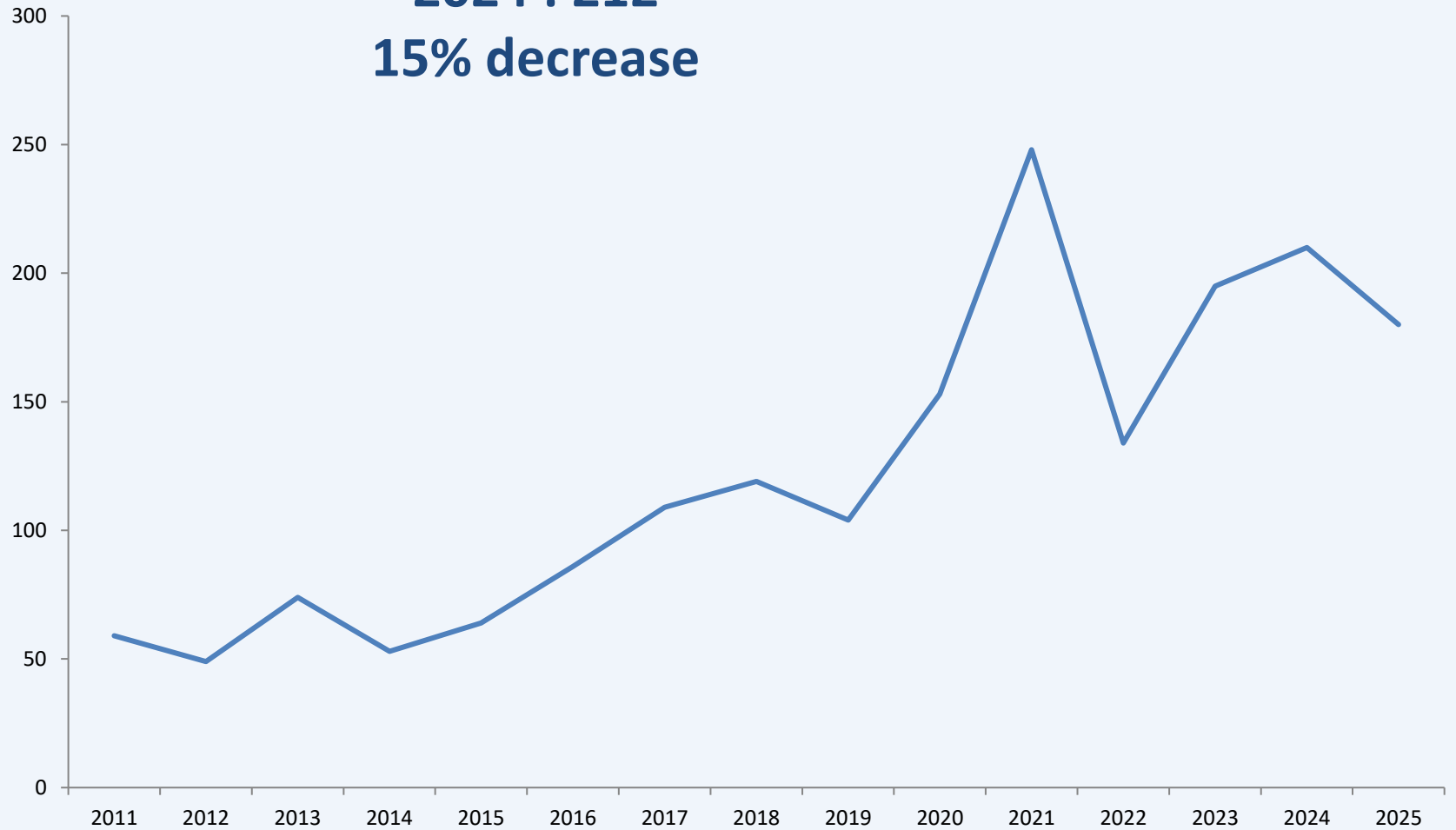


Common dolphin stranding records (2021-2025)

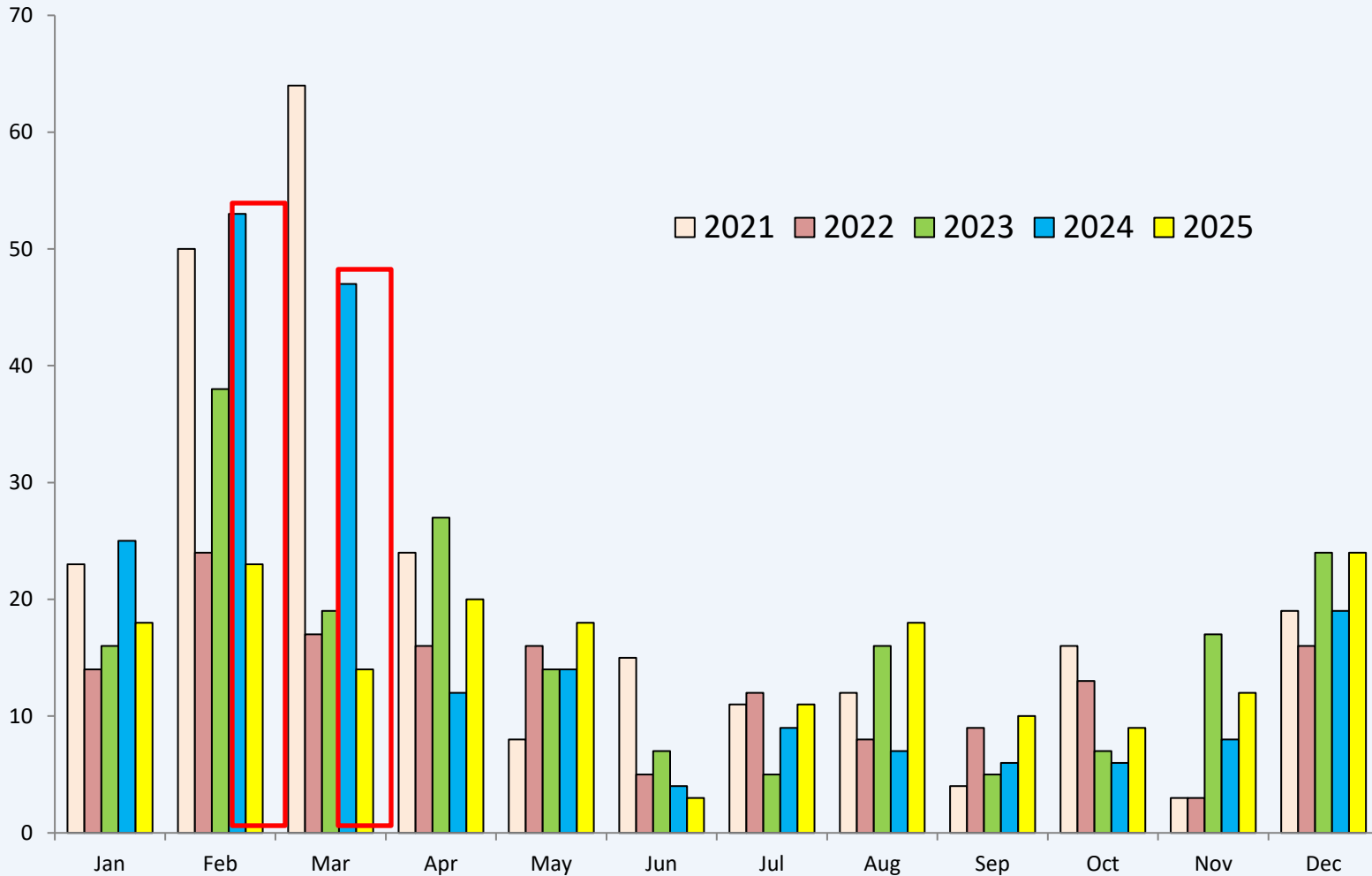


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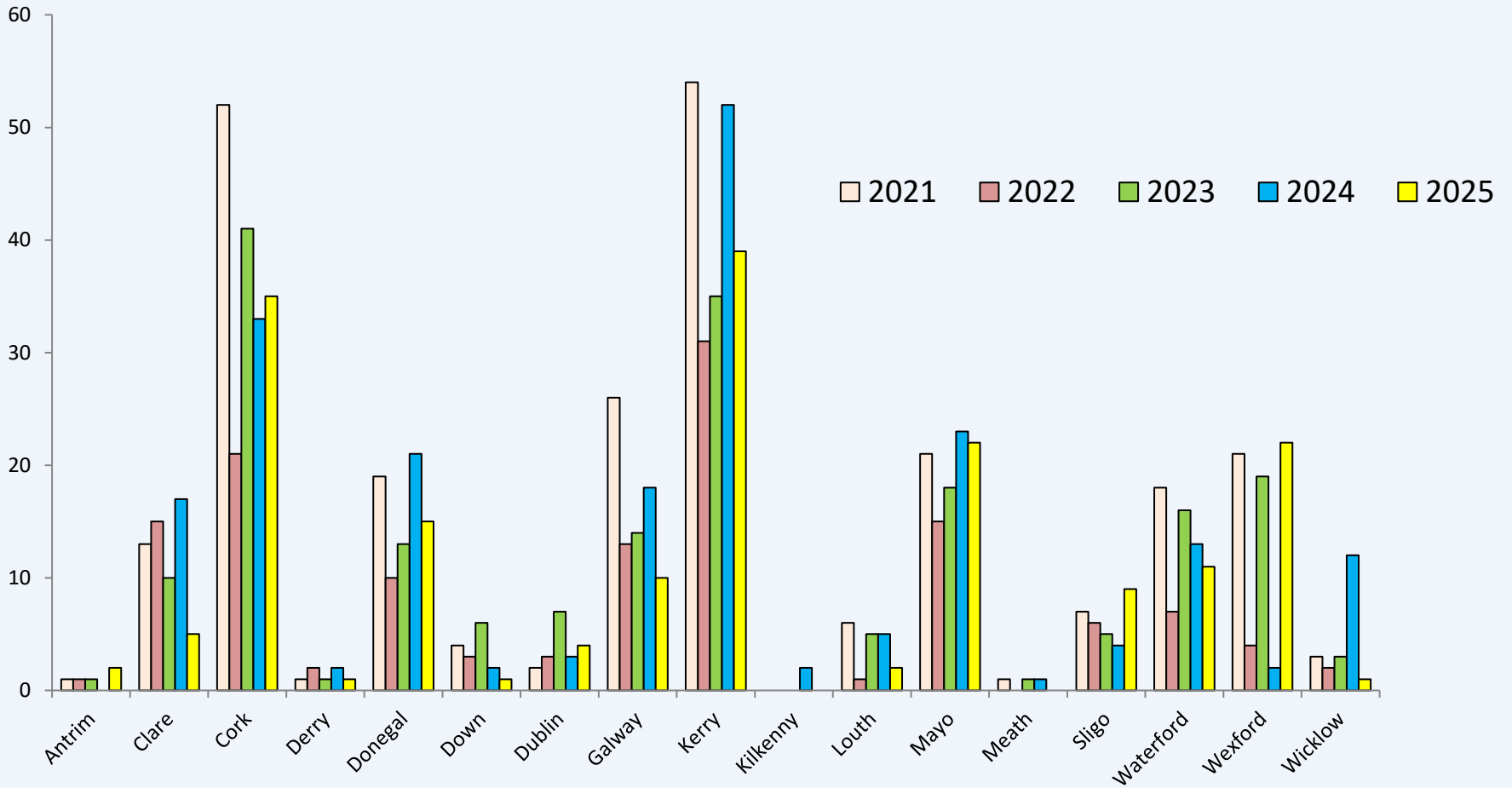
2025: 180 records
2024 : 212
15% decrease



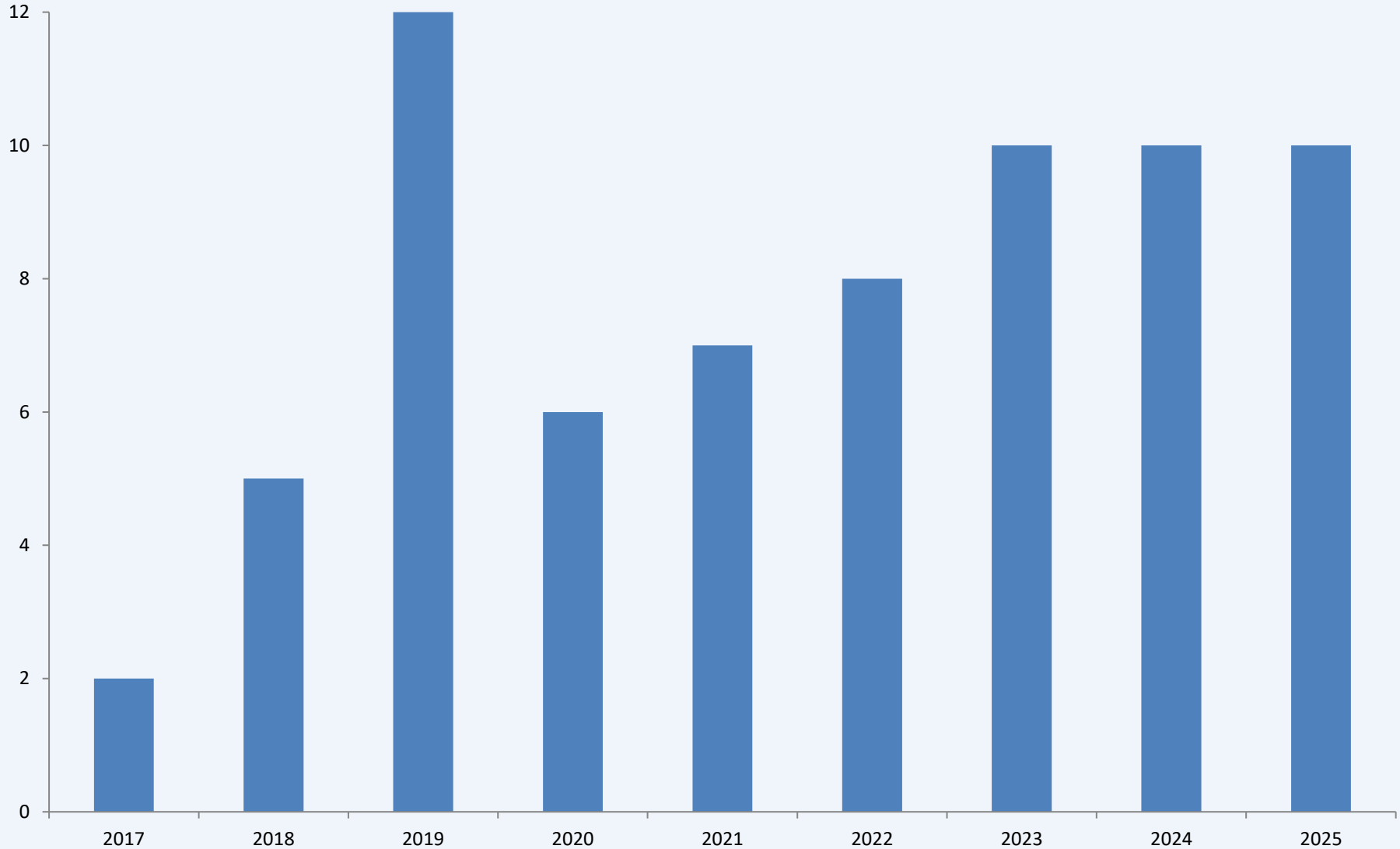
Strandings by month



Strandings by county



Confirmed/suspected bycatch



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Baseline data: Stranding Network Volunteer Checklist

- Date of stranding & visit to stranding
- Location (GPS Lat/Long)
- Gender
- Total Body Length (cm)
- Carcass condition
- Tooth count
- Skin sample
- Notes (unusual markings etc.)



PHOTOS OF TARGET AREAS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full body shot R-side | <input type="checkbox"/> Full body shot of L-side |
| <input type="checkbox"/> R-pectoral fin | <input type="checkbox"/> L-pectoral fin |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluke | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluke |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal head on |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> R-side of jaw | <input type="checkbox"/> L-side of jaw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genital slit | <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual markings |



Necropsy results from Necropsy Scheme (2017-2019)

2017 & 2018 (n=53)

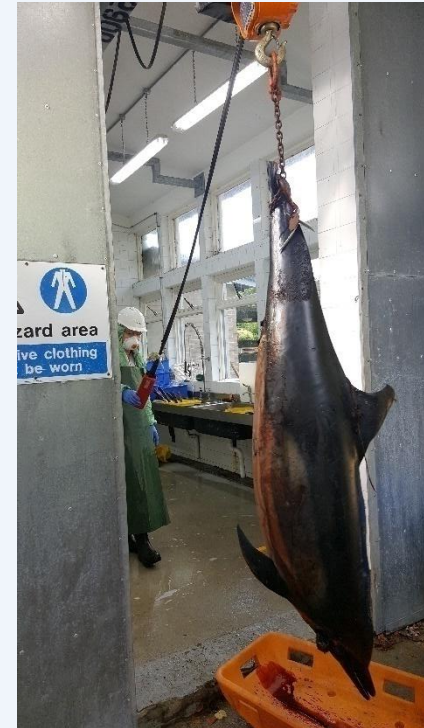
Most common cause of death category:

Infectious disease (42%)
Not established (15%)
Starvation/hypothermia (11%)
Bycatch (7%)

2019 (n=30)

Most common cause of death category:

Infectious disease (23%)
Bycatch (23%)

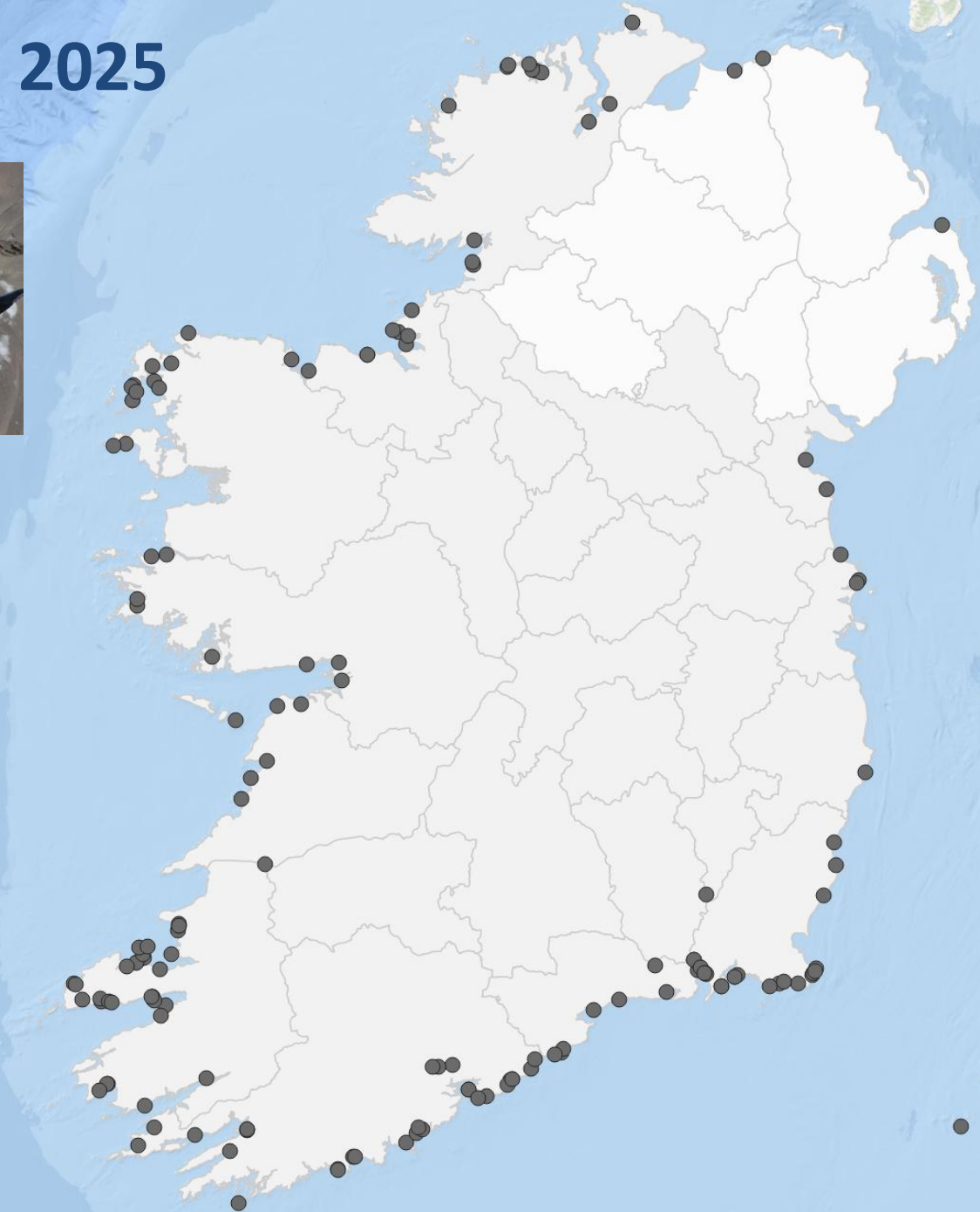


Necropsy Pollutant Project Nov. 2025-Apr. 2028

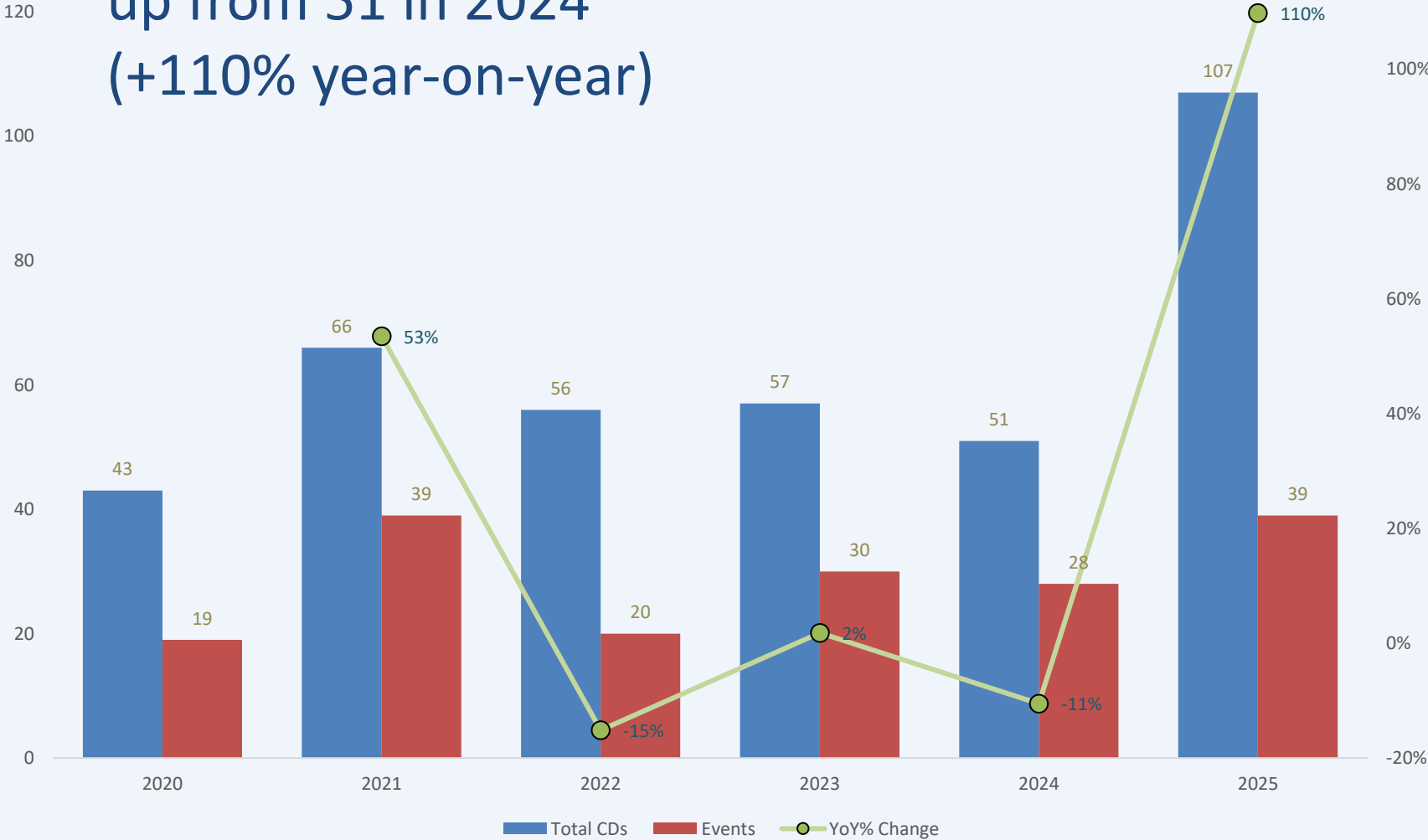
- PM of 45 CD, 30 HP
- Dedicated team collecting high quality bycatch assessment data



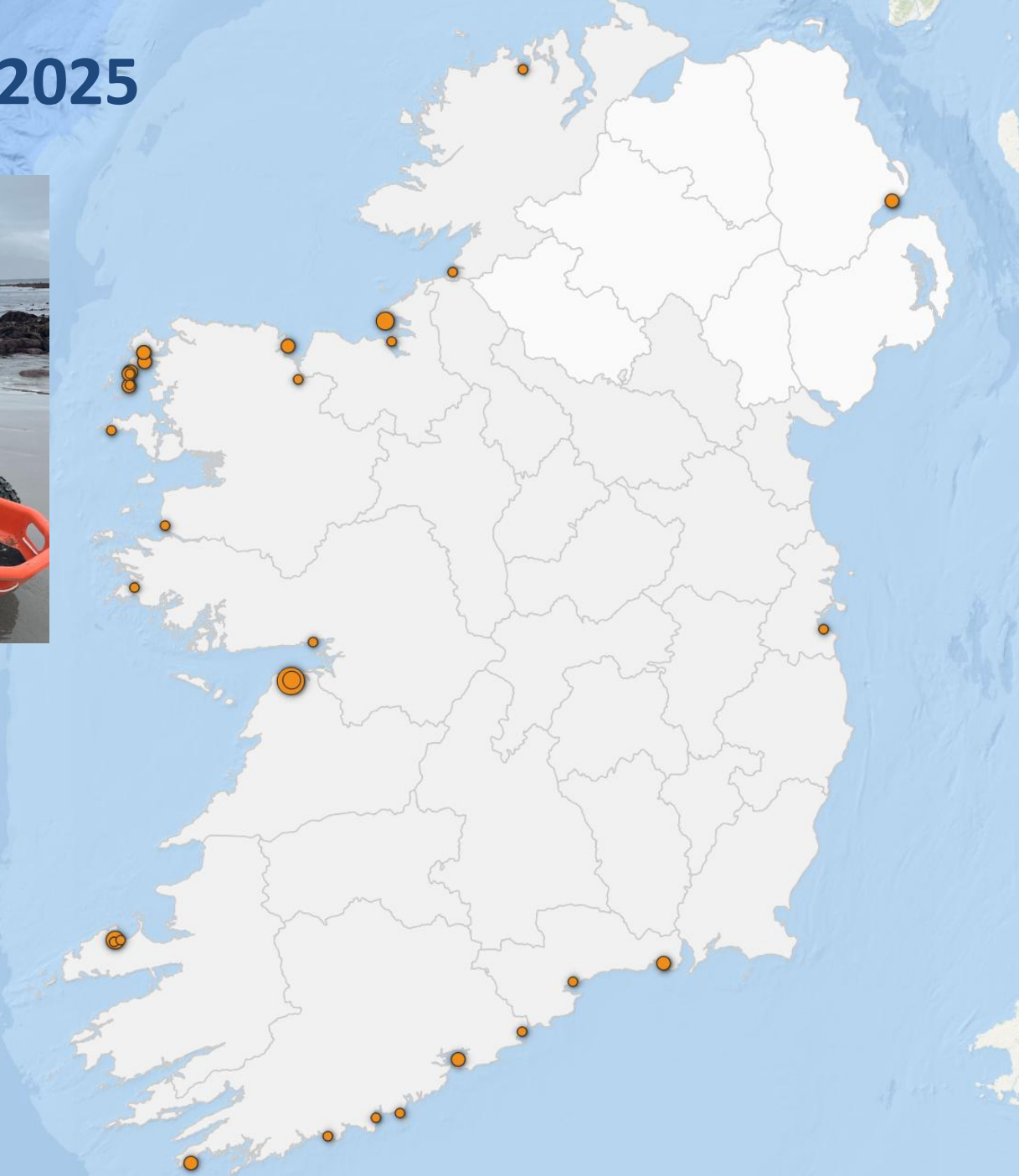
Dead strandings in 2025



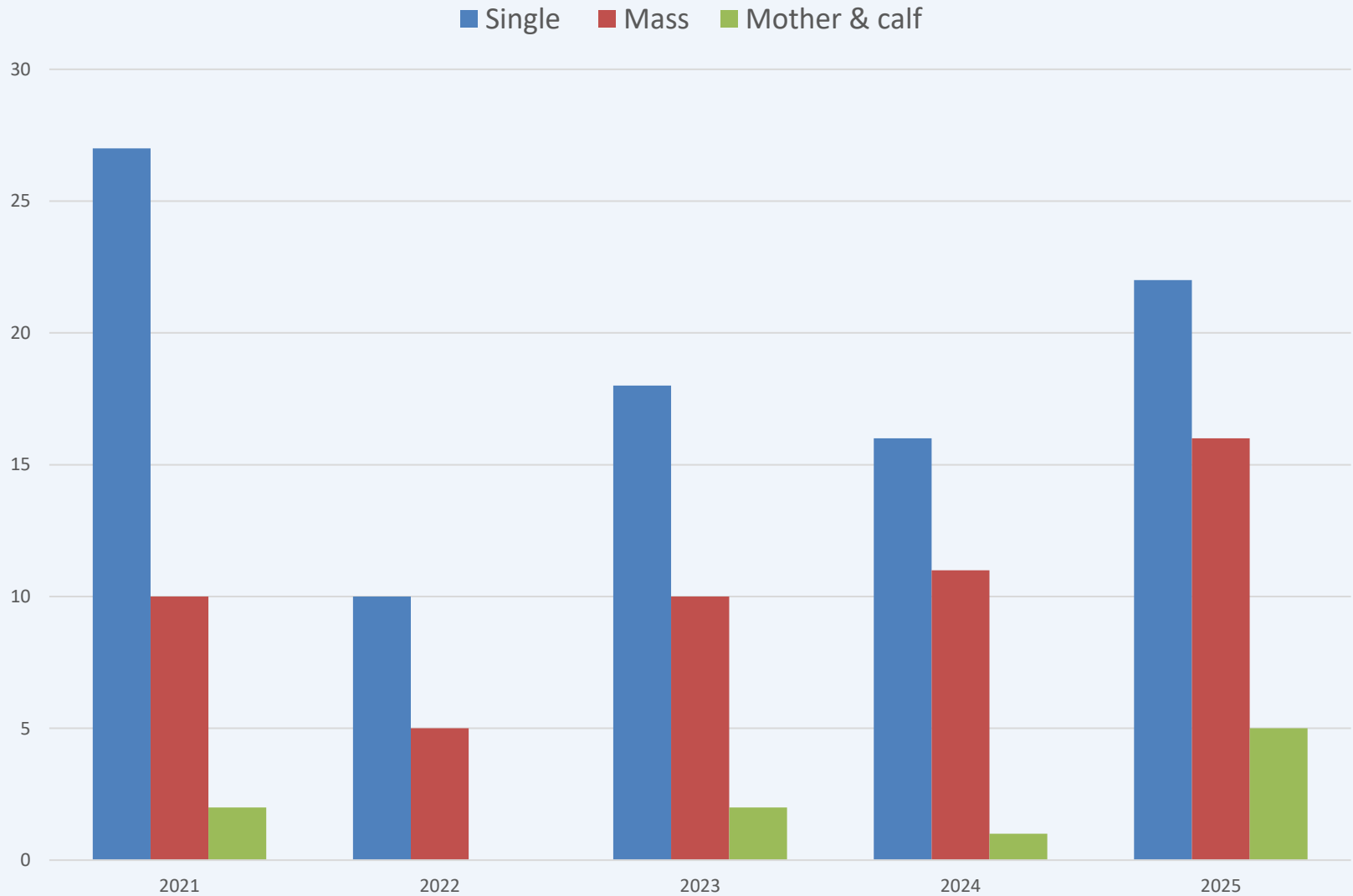
107 commons dolphins live stranded in 2025, up from 51 in 2024 (+110% year-on-year)



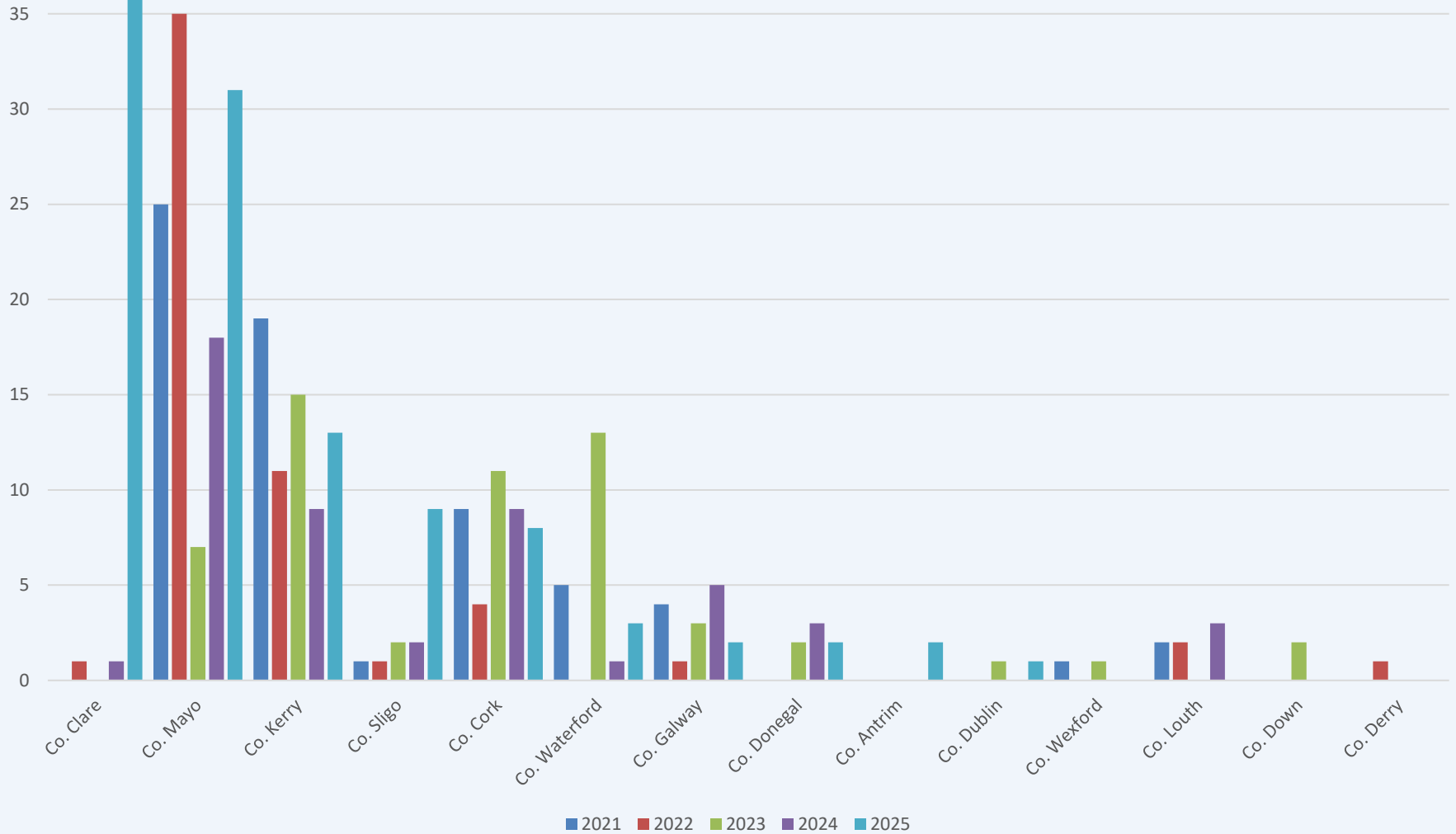
Live strandings in 2025



Type of live stranding events



2021-2025 Common Dolphins Live-Stranded by County



All live strandings 2021-2025 & Main Hotspots

Blacksod Bay, Co. Mayo
34% of total animals



Brandon Bay, Co. Kerry
25% of total animals

