

COMMON DOLPHIN SAP 1ST PROGRESS REPORT

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Summary of actions

Priority	Action	Code
Essential	Identify the priority bycatch issues	RES-01
Essential	Improve estimates of bycatch rates to support development of conservation strategy	RES-02
Essential	Implement and assess gear modifications and mitigation measures to reduce bycatch	MIT-01
High	Implement a wide-scale surveillance programme to monitor trends in distribution and abundance in the NE Atlantic	MON-01
High	Improve understanding of causes of seasonal and annual variation in abundance and distribution, particularly in relation to human activities	RES-03
High	Monitor health and nutritional status, diet, life history parameters, and causes of mortality in the NE Atlantic	MON-02
Medium	Further our understanding on population structure by assessing and developing suitable techniques for these highly mobile small delphinids	RES-04
Medium	Improve understanding of and develop mitigation for the risks of anthropogenic sound	MIT-02
Medium	Ensure screening and assessment of the occurrence and effects of hazardous substances	MON-03
Low	Monitor for potential increases in anthropogenic activities that lead to incidences of death, injury or adverse health effects	MON-04

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Action/Task	Requested from Contracting Parties / Range States
Action 1	Identify Priority Bycatch Issues
Task 1	Further information on current and planned efforts to 'Identify and monitor medium-to-high-risk fisheries activities with a high risk of common dolphin bycatch' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - include formation on target species, if possible - % of fisheries monitored by DCF, independent PETs monitoring programmes, self sampling or REM - further information on size of vessels monitored that are <12 m
Task 3	Any recent investigations looking at evidence of bycatch selectivity ?
Task 5	For the period 2019-2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - updated information on drift modelling work (e.g. Cetambicion) - summary on bycatch evaluation protocols for stranded animals

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Action 2	Improve estimates of bycatch rates to support development of conservation strategy
Task 1	Summary on the Draft French Action Plan Summary on the Spanish National Plan Updates on UK legislation since 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - now includes Annex on UK and Norwegian legislation from the revised Conservation Plan for the North Sea Harbour Porpoise
Task 3	Increase reliability of fishing effort data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what new information on fishing effort is now being collected to assist ICES?
Task 4	Summary on (current and proposed) innovated monitoring methods, e.g. remote electronic monitoring (REM) to improve bycatch estimates in high-risk fisheries

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Action 3	Implement and assess gear modifications and mitigation measures to reduce bycatch
Task 1	Evaluation of current gear modification and mitigation measures - to include information from the Cetambicion final report, when available - any reports from other studies available since WKEMBYC2 review?
Task 2	Supply information on whether they have implemented proven mitigation measures for all high and medium-risk fisheries that are appropriate to the nature of the vessels and their size, with subsequent monitoring to ensure effectiveness

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Action/Task	Requested from Parties / Range States
Action 4	Implement a wide-scale surveillance programme to monitor trends in distribution and abundance in the NE Atlantic
Task 1	Supply information on any surveys undertaken in national waters – outside of SCANS

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Action 5	Improve understanding of causes of seasonal and annual variation in abundance and distribution, particularly in relation to human activities
Tasks 1 & 2	Is the report missing any information on 'collection and collation of appropriate standardised data on anthropogenic activities' ? Any other risk assessments for anthropogenic activities undertaken for the species?
Task 4	Missing any other studies on assessing seasonal or long-term or temporal trends since 2019?

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Action/Task	Requested from Parties / Range States
Action 6	Monitor health and nutritional status, diet, life history parameters, and causes of mortality in the NE Atlantic
Task 1	Summary on Stranding Programmes: - update on funding available for national stranding programmes - updated graphs on frequency of strandings, with associated information on trends and peaks in strandings - information on numbers of animals necropsied / target for necropsies - summary on causes of death of stranded animals
Task 2	Is the ASCOBANS/ACCOBAMS8/IWC9 strandings protocol being implemented?
Task 3	Report on ongoing work on diet, including analysis of tissue samples for fatty acids/stable isotope analysis, and life history parameters
Task 5	Include information on whether any live animals were sampled since 2019, and if so, for what?

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Action 7	Further our understanding on population structure by assessing and developing suitable techniques for these highly mobile small delphinids
Task 1	Identify funding and develop a programme which can involve existing or potential new samples – which considers strategic sampling approaches (i.e. temporal and spatial) and statistical power analysis should be undertaken to determine level of sampling required to detect appropriate units to conserve
Task 2	Actively support and encourage development of suitable techniques for discriminating population structure in highly mobile small delphinids
Task 3	Landing of bycaught animals for sample provision - What countries do not allow the landing of bycaught animals?

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Action/Task	Requested from Parties / Range States
Action 8	Improve understanding of and develop mitigation for the risks of anthropogenic sound
Task 1	Summary on current research into the effects of underwater noise on Common Dolphins
Task 2	Summary of precautionary guidance on measures and procedures for all activities surrounding the development of renewable energy production and other noise-producing industry to minimise risks
Task 4	Are countries monitoring the physical effects of exposure to anthropogenic sound in Common Dolphins, i.e. acoustic trauma, where access to stranded animals within the required timeframe is possible?
Task 5	Are countries currently providing data to OSPAR through ICES noise monitoring data portals? If so, what types of data?

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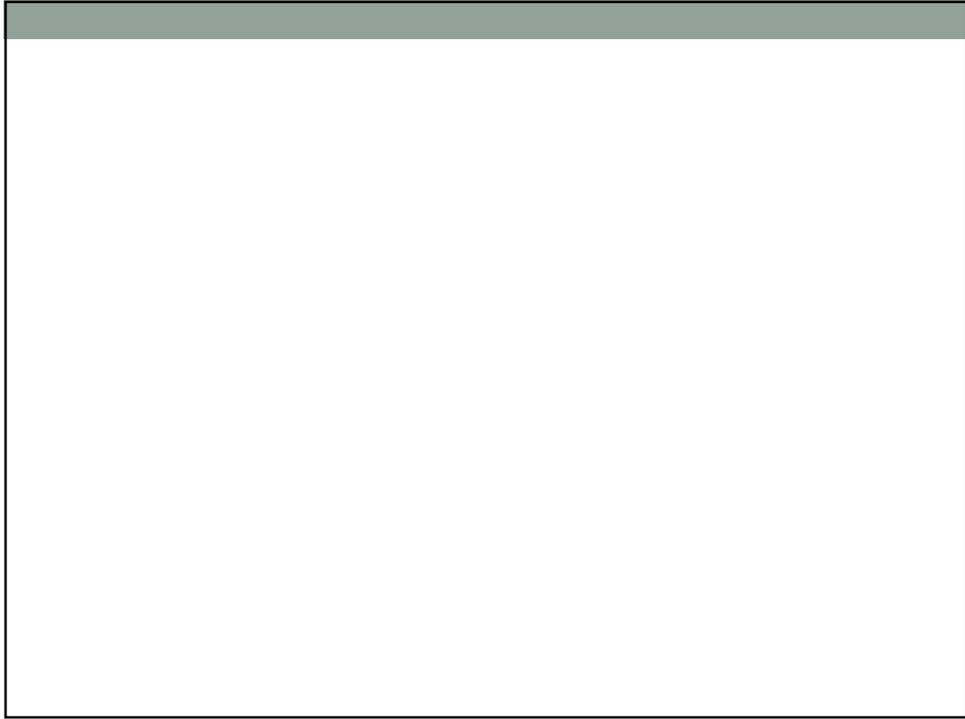
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Action 9	Ensure screening and assessment of the occurrence and effects of hazardous substances
All tasks	Any relevant information missing from report?
	Including recent (unpublished) work undertaken on emerging pollutants and marine litter?

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Action/Task	Requested from Parties / Range States
Action 10	Monitor for potential increases in anthropogenic activities that lead to incidences of death, injury or adverse health effects
Task 1	Supply information on work undertaken by Countries on activities related to applying an ecosystem approach to the management of human activities - Include information on National MSFD indicators for cetaceans - Include information on whether MPAs have been developed for the Common Dolphin?
Task 2	Information on whether cross-sectoral and transboundary consultations are taking place as early as the planning stage of activities in marine areas (marine spatial planning) with the aim of identifying potential impacts and minimising or mitigating such impacts effectively
Task 3	Have any changes in key anthropogenic pressures been identified?
Task 4	Provide information on work undertaken on emerging pressures (e.g. wet renewables and ecotourism) and ensure monitoring is in place to establish risk.

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