

2022 National Reports: Other Matters (Section VII)

- Other information or comments important for the Agreement
 - Initiated a four-year pilot project exploring the feasibility of tagging HPs in the Dutch North Sea (NL)
 - New programme initiated: 'Monitoring and research for nature reinforcement and species protection' NL
 - CIBBRiNA project granted (NL)
 - The UK stranding programmes are currently undertaking a scoping project to enhance the knowledgebase on cetacean welfare during live stranding or bycatch events (UK)
- Difficulties in implementing the Agreement
 - Time constraints to participate to relevant meetings organised by ASCOBANS (BE)
 - Lack of knowledge on current abundance & distribution of the Balti Proper HP; military refusing permits for deploying passive acoustic equipment in the Swedish part of the Baltic Proper (DK)
 - Implementation of many monitoring & concrete conservation measures is either n/a, impossible, or extremely difficult in Finnish waters due to extremely low density of animals (FI)
 - Data sharing barriers; Long-term funding for surveys; Not having the right org. at the table; Too many technical outputs & too few communicable key messages for policy makers (NL)
- Burning issues
 - Construction of offshore solar plants, wind farms, new pipelines (BE); Wind power constructions (FI)
 - Funding for SAMBAH-II, and finding a permanent solution for future funding (DK)