

Agenda Item 13

Annual National Reports 2007

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d) Lithuania**

Action Requested

- briefly present highlights from report (max. 5 minutes)
- take note of the information submitted
- comment

Submitted by

Parties



**NOTE:
IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING THEIR OWN
COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

Secretariat's Note

Attached are, as separate documents in order to minimise the need for revisions, the Annual National Reports for 2007, as submitted by the ASCOBANS Parties.

ASCOBANS Annual National Report

A. General information

Name of party LITHUANIA	Period covered 2007
Name of report compiler Laura Janulaitienė	Date of report 29 February 2007
Any changes in co-ordinating authority, appointed member of advisory committee	

B. NEW measures/action towards meeting the resolutions of the 2nd Meeting of Parties

1. Direct interaction of small cetaceans with fisheries

Investigations of methods to reduce by-catch			
No investigations on methods to reduce by-catches of harbor porpoises have been conducted so far.			
Implementation of methods to reduce by-catch			
Yes, on the basis of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 812/2004.			
Estimates of by-catch in set net and pelagic trawl fisheries			
Species	Estimated number of by-caught animals	Area (ICES area or more detailed)	Notes (type of fishery, effort, seasonal variations, etc.)
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2. Reduction of disturbance to small cetaceans

Information on levels of disturbance (e.g. seismic surveys, new high-speed ferry routes, studies about acoustic impacts on cetaceans, etc.)
No measures on disturbance reduction have been implemented.
Implementation of guidelines, new legislation, etc. to reduce disturbance
Annually, new order of Minister of the Environment concerning the compensation for damage of wild fauna and their habitats, including harbour porpoise, was implemented.

3. Protected areas for small cetaceans

Measures taken to identify, implement and manage protected areas
No protected areas for cetaceans are identified in Lithuania.

4. Further research on small cetaceans

Implementation of schemes to use and gain information from stranded cetaceans
There are no such scheme implemented.

Research on abundance, population structure etc.

Order of Minister of the Environment concerning the Programme of biological diversity protection and protection areas planning and administration dedicated of EU Structural assistance priority axis in 2007-2013, including the research of harbour porpoise migration routes in the Lithuanian Baltic Sea part, was implemented.

Research on the effects of pollutants on cetacean health

None.

5. Public awareness and education

Measures taken in the fields of public awareness and education to implement or promote the Agreement

The lectures for schoolchildren and students on protection of marine ecosystems including small cetaceans as well as local harbor porpoises are permanently organized in the Lithuanian Sea Museum display.

The International Harbour Porpoise Day mentioned in the Lithuanian Sea Museum in 2007 too. ASCOBANS posters and a life-size model of harbour porpoise have been exhibited at the aquarium hall of the Lithuanian Sea Museum, a film and photos about harbour porpoise were demonstrated to the visitors.

The theatrical picket for harbour porpoise protection in the Baltic Sea took place near the Dolphinarium. The free show “All truth about harbour porpoise” took place in the Dolphinarium too.