

Agenda Item 2

Annual National Reports 2011

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## Annual National Report Finland

### Action Requested

- Briefly present highlights from reports (max. 5 minutes)
- Take note of the information submitted
- Comment

Submitted by

Finland



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



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**General Information**

Name of Party:	Period covered: 1.1.2011 -31.12.2011
<b>Finland</b>	Date of report: 12.3.2012

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List of national authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans, including contact details

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**NEW Measures / Action Towards Meeting the Objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan and the Resolutions of the Meeting of Parties**

Please feel free to add more rows to tables if the space provided is not sufficient.

**A. HABITAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

**1 Direct Interaction with Fisheries**

<p>Investigations of methods to reduce bycatch</p> <p><i>During the observation scheme 2006-2007 no bycatches were detected or porpoises sighted by the observers.</i></p>
<p>Implementation of methods to reduce bycatch</p>
<p>Please provide any other relevant information, including bycatch information from opportunistic sources.</p> <p><i>After the scheme 2006-2007 porpoise bycatches have not been reported/detected or sightings of porpoises reported by the fisherman or by the fisheries authorities.</i></p>

In addition, please attach or provide link to your country's Report under EC Regulation 812/2004.

**2 Reduction of Disturbance**

**2.1 Anthropogenic Noise**

<p>Please reference and briefly summarise any studies undertaken</p>
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**2.2 Ship Strike Incidents**

Please list all known incidents and for each, provide the following information:

Date	Species	Type of injury	Fatal injury (Yes / No)	Type of vessel (length, tonnage and speed)	Location (coordinates)	More information: (Name / Email)

**2.3 Major Incidents Affecting Significant Numbers\* of Cetaceans**

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Date	Location	Type of incident	Further Information

*\*Two or more animals*

## 2.4 Pollution and Hazardous Substances

Please report on main types of pollution and hazardous substances (including source, location and observed effects on cetaceans). Please provide information on any new measures taken to reduce pollution likely to have an impact.

## 2.5 Other Forms of Disturbance

Please provide any other relevant information, e.g. relating to recreational activities affecting cetaceans.

## 3 Marine Protected Areas for Small Cetaceans

Please provide any relevant information on measures taken to identify, implement and manage protected areas for cetaceans, including MPAs designated under the Habitats Directive and MPAs planned or established within the framework of OSPAR or HELCOM.

Please indicate where GIS data of the boundaries (and zoning, if applicable) can be obtained (contact email / website).

## ***B. SURVEYS AND RESEARCH***

### 4.1 Overview of Research on Abundance, Distribution and Population Structure

Please provide a brief summary of (and reference to) any national work.

***Finland is taking part to SAMBAH (Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea Harbour porpoise) project. In the project, 300 SAM units will be used over a two years period (2011-2012). Ca. 47 units will be deployed in Finnish waters. More info available on <http://www.sambah.org>***

### 4.2 New Technological Developments

Please provide a brief summary of any relevant information

### 4.3 Other Relevant Research

Please provide a brief summary of any relevant information

**C. USE OF BY-CATCHES AND STRANDINGS**

**5 Post-Mortem Research Schemes**

Contact details of research institutions / focal point	
Methodology used (reference, e.g. publication, protocol)	
Collection of samples (type, preservation method)	
Database (Number of data sets by species, years covered, software used, online access)	
Additional Information (e.g. website addresses, intellectual property rights, possibility of a central database)	

**5.1 Number of Necropsies Carried out in Reporting Period:**

Species	Recorded cause of death

Please provide any other relevant information on post-mortem / stranding schemes.

**D. LEGISLATION**

**6.1 Relevant New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines**

Please provide any relevant information.

***E. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION***

**7.1 Public Awareness and Education**

Please report on any public awareness and education activities to implement or promote the Agreement to the general public and to fishermen.

- ***Finland has continued the harbour porpoise sighting campaign and received information of seven possible sightings of 11-17 animals in year 2011.***
- ***The Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have established a common practice of recommending fishermen to avoid fishing with nets in coastal areas where harbour porpoises have been sighted.***

***POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT***

Please provide any relevant information.

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