

Agenda Item 2.1

Progress under the Jastarnia Plan and the
Western Baltic, Belt Sea and Kattegat Plan

National progress reports on activities
since March 2022

Information Document 2.1

**ASCOBANS Jastarnia Group template for
national presentations**

Action Requested

Take note

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Template for national presentations – points that should be included

These questions should be addressed as much as possible, focusing mainly on the past year but can also include major events/results etc from previous years.

1. Increase involvement, awareness and cooperation

- What has been done in terms of raising public awareness, by authorities, NGOs and other organisations?
- What has been done to engage stakeholders in dialogue?
- What has been done to increase cooperation between authorities and stakeholders (incl. fishers)? Have any reference groups or similar been established?

2. Monitor and estimate abundance and distribution

- Are there any new results from national monitoring programmes or large-scale surveys?
- What is being planned for the near future?

3. Monitor, estimate and reduce bycatch

- What is being done in terms of bycatch monitoring? Pilot studies, research, monitoring programmes etc., and are there any results to present?
- Have any bycatch estimates been calculated for either population, nationally or in ICES or any other forums?
- What measures are in place to reduce bycatch?
- Any ongoing projects and trials of alternative gear? Any results on alternative gear effectiveness etc. to present?

4. Monitor and mitigate impact of underwater noise

- What projects or research or monitoring is in place to monitor underwater noise and its impact on harbour porpoises? Are there any results to present?
- Are there any measures in place or planned to mitigate the impact of underwater noise?

5. Monitor and assess population health status

- What is the status of collection of animals found dead, (approximately) how many animals have been sampled and necropsied?
- Any specific interesting cases to mention (for example bycatch or strandings in the Baltic Proper population range)?
- Any results to present?

6. Investigate habitat use and protect important areas

- Are there any projects or other research ongoing on porpoise distribution or habitat use? Any “new” important areas identified?
- Are there any new protected areas designated for harbour porpoises?
- Any conservation measures and/or management plans in place for existing areas?