10.1 Report on ASCOBANS outreach activities

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Dr. Aline Kühl-Stenzel, ASCOBANS Secretariat
WPA 40: Make efforts to implement the existing (and possible future) Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan.

WPA 42: Develop the ASCOBANS website, including the children’s website and other information material as needed, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences in the languages of the Agreement area.

WPA 43: Support annual celebration of the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise on the 3rd Sunday in May.

WPA 46: Report on outreach and communication issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee.

➢ 10.1 Report on outreach activities (Secretariat)
Exhibition on the Harbour Porpoise in the Baltic proper “The last 300”

Arche Wattenmeer, Hörnum, Sylt, Germany
Outreach report (2)

From December 2017 until September 2018 the exhibition has been at the Nordseeakademie, Leck, Germany
Highlights of 20 May 2018

Threats

Today, porpoises in the Baltic Sea face a wide range of threats.

- Pollution
- Underwater noise
- Lack of food
- Accidental bycatch

The harbour porpoise (Phocoena phocoena) is represented by 700,000 individuals throughout its range and is doing well on a global scale. However, certain geographically defined populations or subpopulations have experienced drastic declines, such as the harbour porpoise population in the Baltic proper, which IUCN lists as 'critically endangered'. In 2002 ASCOBANS designated the third Sunday in May of each year as the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise to raise awareness on the critical conservation status of the only cetacean species population native to the Baltic Sea.
Outreach report (5)

Thank you, Hansae Som!
BYCATCH is the #1 threat to cetaceans

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OVERFISHING depletes prey for cetaceans

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Many cetaceans get sick or injured from MARINE DEBRIS

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More action for Harbour Porpoises is on its way

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Lagenorhynchus acutus  
Atlantic white-sided dolphin

Delphinus delphis  
Common dolphin

Lagenorhynchus albirostris  
White-beaked dolphin

More action for DOLPHINS is on its way

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10.1 Follow-up

➢ Parties and other stakeholders are invited to coordinate the 2018 Christmas Card competition