Agenda Item 12.1        National Reporting

Reports from Parties

Information Document 12.1.c

2013 Annual National Report
Finland

Action Requested

- Take note

Submitted by        Finland
2013 ASCOBANS Annual National Reports

Pre-filled with answers given in 2012 National Report - please update!

This format for the ASCOBANS Annual National Reports was endorsed by the 6th Meeting of the Parties in 2009. Reports are due to be submitted to the Secretariat by 31 March of each year.

Parties are requested to use this report to provide NEW information on measures taken or actions towards meeting the objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan and the Resolutions of the Meeting of the Parties.

The 7th Meeting of the Parties in 2012 agreed to move to online reporting with immediate effect. In order to benefit fully from the opportunities for synergies among CMS Family treaties afforded by this tool, Parties decided that a revised national report format be developed by a small working group assisted by the Secretariat for consideration by the Advisory Committee in preparation for the 8th Meeting of the Parties. While retaining the questions related only to ASCOBANS, it should align more closely to the format used in CMS, AEWA and EUROBATS.

General Information

Name of Party
› Finland

Report submitted by

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Changes

Changes in Coordinating Authority or appointed Member of the Advisory Committee
› None

List of National Institutions

List of national authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans, including contact details
› Ministry of the Environment
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FINLAND

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Dolphinarium,
Head Trainer Kai Mattsson
33230 Tampere
FINLAND

› SAMBAH partners:
Turku University of Applied Sciences
Project Manager Olli Loisa
Habitat Conservation and Management

Fisheries Interactions
Direct Interaction with Fisheries

1.1 Investigations of methods to reduce bycatch
› During the observation scheme 2006-2007 no bycatches were detected or porpoises sighted by the observers.

1.2 Implementation of methods to reduce bycatch
› None

1.3 Other relevant information
Other relevant information, including bycatch information from opportunistic sources
› After the scheme 2006-2007 porpoise bycatches have not been reported/detected or sightings of porpoises reported by the fisherman or by the fisheries authorities.

1.4 Report under EC Regulation 812/2004
Please provide the link to your country's report under EC Regulation 812/2004.
› None

Reduction of Disturbance

2.1 Anthropogenic Noise
Please reference and briefly summarise any studies undertaken
› None

2.2 Ship Strike Incidents
Please list all known incidents and provide information separately for each

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### 2.3 Major Incidents

**Major Incidents Affecting Significant Numbers of Cetaceans (two or more animals)**

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### 2.4 Pollution and Hazardous Substances

Please report on main types of pollution and hazardous substances (including source, location and observed effects on cetaceans). Please provide information on any new measures taken to reduce pollution likely to have an impact.

- None

### 2.5 Other Forms of Disturbance

Please provide any other relevant information, e.g. relating to recreational activities affecting cetaceans.

- None

### Marine Protected Areas

**Marine Protected Areas for Small Cetaceans**

#### 3.1 Relevant Information

Please provide any relevant information on measures taken to identify, implement and manage protected areas for cetaceans, including MPAs designated under the Habitats Directive and MPAs planned or established within the framework of OSPAR or HELCOM.

- None

#### 3.2 GIS Data

Please indicate where GIS data of the boundaries (and zoning, if applicable) can be obtained (contact email / website).

- None
**Surveys and Research**

4.1 Abundance, Distribution, Population Structure

Overview of Research on Abundance, Distribution and Population Structure

› Finland is taking part to SAMBAH (Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea Harbour porpoise) project. In the project, 300 SAM units is used over a two years period (V/2011-IV/2013). 46 units is deployed in Finnish waters. More info available on http://ww.sambah.org

› “One of the main objectives of project SAMBAH is to raise stakeholder and public awareness about the Baltic Sea harbour porpoise. Dissemination activities have been done widely within the project, e.g. targeted meetings, press releases and media events, poster exhibitions in Särkänniemi Dolphinarium and Kotka Maretarium and a 20-minutes documentary movie about the project.”

4.2 Technological Developments

New Technological Developments

› None

4.3 Other Relevant Research

› None
Use of Bycatches and Strandings
Post-Mortem Research Schemes

5.1 Contact Details
Contact details of research institutions and focal point
› None

5.2 Methodology
Methodology used (reference, e.g. publication, protocol)
› None

5.3 Samples
Collection of samples (type, preservation method)
› None

5.4 Database
Database (number of data sets by species, years covered, software used, online access)
› None

5.5 Additional Information
Additional information (e.g. website addresses, intellectual property rights, possibility of a central database)
› None

Activities and Results

5.6 Necropsies
Number of necropsies carried out in the reporting period

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5.7 Other Relevant Information

Please provide any other relevant information on post-mortem / stranding schemes

> None
Relevant New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines

6.1 New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines

Please provide any relevant information

› None
Public Awareness and Education

7.1 Public Awareness and Education

Please report on any public awareness and education activities to implement or promote the Agreement to the general public and to fishermen.
› Finland has continued the harbour porpoise sighting campaign and received information of six possible sightings of 7-8 animals in year 2013.

› The Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have established a common practice of recommending fishermen to avoid fishing with nets in coastal areas where harbour porpoises have been sighted.
Possible difficulties encountered in implementing the Agreement

Difficulties in Implementing the Agreement

Please provide any relevant information

› None