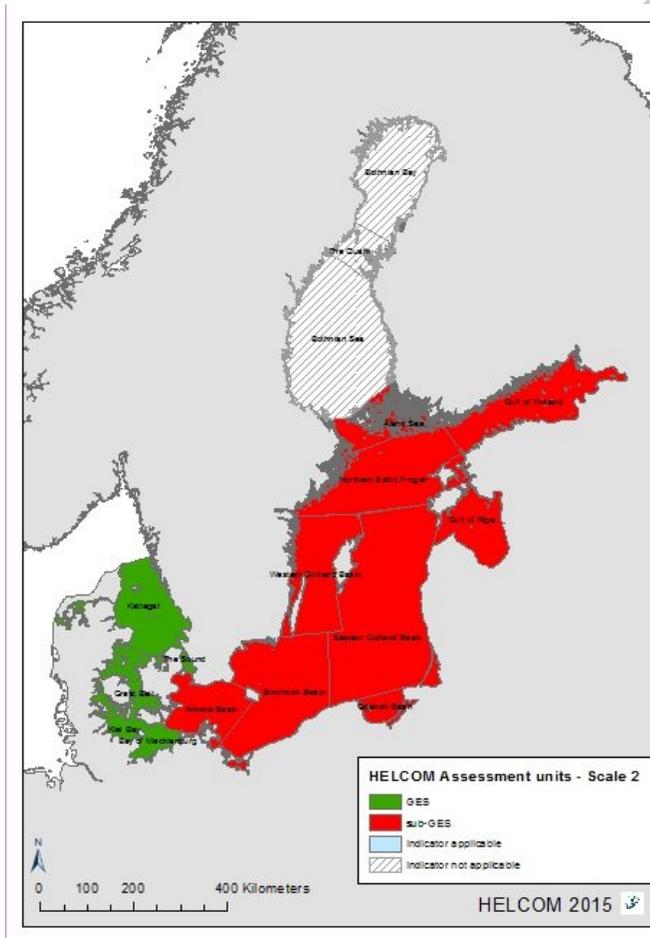


First draft of the indicator report complete with guidance texts in orange, points for discussion highlighted in yellow as well as comments, to be considered and further developed at the 11th meeting of the Jastarnia group.

Harbour porpoise distribution

Key message

- the texts under Key Messages are to be short, simple and concise. They form a "cover page" for non-expert readers once the indicator is published on-line



Comment [LA1]: example of the key message map to be developed after an evaluation has been made. Here the two populations rough split has been used to show that the western populations distribution covers more or less also historical distribution areas, whereas the eastern population does not

The distribution of harbour porpoises in the Baltic Sea shows that the populations haven't reclaimed all areas where they have historically been present. No sub-basins XX have recently been reclaimed by the species and no observations have been made in XX. If the population were to grow, it is expected that the species will spread into more areas where the level of disturbance is low.

Comment [AGJ2]: The SAMBAH data show that porpoises occurred (sporadically) in most of the Baltic. I don't know how good records of historical distribution are in the inner Baltic?

Comment [AGJ3]: I don't think that we can say that any basin has been 'recently reclaimed'. There has been no monitoring that can reliably confirm absence or presence for most of the Baltic before SAMBAH.