



**ECS-ASCOBANS Workshop:
Towards Meaningful Conservation Action
for Risso's Dolphins in the North Atlantic**

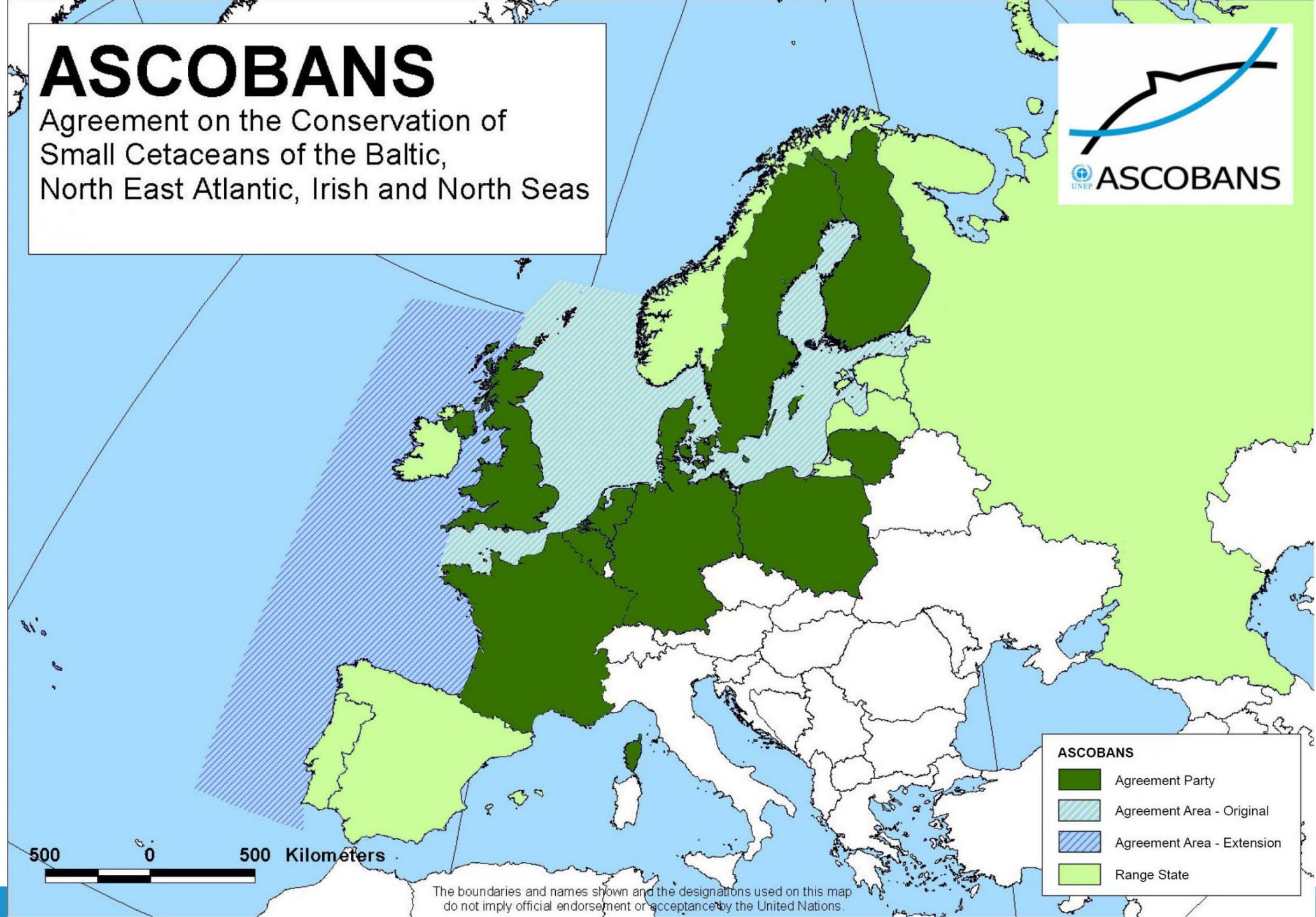


ASCOBANS

Agreement on the Conservation of
Small Cetaceans of the Baltic,
North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas



- Legally binding UN Treaty (1992)
- 10 Parties
- 7 Non-Party Range States
- Administered by UNEP
- Secretariat in Bonn (with CMS)



ASCOBANS covers toothed
whales (Odontoceti) in the
Agreement Area

...except the sperm whale





Since migratory cetaceans regularly cross national borders, their protection can only effectively be achieved by means of international cooperation



The aim of ASCOBANS: to promote **close cooperation** amongst Parties with a view to achieving and maintaining a **favourable conservation status** for small cetaceans in the ASCOBANS Area



- Conservation and Management Plan
- MOP → Resolutions
- Advisory Committee and its working groups
- Species Action Plans
- National Reporting
- Secretariat



Guidance for the Development of ASCOBANS Species Action Plans

Basic requirements for SAPs

- 1) Clear, achievable goals and objectives
- 2) Practical, prioritized mitigation actions
- 3) Regular monitoring and reporting
- 4) Clear governance structures to coordinate the engagement of key stakeholders

www.ascobans.org > Documents > Action Plans

Actions

- 1) Coordination
- 2) Research essential for providing adequate management advice or filling knowledge gaps
- 3) Public awareness and capacity building
- 4) Monitoring
- 5) Mitigation measures

Thank you!



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