

9.3. Which species of small cetaceans were found to have been impacted by marine debris?

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Species (Select from drop-down)	# of impacted individuals	Year	Region (Select from drop-down)	Description of the impact
Minke whale	1	06/01/2025	OIII Irish & Scottish W. Coast	Lesions consistent with entanglement around tailstock and fluke although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.
Humpback whale	1	05/02/2025	OIII Irish & Scottish W. Coast	Scarring indicative of a very recent rope entanglement in a free-swimming humpback in Loch Nevis, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.
Humpback whale	1	14/02/2025	OIII Irish & Scottish W. Coast	Entanglement lesions around throat grooves, tailstock and flukes, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.
Sperm whale	1	03/03/2025	OIII Irish & Scottish W. Coast	Live stranded previously entangled animal, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.
Minke whale	1	21/07/2025		Free swimming minke whale entangled in rope, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris. Not re-sighted.
Minke whale	1	25/07/2025	OII Northern North Sea	Stranded animal with evidence of physical trauma from entanglement, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.
Cetacean (indeterminate species)	1	29/07/2025	OIII Irish & Scottish W. Coast	Animal with evidence of entanglement, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.

Minke whale	1	08/09/2025	OII Northern North Sea	Stranded whales with ropes around head and pectoral fin, lesions consistent with entanglement present around tailstock, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.
Minke whale	1	14/09/2025	OIII Irish & Scottish W. Coast	Lesions around the fluke consistent with entanglement, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.
Minke whale	1	01/10/2025	OII Northern North Sea	Dead stranded animal with evidence of entanglement, although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.
Minke whale	1	22/11/2025	OIII Irish & Scottish W. Coast	Reported as entangled with rope around the tail at-sea, fluke although it is unclear whether this was an entanglement or interaction with marine debris.