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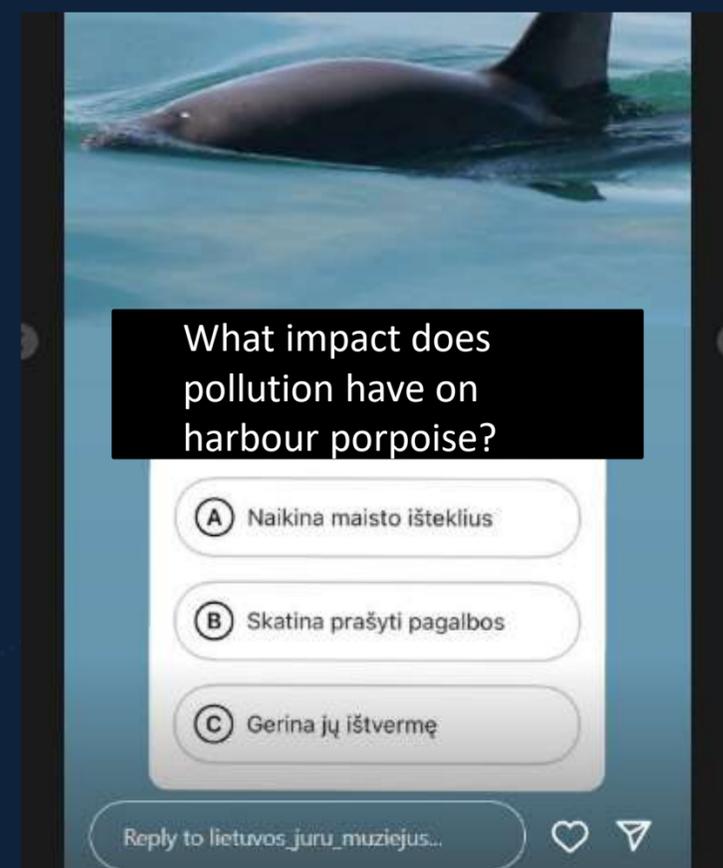
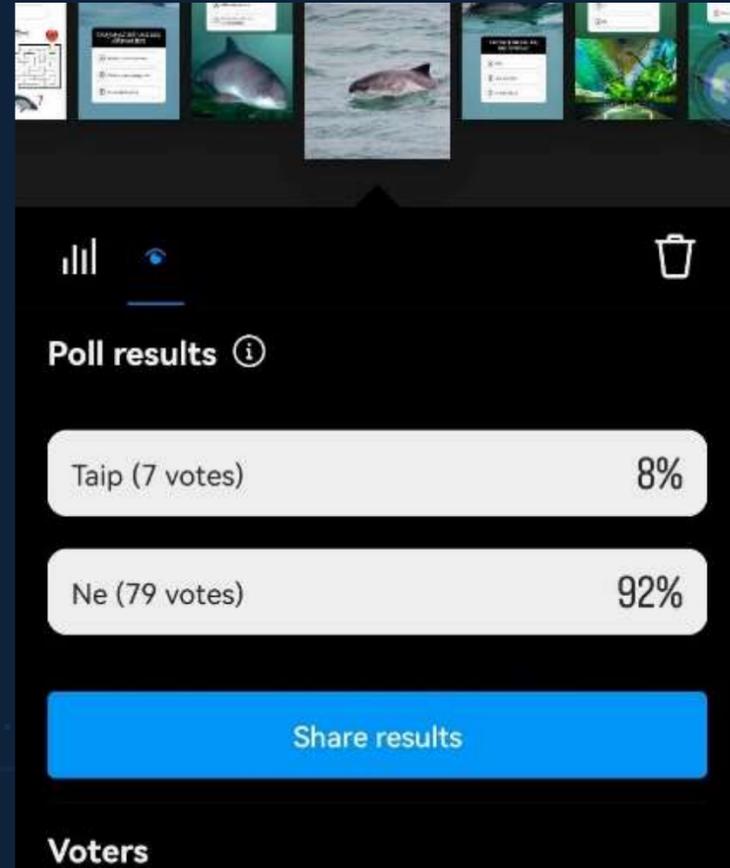
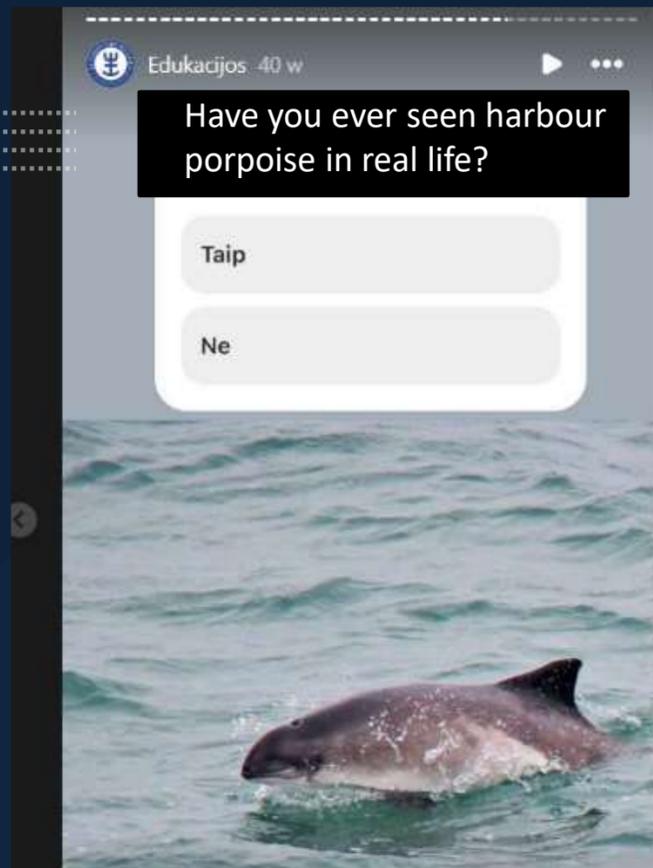
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1. Increase involvement, awareness and cooperation

- International Baltic Harbour Porpoise Day
- Every year in Lithuanian Sea Museum
- 2023 – Quiz on Instagram and Facebook



INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC
CONFERENCE-WORKSHOP

DOES THE WILDLIFE FEEL SAFE IN THE BALTIC SEA?

11-12 May 2023

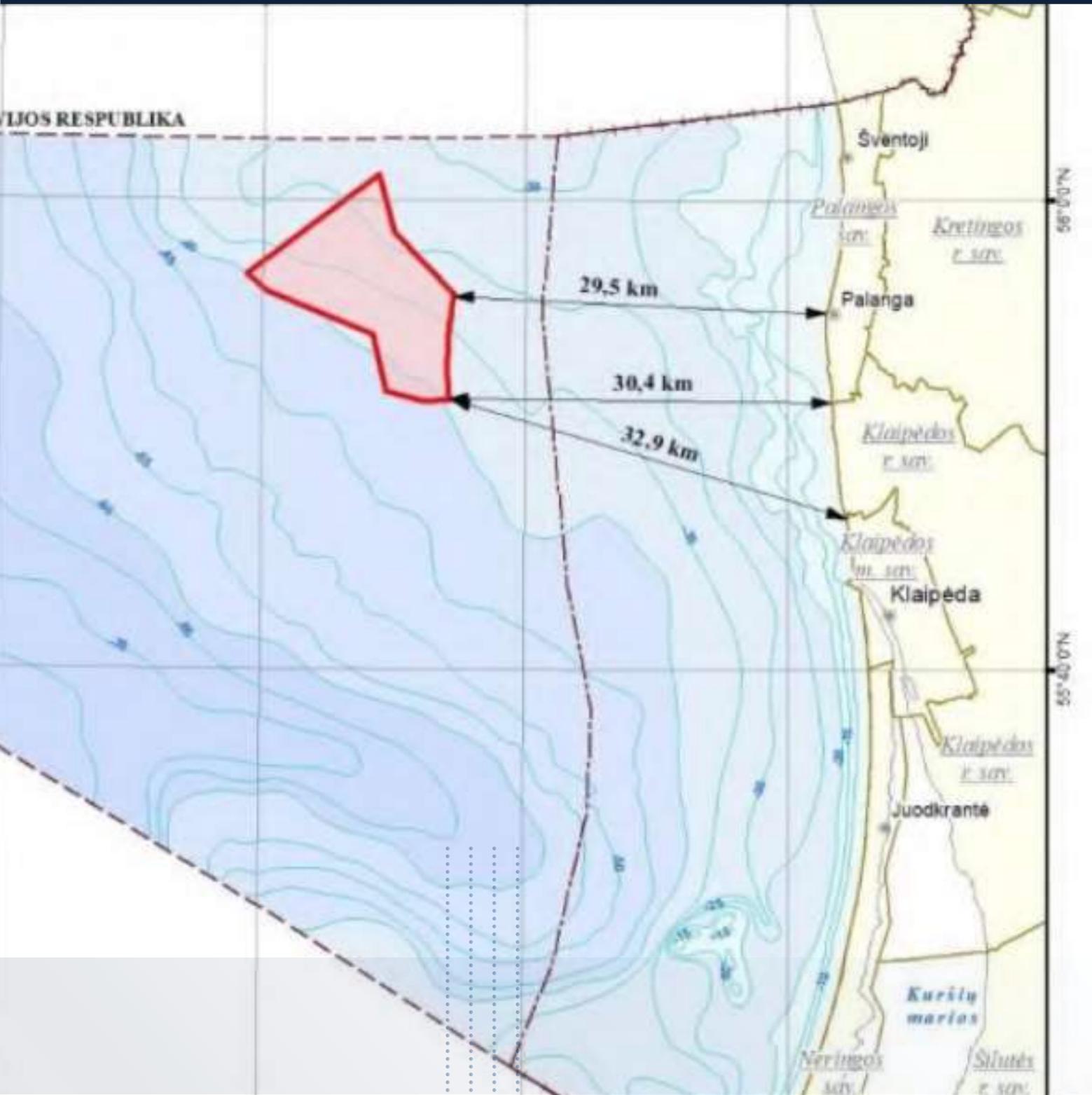


BALTIJOS
JŪROS GYVŪNŲ
REABILITACIJOS
CENTRAS
Baltic Sea Animal
Rehabilitation Centre

Lithuanian Sea Museum, Baltic Sea Animal Rehabilitation Center (BSARC)

Health of the Baltic Sea
Diseases
Rehabilitation
Monitoring

2. Monitor and estimate abundance and distribution



Environmental Impact Assessment Programme for the Installation and Operation of the Offshore Wind Farm of up to 700 MW Installed Capacity in Lithuania's Marine Territory

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Data collection and results



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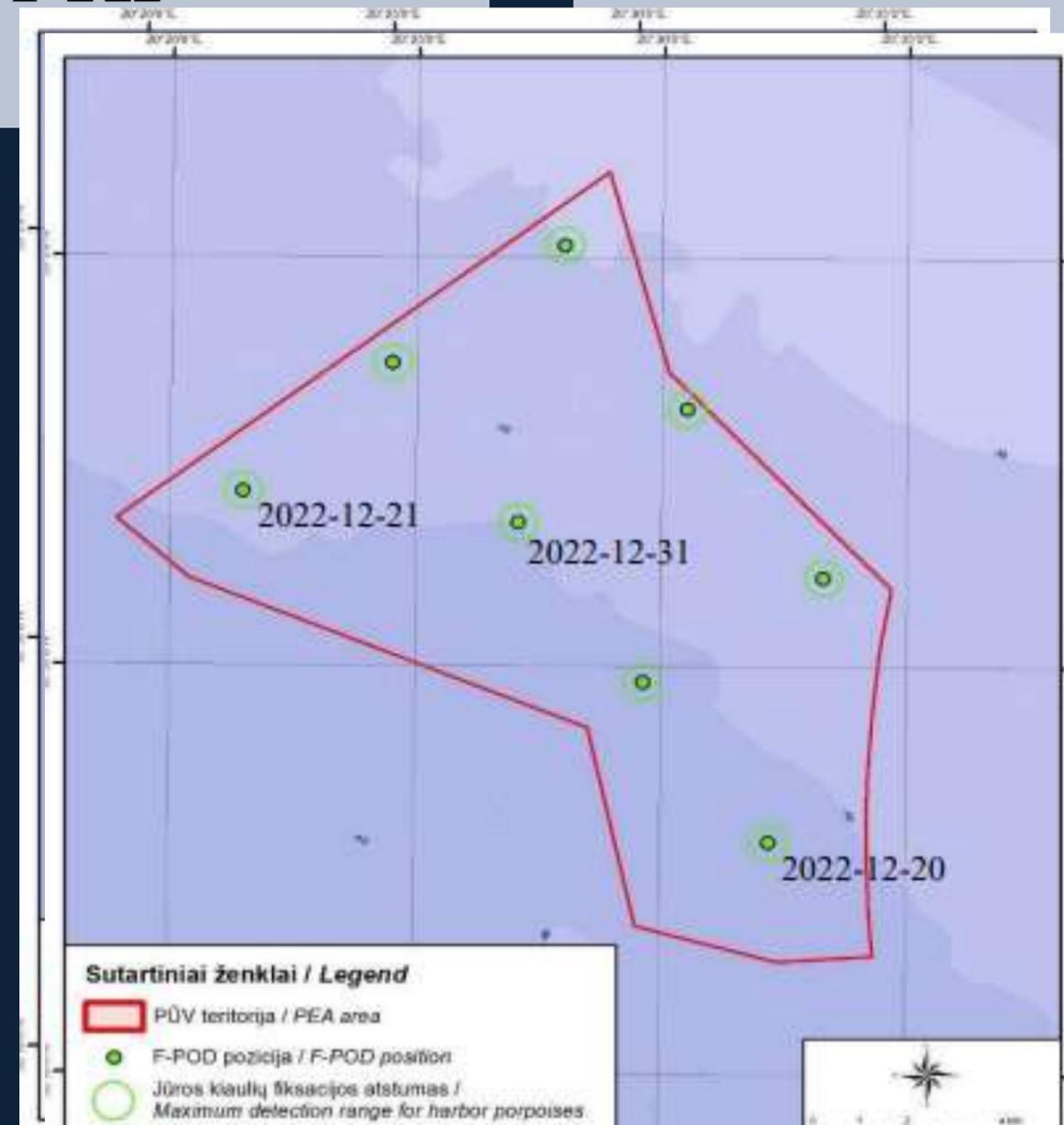
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3. Monitor and assess population health status

- Baltic Sea Animals Rehabilitation Center opened in 2022 October
- Established for seals health state assessment according to HELCOM recommendations:
 - 1) monitor reproductive state
 - 2) monitor blubber thickness
- Harbour porpoise can be necropsied here too.

4. AOB



European Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/303 of December 15, 2021, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 as regards measures to reduce the incidental catches of the resident population of the Baltic Proper harbor porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*) in the Baltic Sea



The Rules of Commercial Fishing in Maritime Waters supplemented by provisions for the protection of harbour porpoises

Thank you!



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