

WHAT FUTURE FOR CETACEAN BYCATCH IN EUROPEAN WATERS?

Views on the current legislative process to revise & update EU bycatch measures and suggested solutions to reduce bycatch (AC23/Inf.6.1.b)



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INTRODUCTION

- For decades, cetacean bycatch has been a major conservation and welfare concern in the European Union
- Despite binding legal requirements to monitor and reduce bycatch, monitoring has been insufficient in most fisheries and areas
- Current bycatch legislation (EC Regulation 812/2004) has been found to have significant weaknesses
- EC Reg. 812/2004 is being repealed and incorporated into a proposed '*Regulation on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures (2016/0074)*'

OVERVIEW

- Parliamentary committee responsible for examining the Commission proposal is the Committee on Fisheries (PECH)
- A formal opinion has also been given by the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)
- Overview of the process of the proposed Regulation and the process towards the vote
- Amendments that would weaken bycatch mitigation
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- Identified management solutions to reduce bycatch
- Overall recommendations

OVERVIEW

- List of the MEPs on the EU PECH Committee and representative country
- Table on cetacean bycatch in European waters by the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) region
 - Fishing region
 - Evidence of cetacean bycatch
- Table of cetacean species and preliminary fishery specific bycatch solutions,
 - *e.g.*, harbour porpoise in NW Iberian Peninsula, ADDs and/or spatial/temporal restrictions on beach seines
- Want adoption of amendments to strengthen bycatch mitigation

NEXT STEPS

- Expert Open Letter to be submitted to MEPs, EU Member State Representatives and European Commission
- Expert Open Letter contains recommendations to ensure that the Technical Conservation Measures Regulation is more effective to monitor marine mammal and turtle bycatch
 - progressively minimise, and where possible, eliminate bycatch
 - more effective monitoring, *e.g.*, irrespective of vessel size
 - monitoring and mitigation is effective - best available science
 - improved compliance and reporting
 - maintain Baltic Sea driftnet ban

Cetacean bycatch monitoring and mitigation under EC Regulation 812/2004 in the Northeast Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic sea from 2006 to 2014 - interim report

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OVERVIEW

- Reviewed implementation and compliance of EC 812/2004 between 2006-2014 by 15 Member States fishing in the North, Baltic and Celtic Seas and North East Atlantic
- Based on available reports:
 - EC Reg. 812/2004
 - ICES WGBYC
 - ASCOBANS
- Assessed Member States based on implementation of:
 - Article 2 and 3 (mitigation)
 - Articles 4 and 5 (monitoring)
 - Article 6 (reporting)
- Discussion and overall recommendations

OVERVIEW OF REPORTS SUBMITTED

Member State	EC Regulation 812/2004 report submitted								
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Belgium	Yes	No	Yes						
Denmark	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Estonia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Finland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
France	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Germany	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Latvia	Yes	No	Yes						
Lithuania	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Netherlands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portugal	Yes	No	Yes						
Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Sweden	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
United Kingdom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

SPAIN

SPAIN	ANNUAL REPORT (ARTICLE 6)			MITIGATION (ARTICLE 2 AND 3)					MONITORING (ARTICLE 4 AND 5)					
	Report submitted?	Language of report	Implementation: full/partial/none	Fishing in areas affected?	Fishing with gears affected?	Fishing with vessel size affected?	Implementation of ADDs?	Implementation?	Fishing in areas affected?	Fishing with gears / vessel size affected?	Dedicated observer scheme?	Effort data reported?	Bycatch estimate reported?	Implementation?
2006	Yes	Spanish	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	None
2007	Yes	Spanish	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	None
2008	Yes	English	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial
2009	Yes	English	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial
2010	No	NA	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	None
2011	No	NA	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	None
2012	No	NA	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	None
2013	No	NA	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	None
2014	No	NA	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	None

UNITED KINGDOM

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2006	Yes	English	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trials	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-0	Partial
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2008	Yes	English	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trials	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial
2009	Yes	English	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trials	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial
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2012	Yes	English	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trials	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial
2013	Yes	English	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full
2014	Yes	English	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full

Implementation of EC Reg. 812/2004 – interim report

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NEXT STEPS

- Request all Member States review the relevant section for their country
- Report to be peer reviewed and submitted to MEPs, European Commission, etc.
- Condensed version to be submitted to Marine Policy in Autumn 2017