

## 7.1. Report of the Secretariat on Outreach Activities (1)

WORK PLAN ACTIVITY	LINK TO EXTANT RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY	TIMING	Status (where applicable)	Related AC28 docs
<b>Information, Outreach and Education</b>					
44. Develop the ASCOBANS website and other information material as needed, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences in the languages of the Agreement Area.	5.8 Education and Promotion	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Ongoing. Digital material produced for 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary and IDBHP (2022).	Doc.7.1
45. Support annual celebration of the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May.	8.3 Jastarnia Plan	Parties / Partners / Secretariat	Every year	Ongoing.	Doc.7.1
47. Take advantage of attendance at other fora to give presentations or make information available on topics related to ASCOBANS.		Secretariat / Parties / Partners	Throughout the intersessional period	Ongoing. IMMA workshop 2023, ECS 2023, ETF webinar 2022, CMS StC53, IWC CC, for example.	Inf.6.1 Doc.7.1
48. Report on communication and outreach matters to the Advisory Committee.		Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	Reported to AC28, AC27, AC26.	Doc.7.1
<b>Stakeholder Involvement</b>					
49. Work towards strengthening or establishing positive relationships with stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and European Fisheries Advisory Councils.		AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Ongoing. BALTFISH Presidency (Latvia) attended JG18 (2022). NEAFC attended JBWG1 (2021).	Inf.6.1



# Initiatives to investigate and improve bycatch data from cetacean strandings

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The Baltic Proper #HarbourPorpoise is in trouble

- <500 left
- Bycatch, underwater noise, pollution, habitat degradation
- Not enough mature individuals to allow the population to recover

#IDBHP promotes support to conservation actions  
[ascobans.org/en/campaign/in...](https://ascobans.org/en/campaign/in...)



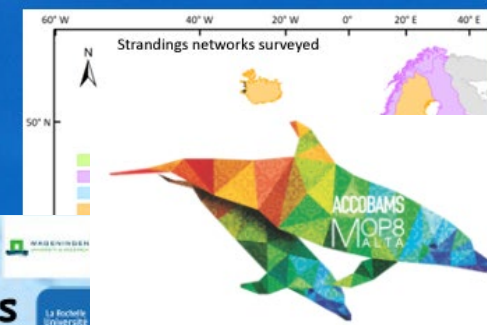
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Cetacean strandings have long been viewed as a secondary source of bycatch information, useful to “identify emerging threats or unusual mortality events”, i.e. with a sentinel role.

Yet, stranding data have the potential to provide time series of quantitative data on bycatch across all coastal regions, and all matters except those operating far offshore, e.g. they do not exclude bycatch



## Investigating the role of prey depletion in cetacean distributions and population dynamics

A summary of the work of the ASCOBANS Resource Depletion Working Group

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“Small cetaceans have relatively high metabolic rates, especially the smallest species, hence need to feed regularly and frequently, and are thus particularly susceptible to the effects of prey depletion. The depleted state of some European fish stocks and the unexplained poor body condition seen in some stranded dolphins and porpoises (i.e. in cases where there was no evidence of serious disease) suggests this issue requires further investigation.”

**ToR A:** Review/summarise recent information on resource depletion and its impacts on small cetaceans and identify additional research needed.

**Research/monitoring:** Relationships between cetacean condition, health and diet; ecosystem models to evaluate wider effects of prey depletion.

**Recommendations:** refine definition of prey depletion; focus mitigation on prey depletion; if prey decline would have the impact on small cetaceans.



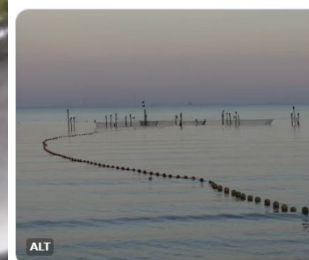
Workshop



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HAPPENING TODAY: 11th Meeting of the Steering Group for the ASCOBANS Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoise in the North Sea (NSG11)

On 14-15 Feb, NSG11 will review progress under the plan, bycatch/strandings/ noise/ etc. In the region, an updated draft plan, and much more



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Coming soon: Marine Debris Workshop

[ascobans.org/en/meeting/asc...](https://ascobans.org/en/meeting/asc...)

15 April 2023

O' Grove, Galicia

Seats are limited = currently participation by invitation only, but if you are interested in attending [ascobans.secretariat@ascobans.org](mailto:ascobans.secretariat@ascobans.org) / [secretariat@accobams.net](mailto:secretariat@accobams.net)



**ASCOBANS & ACCOBAMS Marine Debris Workshop - New and Emerging Aspects**

5. Offshore wind energy and cetaceans

