20th Meeting of the ASCOBANS Jastarnia Group

National Progress Report
-Lithuania-

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13-15 March 2024
1. Increase involvement, awareness and cooperation

- International Baltic Harbour Porpoise Day
- Every year in Lithuanian Sea Museum
- 2023 – Quiz on Instagram and Facebook
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE-WORKSHOP

DOES THE WILDLIFE FEEL SAFE IN THE BALTIC SEA?

11-12 May 2023

Lithuanian Sea Museum, Baltic Sea Animal Rehabilitation Center (BSARC)
2. Monitor and estimate abundance and distribution

**Environmental Impact Assessment Programme** for the Installation and Operation of the Offshore Wind Farm of up to 700 MW Installed Capacity in Lithuania’s Marine Territory

*Institute of Coastal Research and Planning*

*Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania*
### Data collection and results

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- 8 F-PODs, $r = 400\text{ m}$
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2022 August
• No presence of HP

8 F-PODs, \( r = 400 \) m

2022 November
• No presence of HP

2023 March
• Presence

R. Staponkus, 2023
3. Monitor and assess population health status

- Baltic Sea Animals Rehabilitation Center opened in 2022 October
- Established for seals health state assessment according to HELCOM recommendations:
  - 1) monitor reproductive state
  - 2) monitor blubber thickness
- Harbour porpoise can be necropsied here too.
European Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/303 of December 15, 2021, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 as regards measures to reduce the incidental catches of the resident population of the Baltic Proper harbor porpoises (Phocoena phocoena) in the Baltic Sea

The Rules of Commercial Fishing in Maritime Waters supplemented by provisions for the protection of harbour porpoises
Thank you!