



The Baltic Proper harbour porpoise



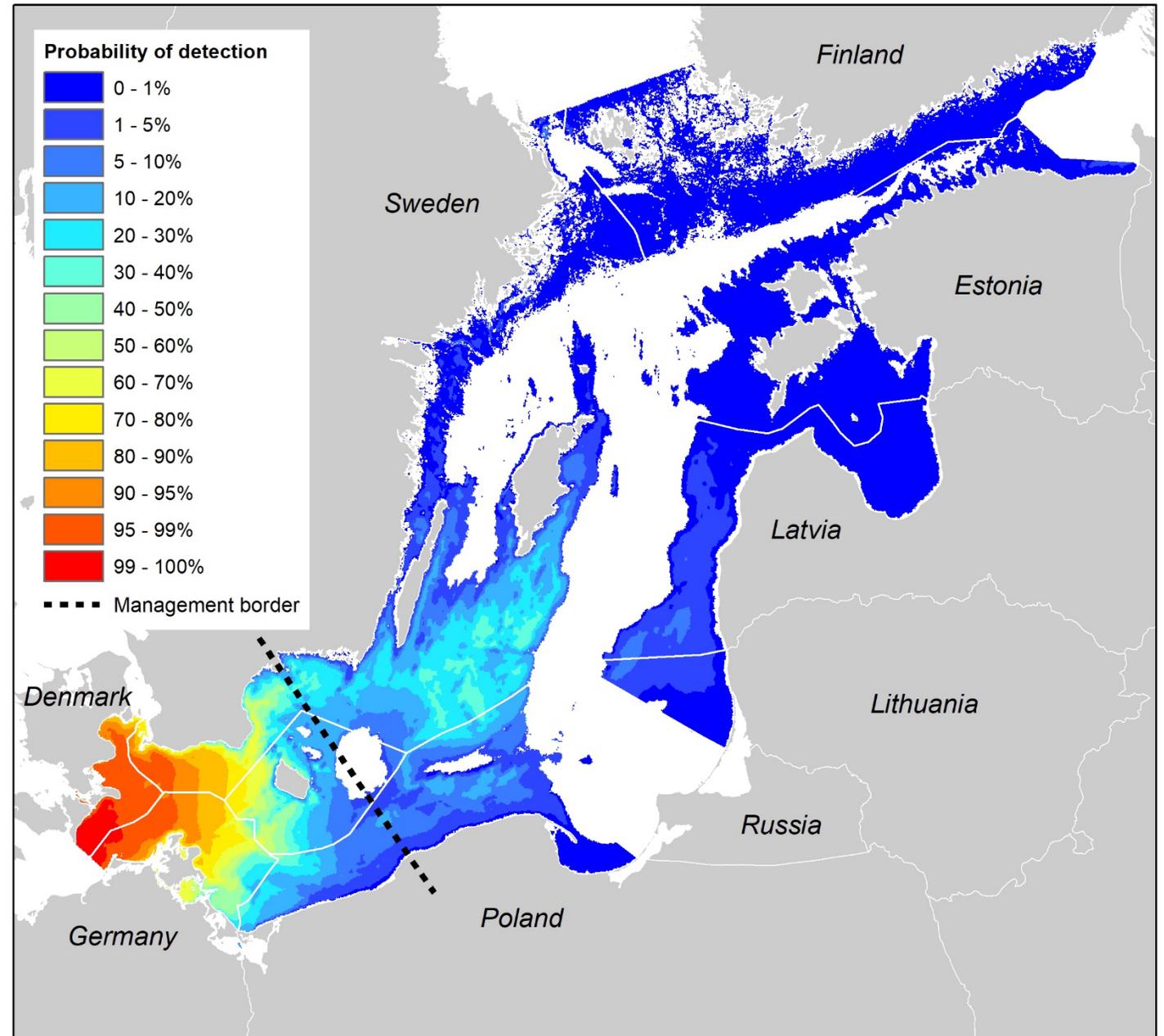
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- SAMBAH 2011-2013
- National monitoring programmes since SAMBAH

→ No new estimates of abundance and density

→ SAMBAH II





Status of the population

- SAMBAH estimated 491 (95% CI 71-1105)
- Ongoing IUCN redlist update estimates number of mature animals to 216
- Female fertility likely low
- PBR calculated to 0.7 animals/year

Total \approx 500 individuals

→ \approx 220 females

50% reproductive age

→ \approx 110 females

20% not fertile due to contaminant load

→ \approx 88 females



Fishing in the Baltic Sea

Pelagic trawling and small-scale gillnet fisheries. Semi-drift nets in some areas.

Herring, sprat, cod, salmon, flatfish

Decreasing due to fish stocks crashing, especially the small-scale fisheries



Bycatch in the Baltic Sea

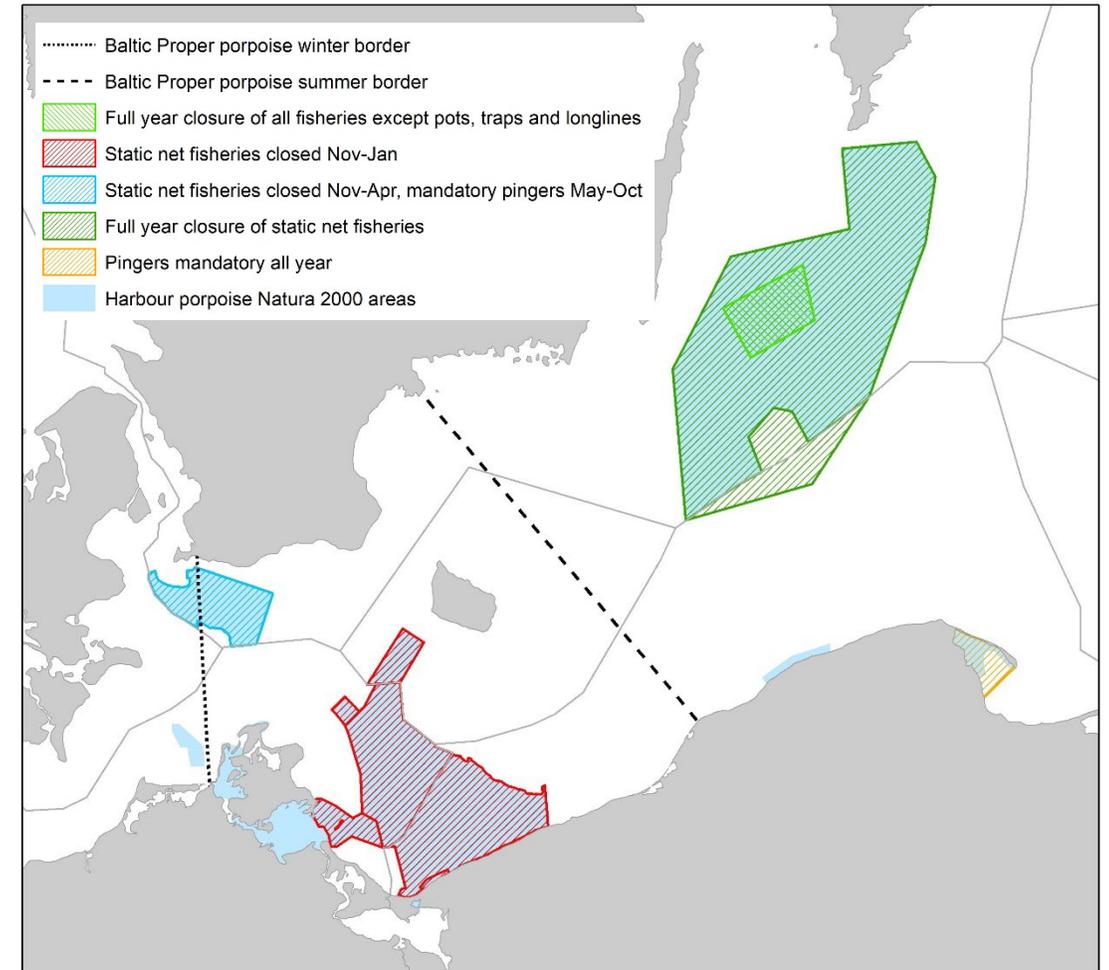
- Historically, bycatch was substantial
- Salmon drift nets used to be a big problem, now probably the semi-driftnets are still an issue
- Gillnets and trammel nets
- Signs that the will to report bycatch decreased with the EU reg 812/2004





Until now

- ICES advice 2020
- Infringement against Sweden
- Baltfish JR 1 and 2
- Delegated act February 2022
- Military forces not allowing large-scale pinger use
- Baltfish discussions on real-time closures
- Baltfish draft JR on control measures
- EC Marine Action Plan





Going forward

- Continued discussions in Baltfish
 - Real-time closures and other measures for low-density areas
 - No discussions so far on areas of higher density
- The military issue
 - Trials on pingers in Finland
 - Trials on F-PODs in Sweden
- Infringement still active





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