



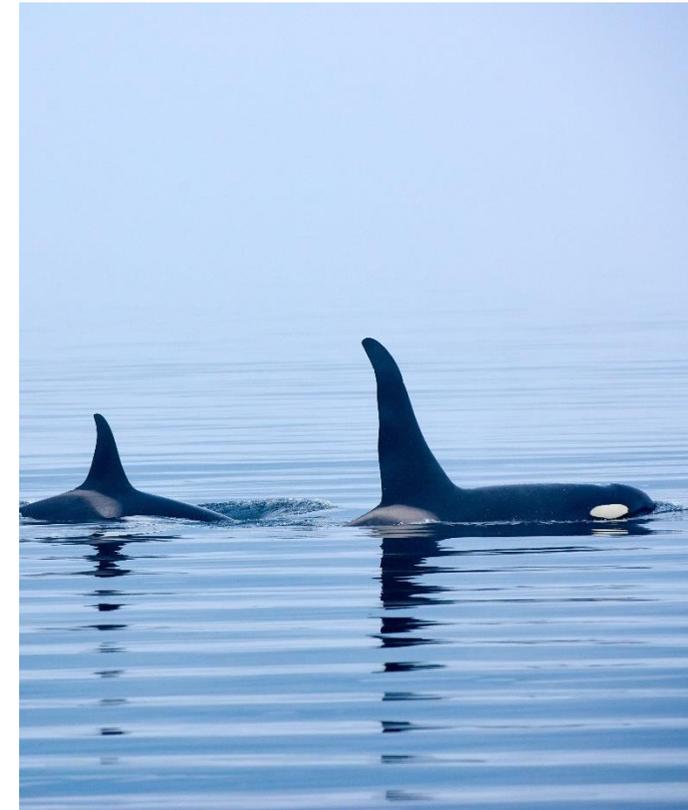
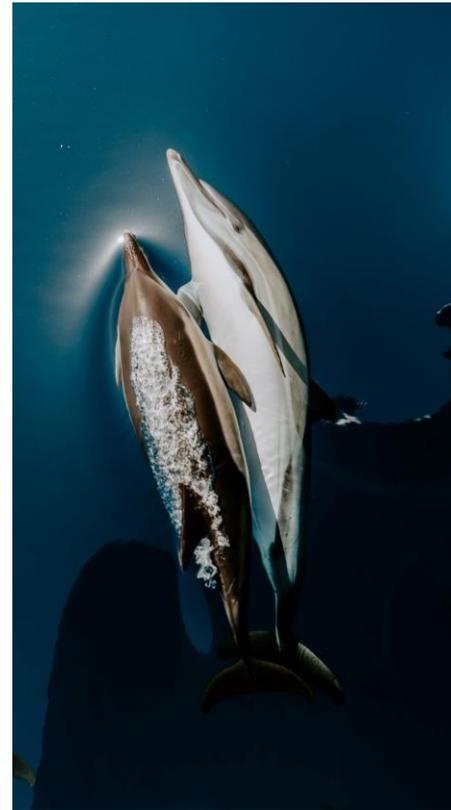
Section II:  
Habitat Conservation and Management  
B. Disturbance

# 6. Recreational Sea Use

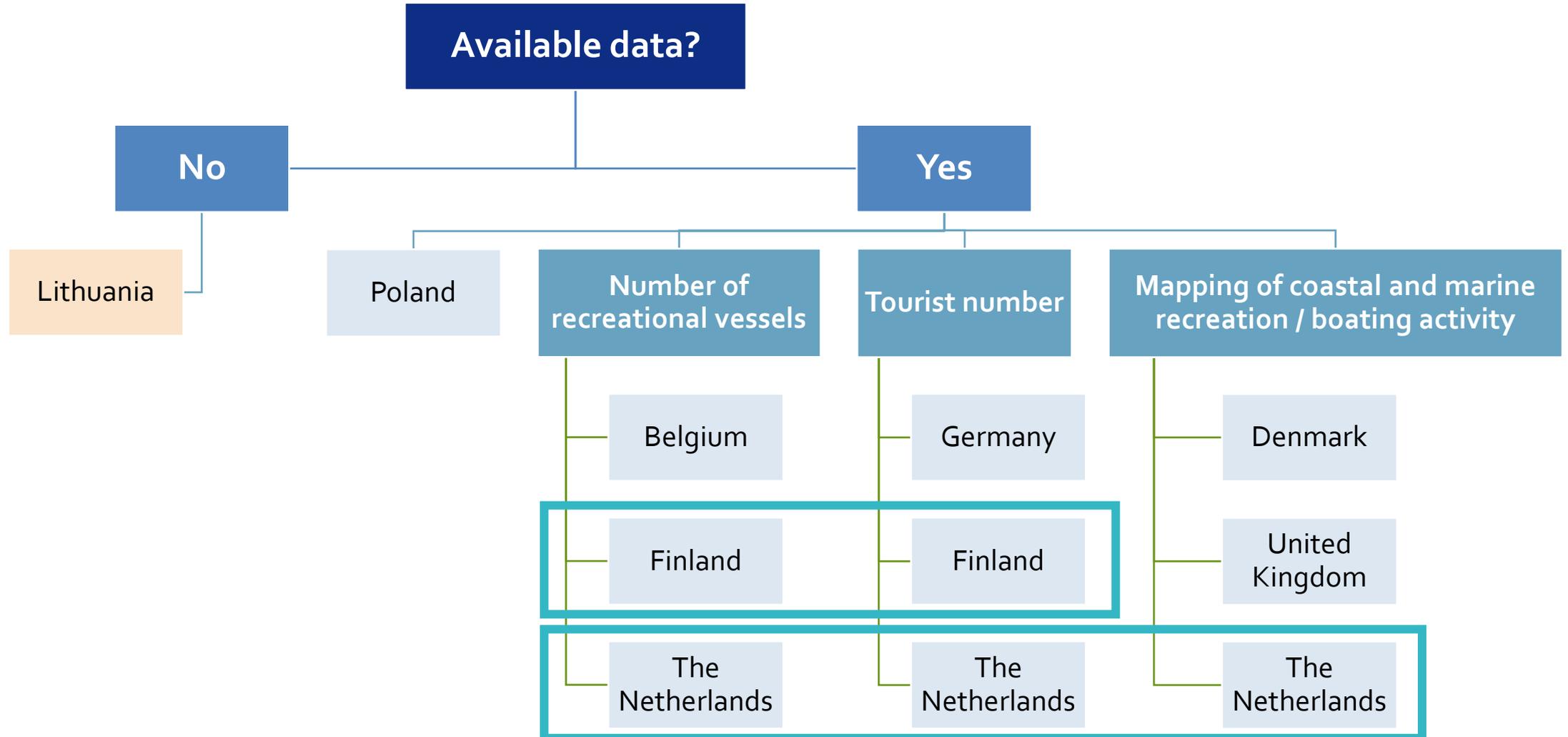
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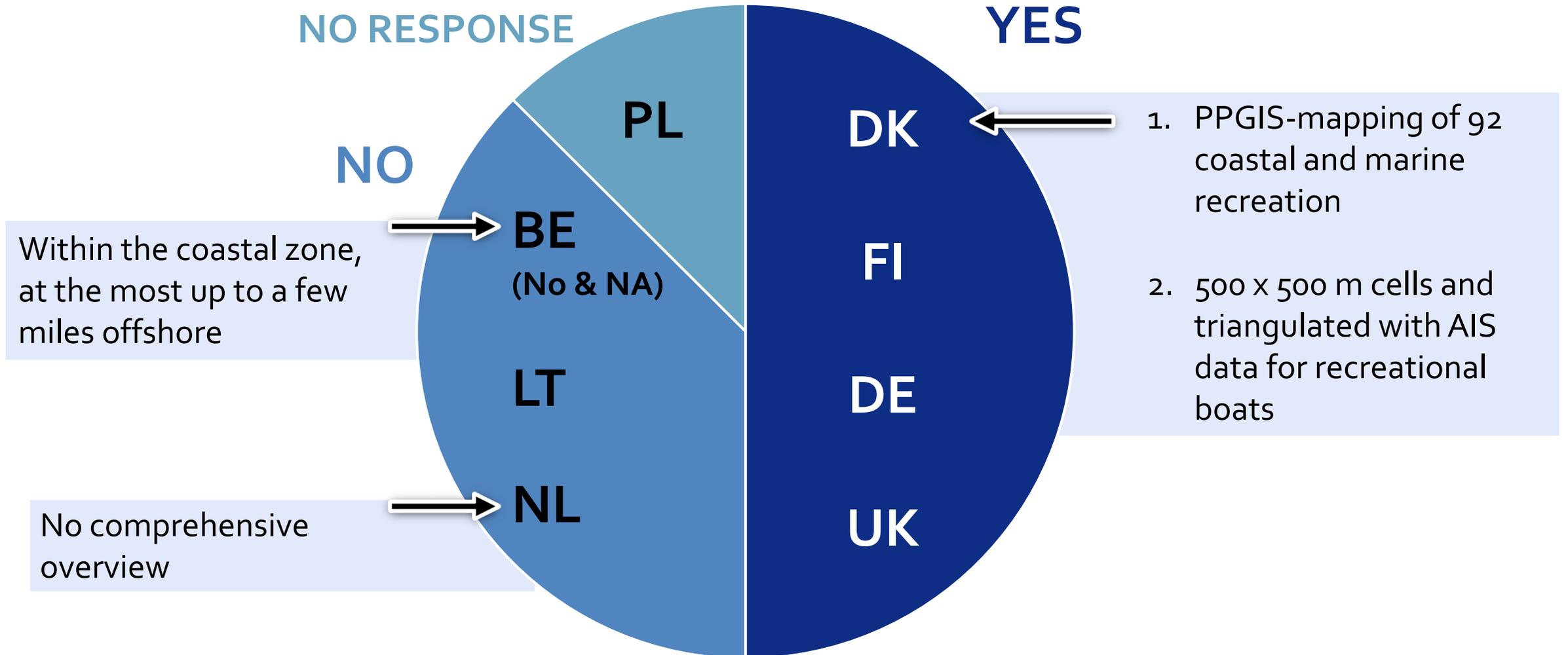
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# 6.1. Are data on recreational sea use available for your country?

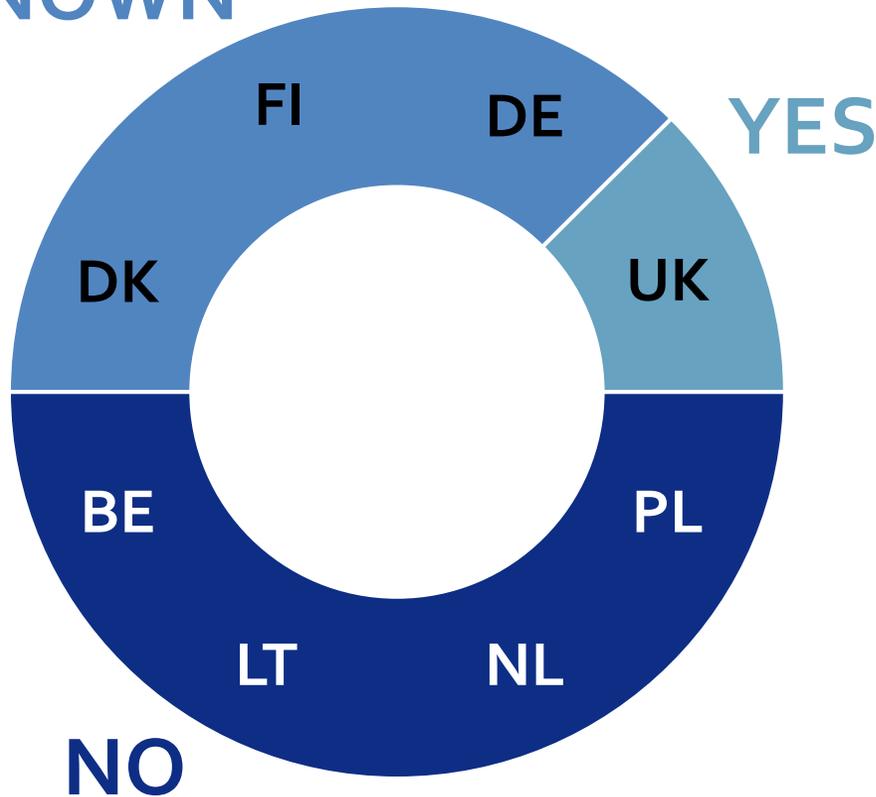


# 6.2. Is the information on main areas of recreational sea use available for your country?



# 6.3. Were there any incidents of disturbance or harassment to small cetaceans in relation to recreational sea use in your country?

UNKNOWN



**UK: 3 incidents (2021 – 2022)**

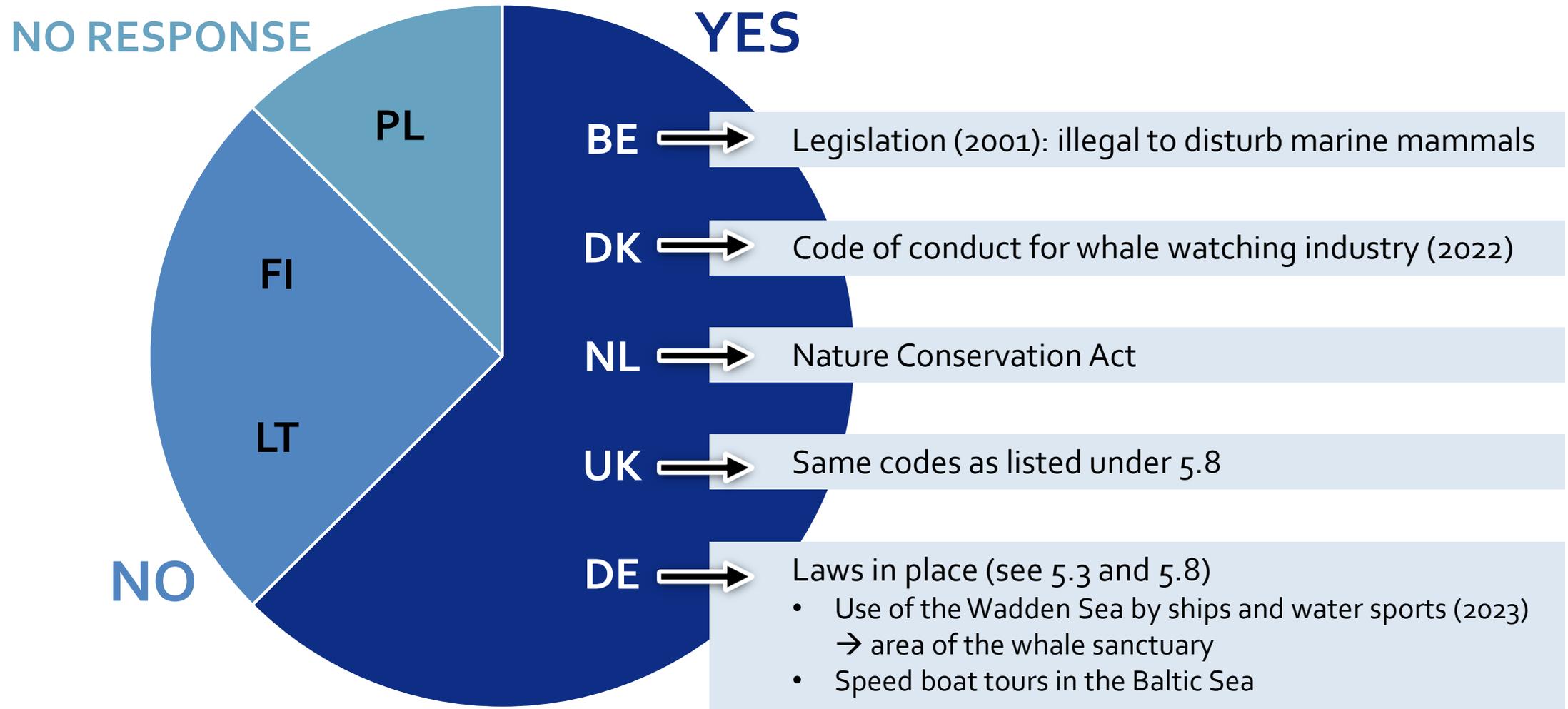
Boat-related disturbances of dolphins:

- 1) Pod of feeding bottlenose dolphins → behaviour changes and animal displacement
- 2) 6 common dolphins → animal dispersal
- 3) 10+ common dolphins → behaviour changes



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# 6.4. Does your country have any mitigation measures (codes of conduct/guidelines/laws/rules) in place in the event of disturbance or harassment of small cetaceans through recreational sea use?

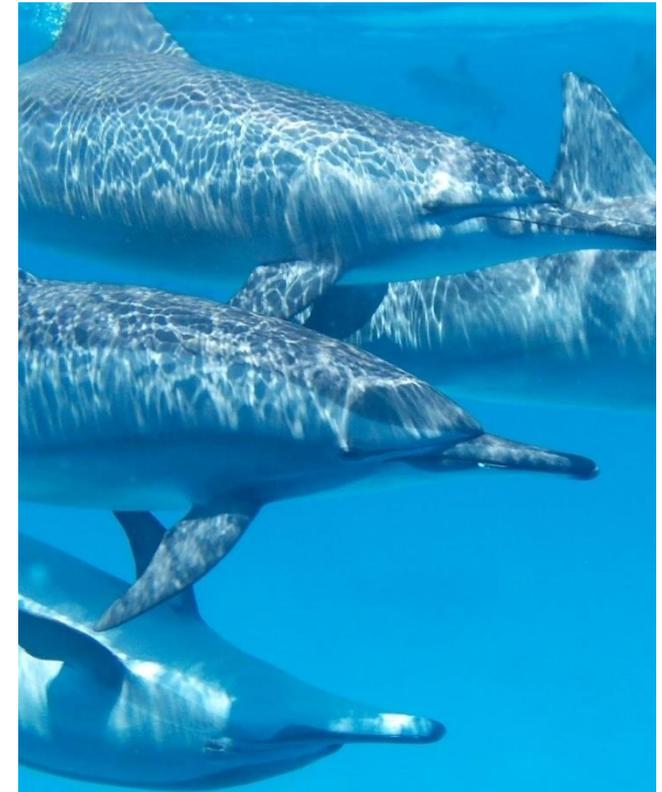


## 6.5. Relevant new research/work/collaboration on disturbance or harassment of small cetaceans through recreational sea use in your country?

<b><u>YES:</u></b>	<b>Denmark</b>	5 publications
	<b>Germany</b>	1 publication
	<b>The Netherlands</b>	1 publication
	<b>United Kingdom</b>	1 project: Operation Seabird

**NA:** Finland & Lithuania.

**No response:** Belgium & Poland.

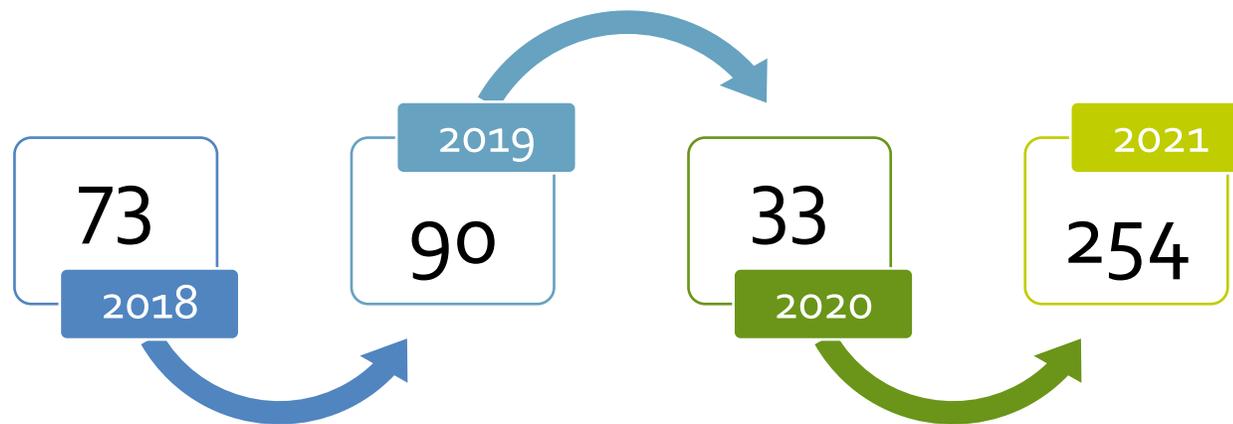


## 6.6. Have there been any other instances/issues related to recreational sea use in your country during the reporting period?

### YES:

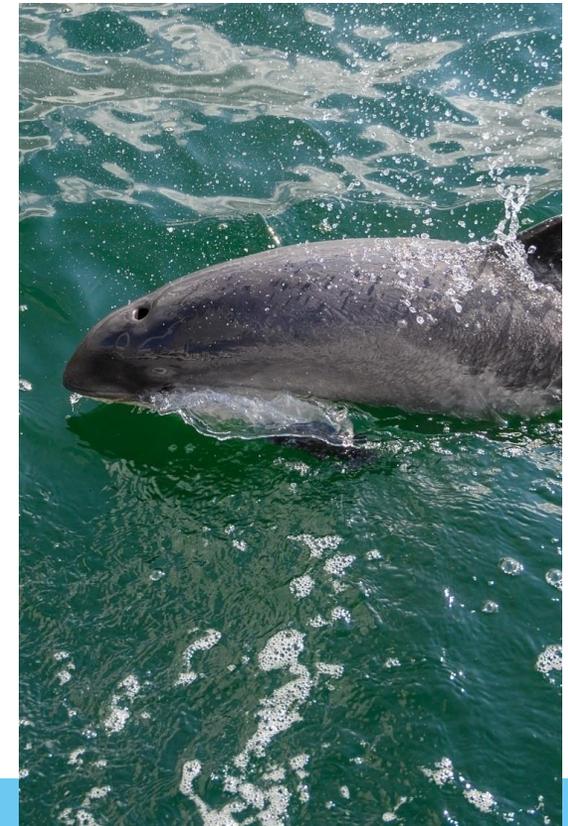
United Kingdom.

→ Increasing numbers of cetacean disturbance incidences in coastal waters in Cornwall.



### NO:

Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, The Netherlands & Poland.



## 6.7. Is the perceived level of pressure from recreational sea use in your country increasing, decreasing, staying the same or unknown?

Trend of Perceived Level of Pressure from Recreational Sea Use in ASCOBANS countries

