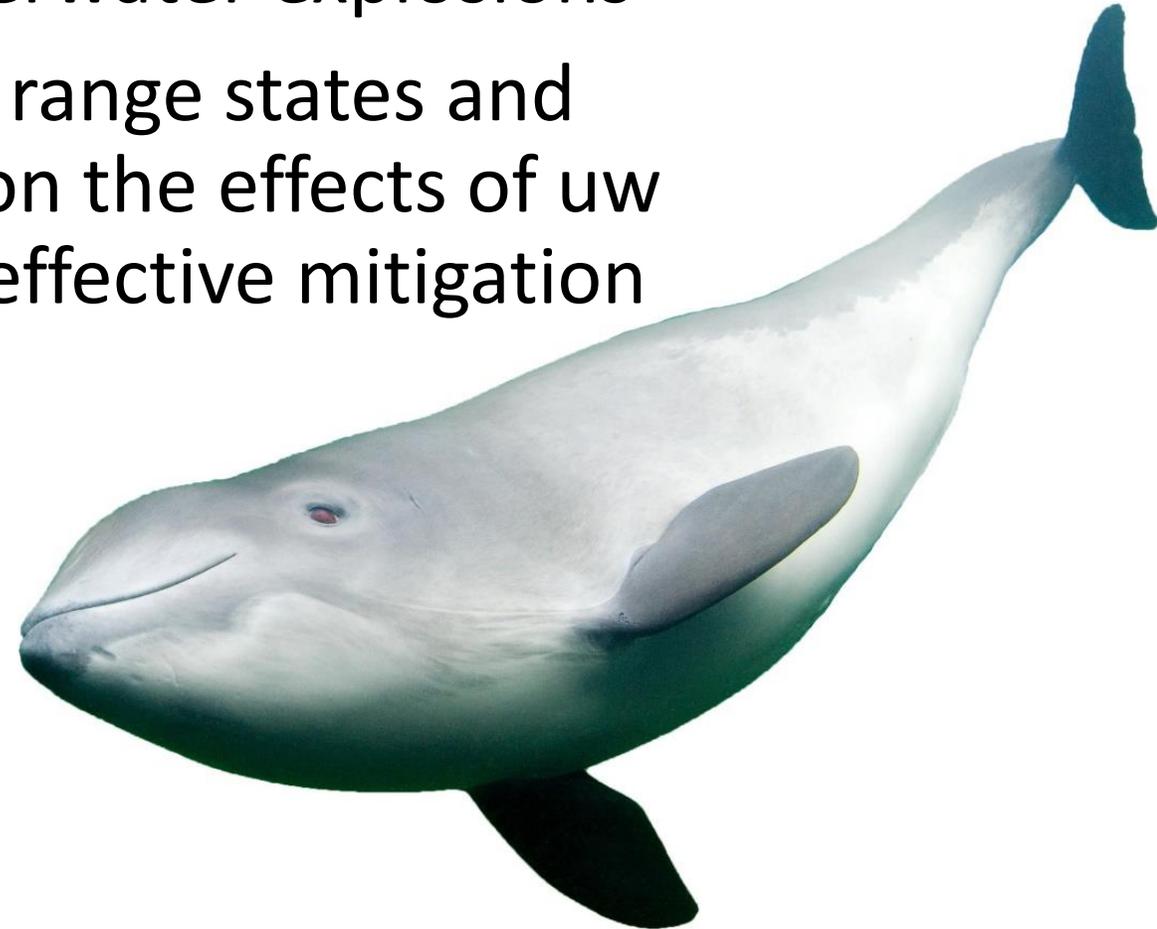
Update of the WBBK plan

AC27 requested to make funding available for a consultant to update the WBBK plan (AP28/JG18)



Mitigation of underwater explosions

- Workshop agreed at AC26 on navies' mitigation practice in using sonars and underwater explosions
- JG to send letter to Baltic Proper range states and national navies, raising concern on the effects of uw explosions and informing about effective mitigation measures (AP25/JG18)



AC27 guidance

AC27 requested to give guidance on the procedure for working groups to provide advice on urgent matters to relevant stakeholders (AP29/JG18)



