2.1 Overview report on progress – EU processes

- Infringement case against Sweden ongoing since July 2020
    - Sweden has responded to the Formal notice, we're waiting to see if the EC will move on to step 2 which is called a reasoned opinion.
- Joint recommendations from BALTFISH on Mitigation measures to prevent bycatch of harbour porpoise in the Baltic Sea fisheries
    - A first JR to the EC in December 2020 on measures within MPAs
    - A second JR yet to be finalised on measures outside MPAs
- Emergency measures still not in place
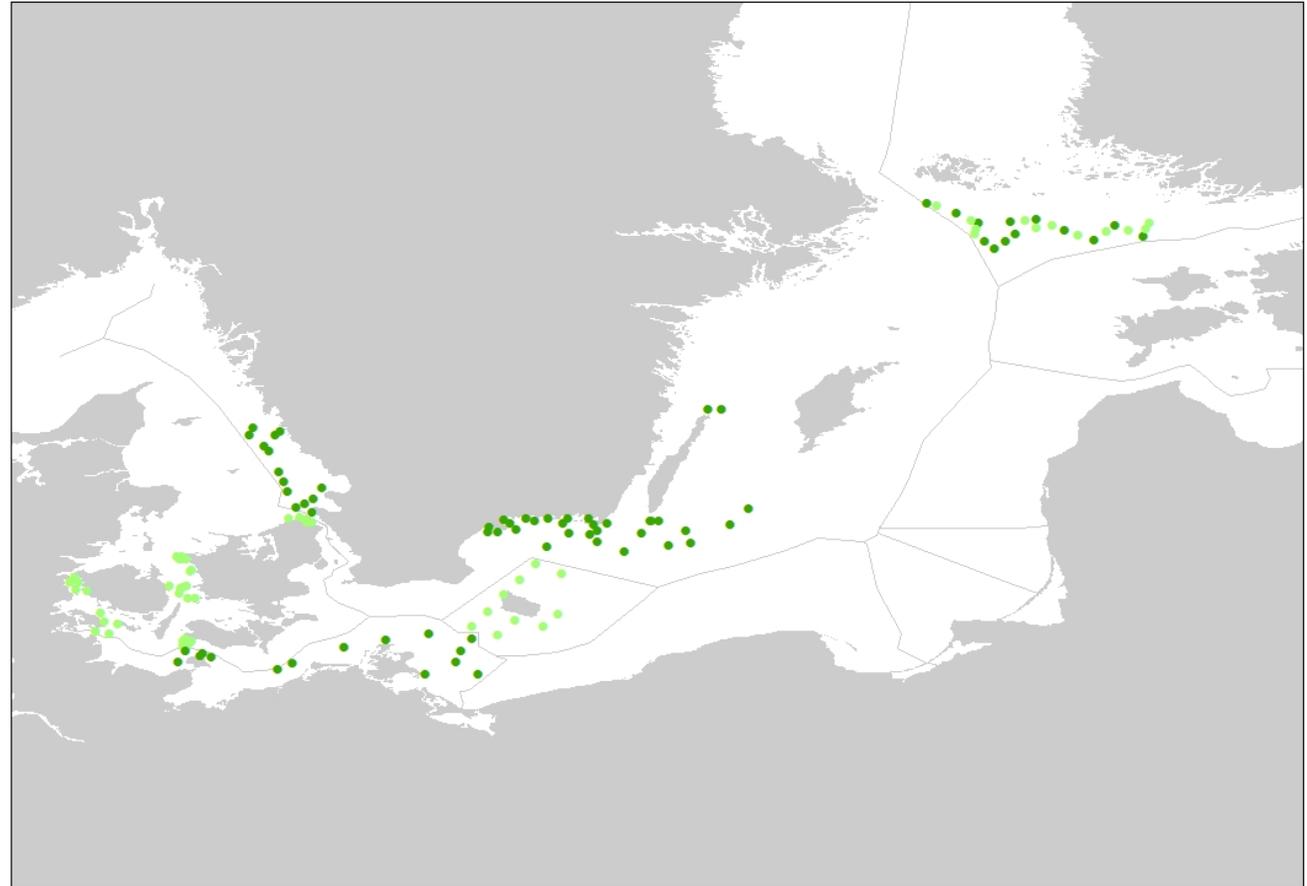- Military concerns hindering both EMs and JRs

2.1 Overview report on progress – fisheries and bycatch

- ASCOBANS and HELCOM are invited to a joint RGC Baltic and RCG NANSEA technical meeting to discuss options for improvement of the bycatch monitoring (on a basis of the HELCOM Roadmap on fisheries data needs and ASCOBANS needs), on 10 of June 2021
- The HELCOM ACTION project have produced bycatch risk maps for parts of the Baltic

2.1 Overview report on progress – surveys and monitoring

- SAMBAH II update to come during the meeting
- SCANS and inter-SCANS, status of new SCANS IV / MMANA
- Mini-SCANS-II survey in July 2020
- National monitoring programmes - last news update my map and show!!

2.1 Overview report on progress – MPA and population management

- Management plans
  - German management plans on consultation autumn 2020
  - Swedish management plan for Hoburgs bank och Midsjöbankarna out for consultation in spring 2021
- Swedish harbour porpoise species action plan out for consultation spring 2021
- ASCOBANS workshop on Management of MPAs for Small Cetaceans
  - First part on Conservation objectives on 18 May 2021
  - Second part on Conservation measures on 7-9 June 2021

- HELCOM BSAP update is under way

2.1 Overview report on progress – Internal action points still to be done

- Letter to Baltic navies on underwater noise and available mitigation methods
- Instructions for genetic sampling (including request to countries to fund this activity?)