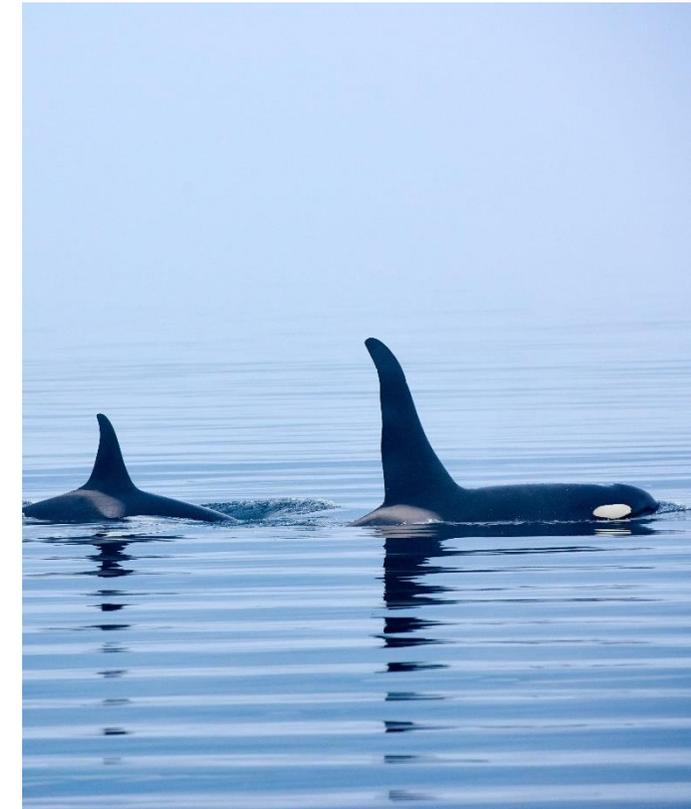




Section II: Habitat Conservation and Management
C. Habitat Change and Degradation
11. Ship Strikes
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11.1 Are there reports available in your country of ship strikes with small cetaceans from visual observations?

- No reports.

11.2. Are there reports in your country of vessel strikes from necropsies of stranded animals for the reporting period?

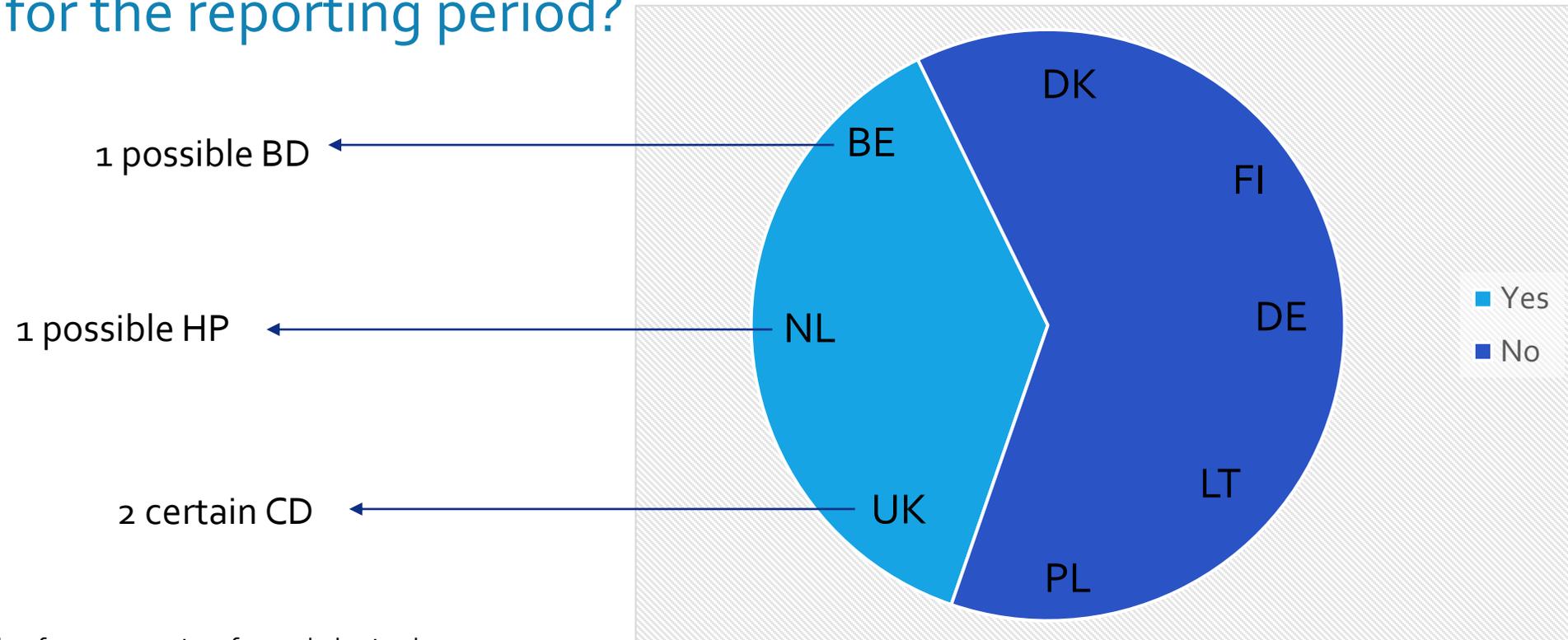


Figure 1: Pie chart of reported vessel strikes from necropsies of stranded animals per country

11.3. Does your country have a protocol in use to determine that a cause of death in postmortem examination is due to a vessel strike?

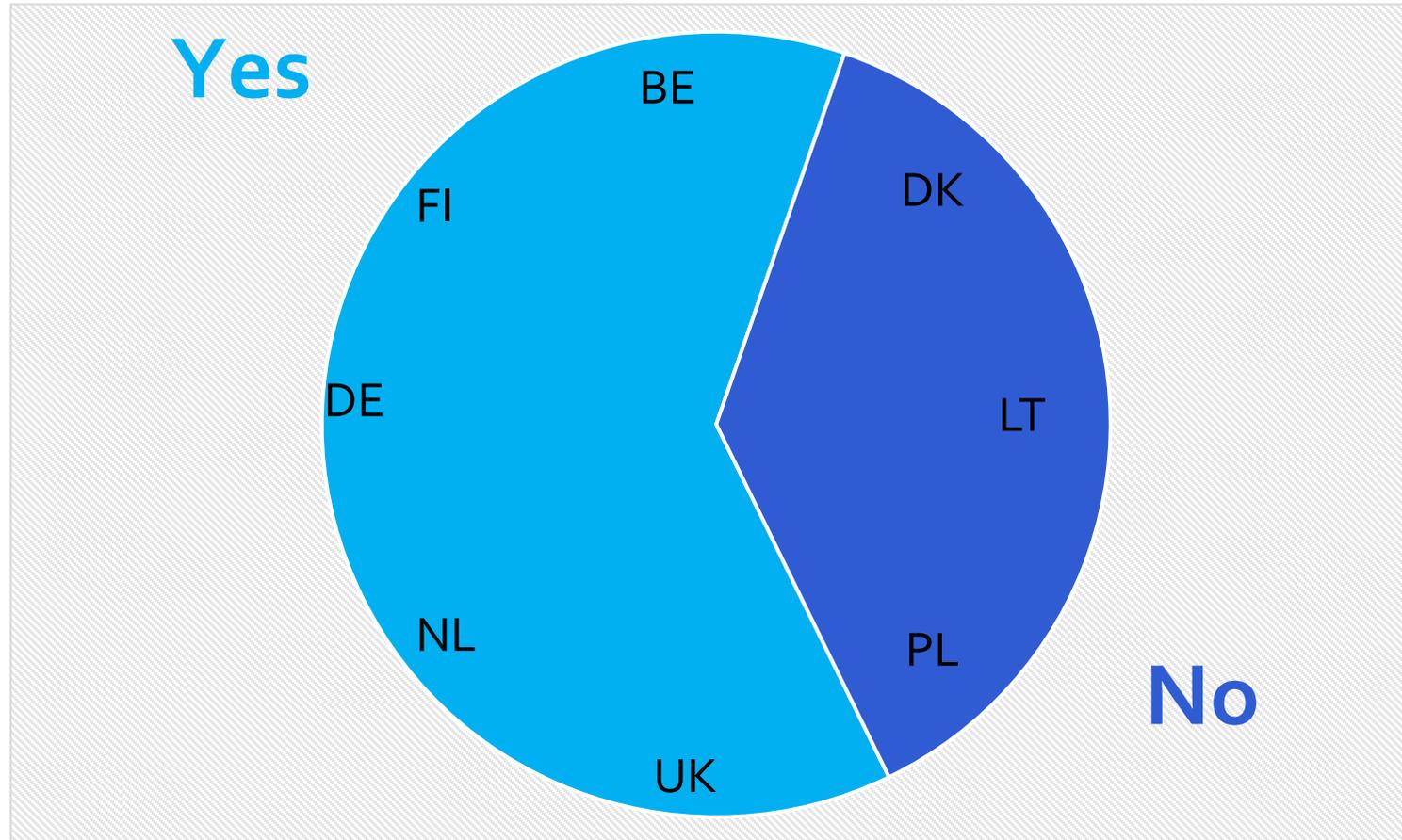


Figure 2: Pie chart showing if there is a protocol used to determine that a cause of death is due to vessel strike per country.

11.4. Is there evidence in your country from existing photo-identification catalogues of small cetaceans of any non-lethal ship strike during the reporting period?

- No evidence.

11.5. Do you have any other photographs or evidence of ship strikes outside of the photo identification catalogue?

- **NL:** Yes, 1 possible HP in Southern North Sea. Refer to scientific paper:

Postmortaal onderzoek van bruinvissen (*Phocoena phocoena*) uit Nederlandse wateren, 2022: Biologische gegevens, gezondheidsstatus en doodsoorzaken

Linde van Schalkwijk, Eva T. Schotanus, Marja J.L. Kik, Andrea Gröne, Lonneke L. IJsseldijk

Translation

Postmortem examination of porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*) from Dutch waters, 2022: Biological data, health status and causes of death.

11.6. Relevant new research/work/collaboration on ship strikes and its possible effects on small cetaceans in your country.

- **BE:** Participating in the EU Life-project “Seadetect”.



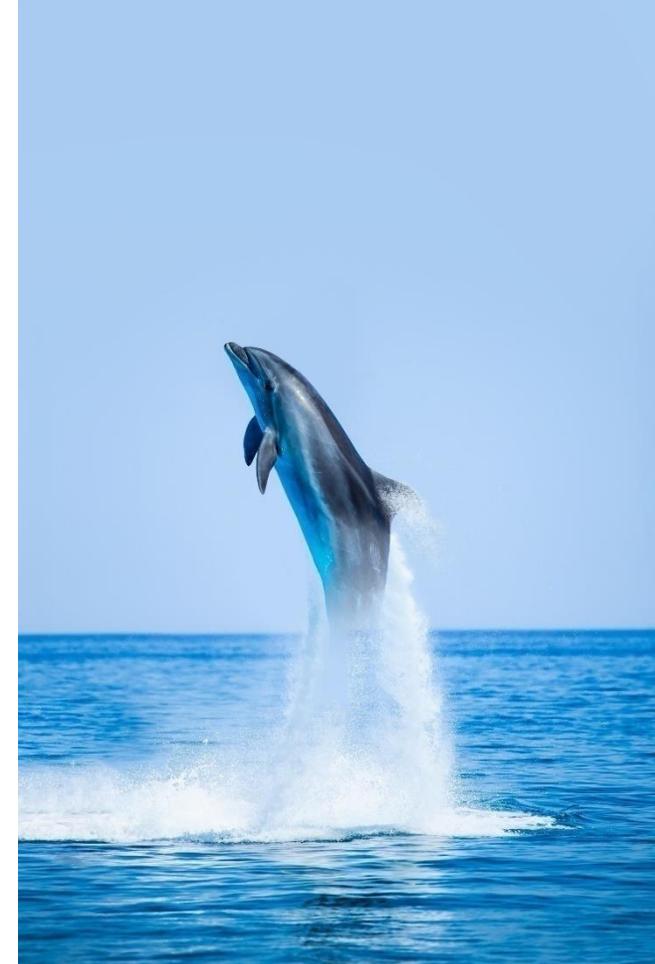
- **UK:** Conducting research into ship strike via platforms of opportunity with Organisation Cetacea (ORCA).



11.7. List any management/policy actions/relevant regulations/guidelines related to mitigating ship strike for small cetaceans (re-routing, tracking animals, ship speed limits) in your country and the year of implementation (current and planned).

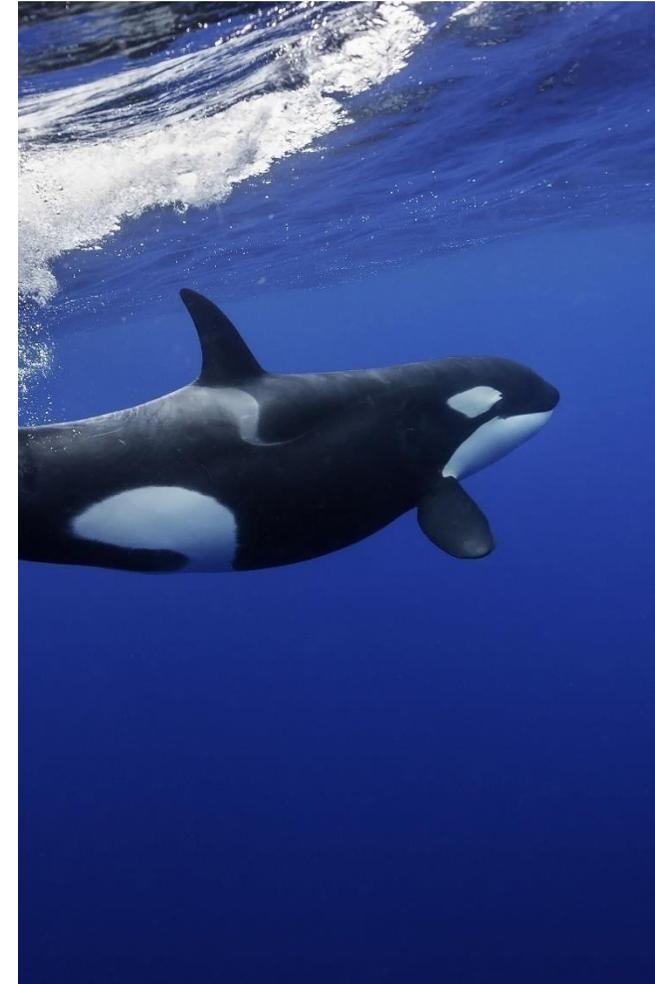
- **DE:** Regulate speed of motorboats inside National Parks. Letters were sent to operators informing them of measures and requirements in order to comply with the conservation laws

- **UK:** ORCA developed a “Ship strike training” programme.



11.8. Have there been any other instances/issues of ship strike on small cetaceans in your country in the reporting period?

- No reports.



11.9. Is the perceived level of pressure from ship strikes on small cetaceans in your country increasing, decreasing, staying the same or unknown?

- **Staying the same:** UK - CD pressure is staying the same based on monitoring through UK stranding programmes.
- **Unknown:** DK, FI, DE, LT, NL.
- **NA:** NL, BE.

