

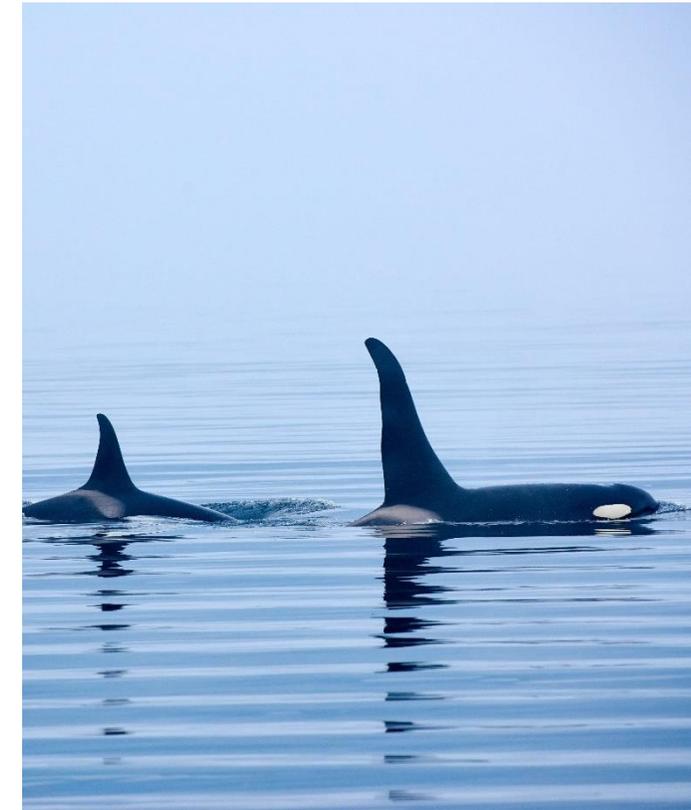


# 2.1. Bycatch

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## 2.1.1 How is bycatch assessed/monitored in your country?

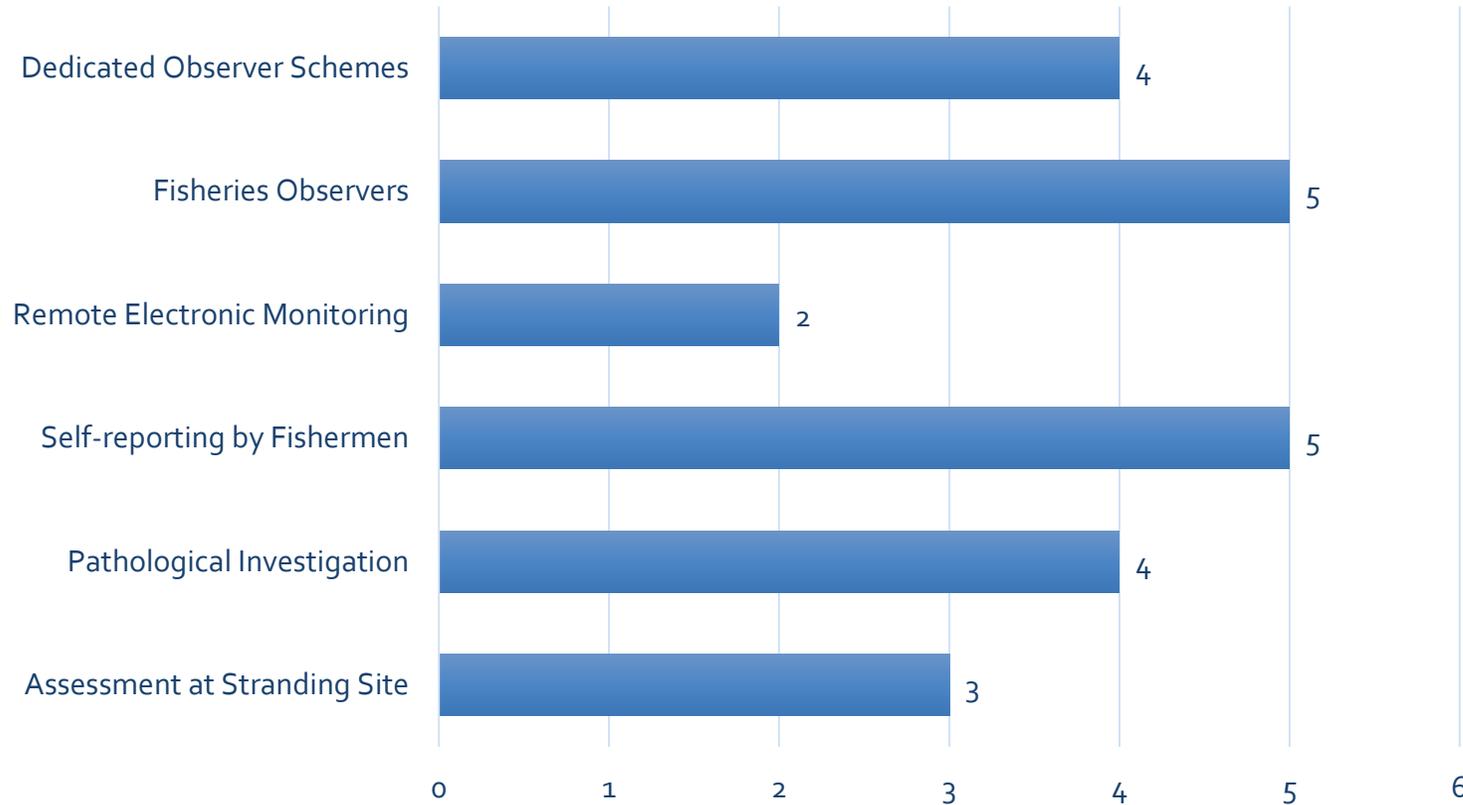
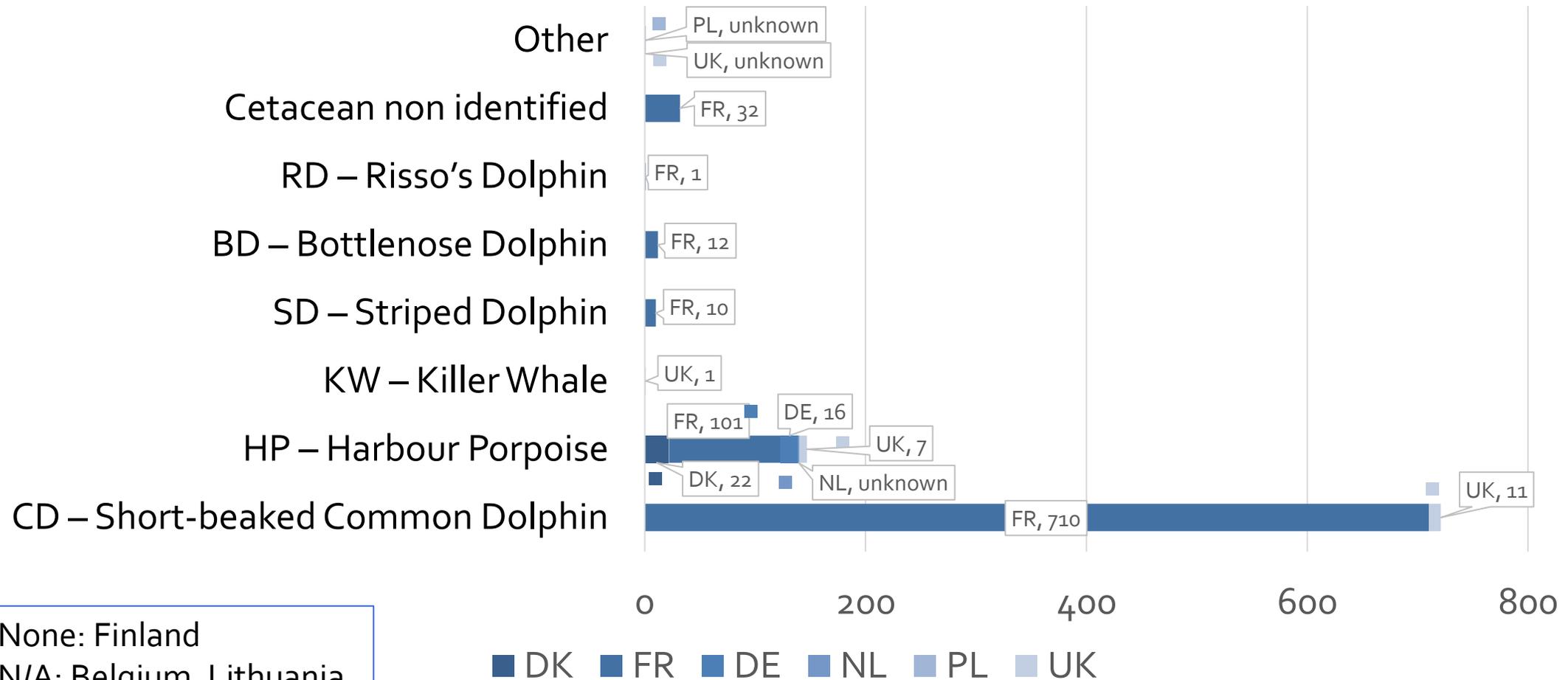


Figure 1: Number of countries using each respective bycatch assessment.

## 2.1.2. Which species of small cetaceans were recorded as bycatch by commercial fishing in the reporting period?



None: Finland  
N/A: Belgium, Lithuania

Figure 2: Bycaught species by commercial fishing.

## 2.1.3. Which species of small cetaceans were recorded as bycatch by recreational fishing in the reporting period?

### Harbour porpoise:

- Belgium (an illegally set beach trammel net in area 27.4.c)
- Germany

### Short-beaked common dolphin:

- United Kingdom (rod and line in the area 27.7)

### None or N/A:

- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Lithuania
- The Netherlands
- Poland



## 2.1.4. Has there been any notable incidents/issues related to bycatch during the reporting period in your country?

| Yes     | No   |
|---------|--|
| France* | Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, United Kingdom |

\* Multiple stranding events with a short peak in end of February.

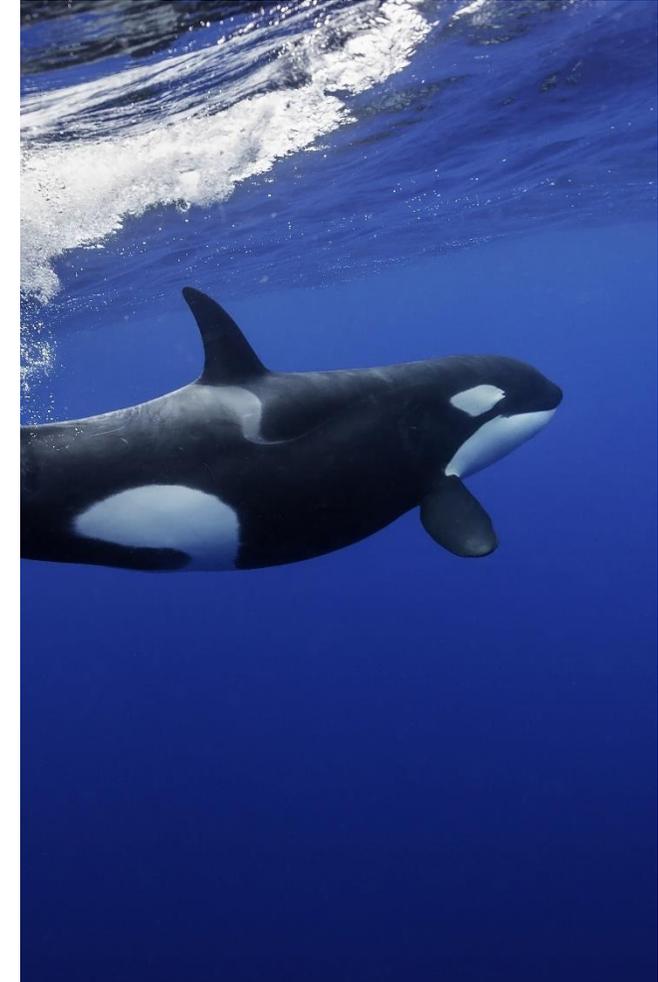
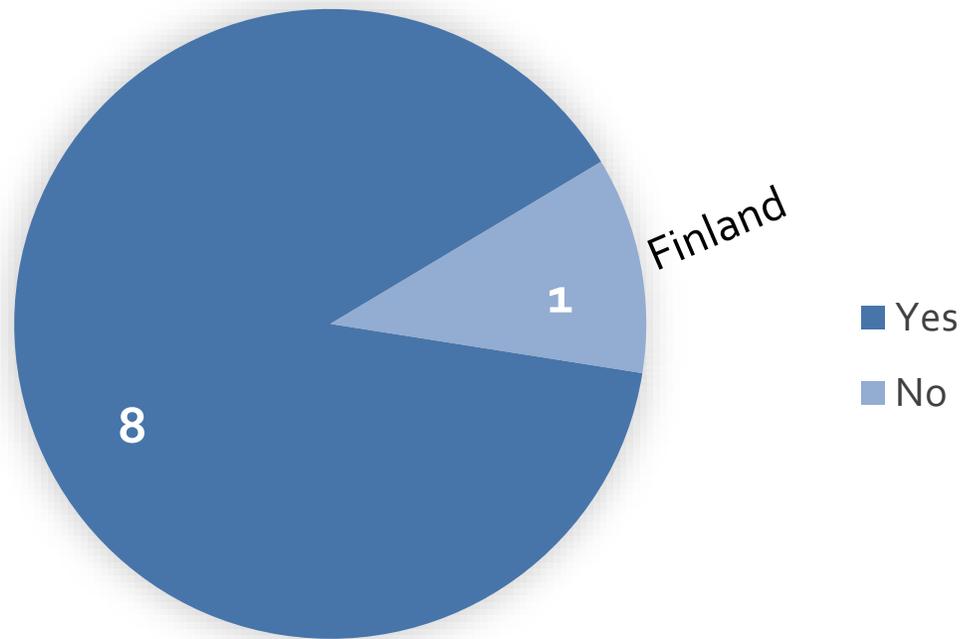


Table 1: Countries that reported incidents/ issues related to bycatch.

## 2.1.5. Are there any mitigation measures in place?



Answers included:

- Prohibition of recreational use of gillnets and trammel nets
- Use of acoustic deterrent devices
- Seasonal closure in selected areas
- Use of pingers (mandatory/ voluntary)
- Gear modification

Figure 3: Number of countries with or without mitigation in places.

## 2.1.6. Have there been changes in fishing effort (for fisheries known to have an impact) in the reporting period?

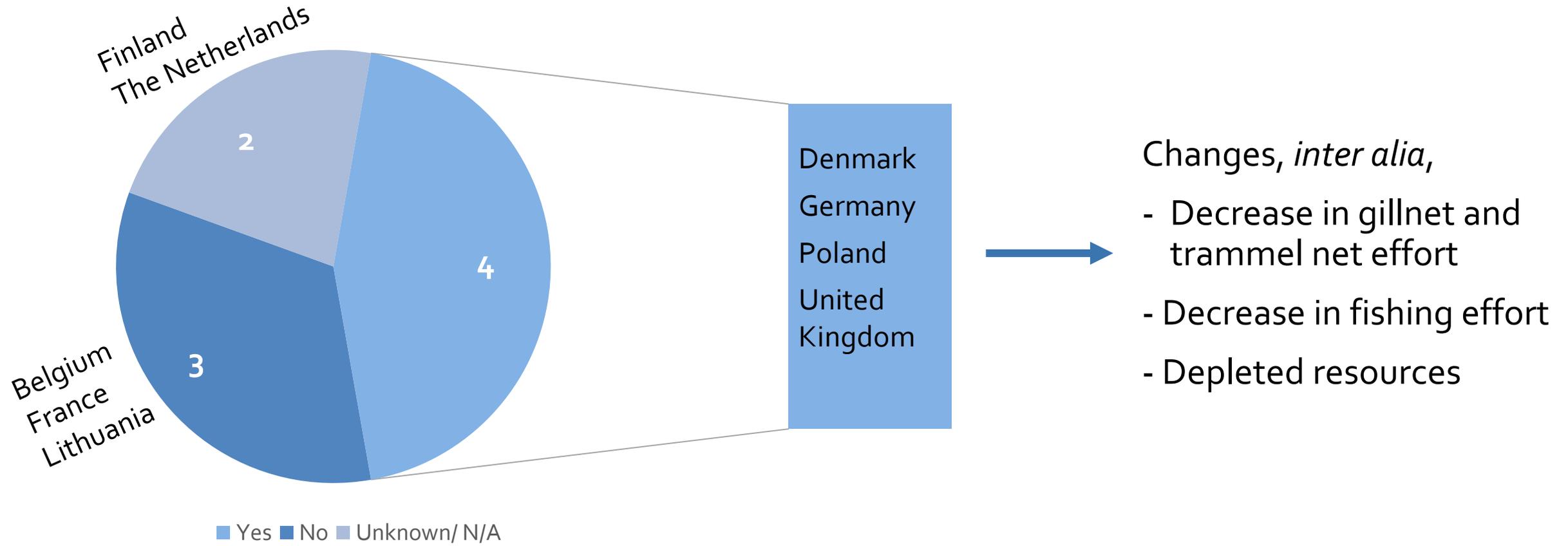
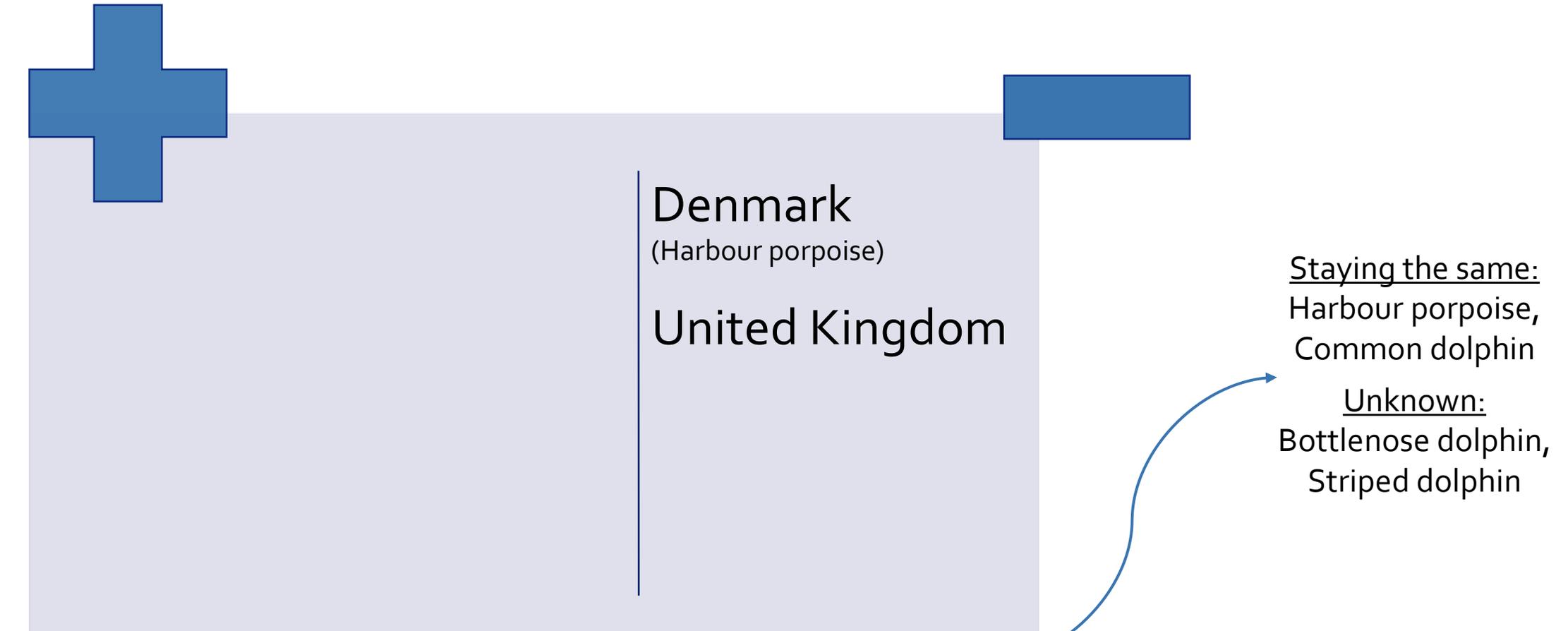


Figure 4: Response by countries to changes in fishing effort.

## 2.1.7. Relevant new research/work/collaboration on bycatch in your country.

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Denmark</b>         | 1 report and 1 paper in journal                       |
| <b>France</b>          | 4 projects and 1 initiative at national level         |
| <b>Germany</b>         | 4 publications  |
| <b>Lithuania</b>       | 1 collaboration at regional level (BALTFISH)          |
| <b>The Netherlands</b> | 1 initiative (CIBBRiNA)                               |
| <b>Poland</b>          | 1 collaboration (CIBBRiNA)                            |
| <b>United Kingdom</b>  | 12 (7 new work, 3 publications, 1 workshop, 1 report) |
| <b>None</b>            | Belgium, Finland                                      |

## 2.1.8. Is the perceived level of pressure from bycatch in your country increasing, decreasing, staying the same or unknown?



Staying the same: United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Lithuania, France

Unknown: Belgium (Harbour porpoise), France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland

N/A: Finland

Figure 5: Perception of pressure level from resource depletion.