Agenda Item 2.1  

Progress under the Jastarnia Plan and the Western Baltic, Belt Sea and Kattegat Plan

National progress reports on activities since March 2022

Information Document 2.1  

ASCOBANS Jastarnia Group template for national presentations

Action Requested  

Take note

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Template for national presentations – points that should be included

These questions should be addressed as much as possible, focusing mainly on the past year but can also include major events/results etc from previous years.

1. Increase involvement, awareness and cooperation
   - What has been done in terms of raising public awareness, by authorities, NGOs and other organisations?
   - What has been done to engage stakeholders in dialogue?
   - What has been done to increase cooperation between authorities and stakeholders (incl. fishers)? Have any reference groups or similar been established?

2. Monitor and estimate abundance and distribution
   - Are there any new results from national monitoring programmes or large-scale surveys?
   - What is being planned for the near future?

3. Monitor, estimate and reduce bycatch
   - What is being done in terms of bycatch monitoring? Pilot studies, research, monitoring programmes etc., and are there any results to present?
   - Have any bycatch estimates been calculated for either population, nationally or in ICES or any other forums?
   - What measures are in place to reduce bycatch?
   - Any ongoing projects and trials of alternative gear? Any results on alternative gear effectiveness etc. to present?

4. Monitor and mitigate impact of underwater noise
   - What projects or research or monitoring is in place to monitor underwater noise and its impact on harbour porpoises? Are there any results to present?
   - Are there any measures in place or planned to mitigate the impact of underwater noise?

5. Monitor and assess population health status
   - What is the status of collection of animals found dead, (approximately) how many animals have been sampled and necropsied?
   - Any specific interesting cases to mention (for example bycatch or strandings in the Baltic Proper population range)?
   - Any results to present?

6. Investigate habitat use and protect important areas
   - Are there any projects or other research ongoing on porpoise distribution or habitat use? Any “new” important areas identified?
   - Are there any new protected areas designated for harbour porpoises?
   - Any conservation measures and/or management plans in place for existing areas?