

10.1 Report on ASCOBANS outreach activities

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10.1 Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners



WPA 40: Make efforts to implement the existing (and possible future) Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan.

WPA 42: Develop the ASCOBANS website, including the children's website and other information material as needed, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences in the languages of the Agreement area.

WPA 43: Support annual celebration of the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise on the 3rd Sunday in May.

WPA 46: Report on outreach and communication issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee.

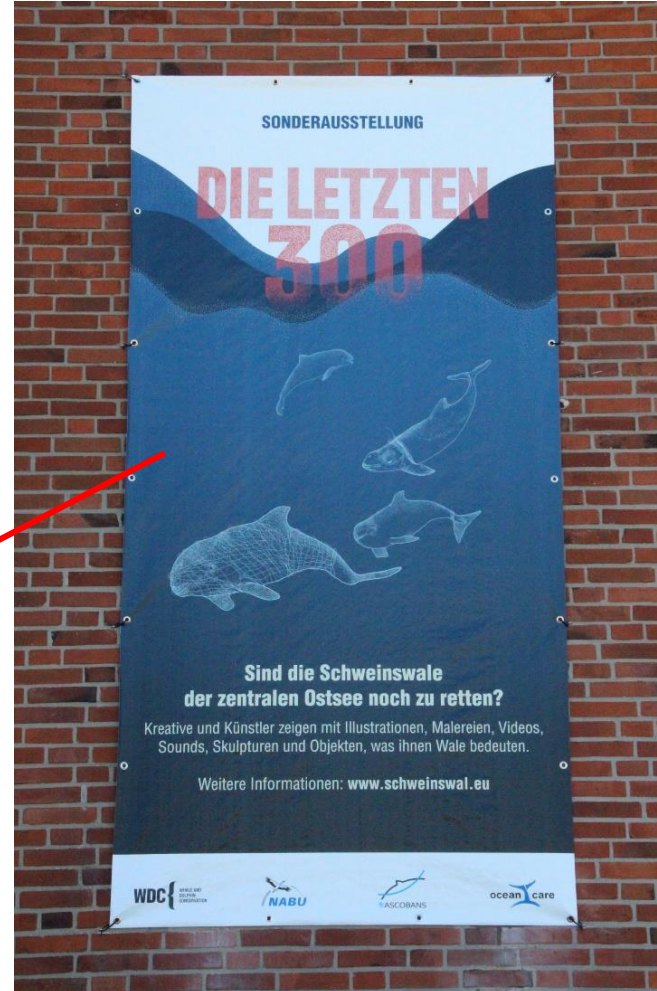
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Outreach report (1)

Exhibition on the Harbour Porpoise in
the Baltic proper “The last 300”

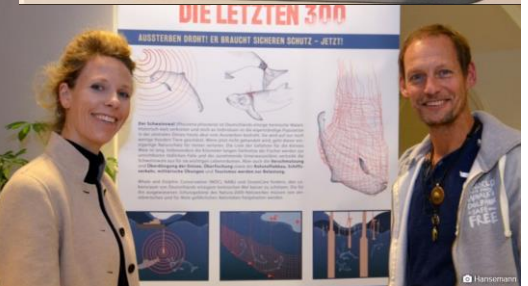
Arche Wattenmeer, Hörnum, Sylt, Germany



Outreach report (2)



From December 2017 until September 2018 the exhibition has been at the Nordseeakademie, Leck, Germany



Outreach report (3)



Highlights of 20 May 2018



15. Internationaler Tag
des Ostseeschweinswals
26. Mai 2018 | 11-17 Uhr



Informationstag an der Uni Flensburg
(Haus Oslo) für Interessierte jeden Alters

Der NABU Schleswig-Holstein und das Umweltbildungszentrum der Uni Flensburg laden ein zu einem vielfältigen Programm rund um Meeressäuger und Meeresschutz:

- Viele Vorträge zu Wale in der Ostsee, zum Lärm im Meer, zu Plastikmüll, Algenblüte u.v.m.
- Spielen, Malen, Basteln und Lernen rund um die Ostsee und ihre Bewohner
- Kinder-Uni: Fachvorträge für junge Besucherinnen ab 8 Jahren
- Info-Stände, Ausstellungen und einiges mehr...

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2018 International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise

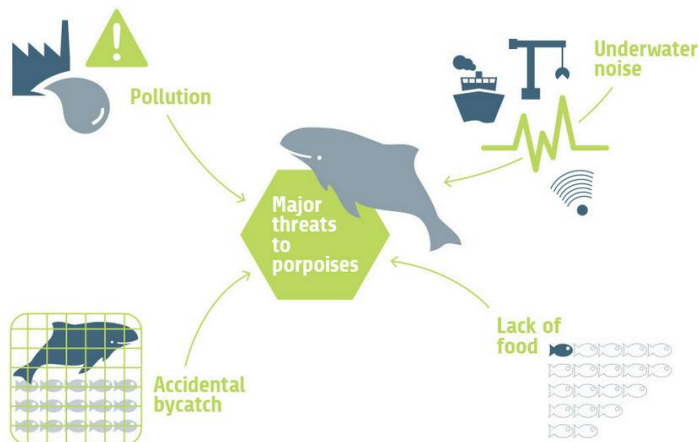
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IDBHP, Middelfart, Denmark

Threats

Today, porpoises in the Baltic Sea face a wide range of threats.



The harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) is represented by 700,000 individuals throughout its range and is doing well on a global scale. However, certain geographically defined populations or subpopulations have experienced drastic declines, such as the harbour porpoise population in the Baltic proper, which IUCN lists as 'critically endangered'. In 2002 ASCOBANS designated the third Sunday in May of each year as the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise to raise awareness on the critical conservation status of the only cetacean species population native to the Baltic Sea.

Outreach report (5)

- Update on the ASCOBANS book “Conservation of European Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises: Twenty-five years of the Regional Agreement, ASCOBANS” by Peter Evans: **Elsevier is looking to publish the book in 2019**



can be taken. It is liberally illustrated with powerful images, many of which have not been published before, and boxed features written by a variety of key players in the Agreement's history.

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Foreword

by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environmental Programme

Chapter 1.

Introduction

Chapter 2.

History of the Agreement – background to its inception, key political developments, relationships to other treaties, conventions, agreements, etc.

Chapter 3.

Introduction to Small Cetaceans of the Agreement Area – celebration of the diversity of species occurring in the region, the ecological context in which they occur, followed by concise, up to date, species accounts

Chapter 4.

Conservation problems facing small cetaceans in the Agreement Area – review of the main threats along with trends: hunting, fisheries by-catch, resource depletion, contaminants, sound disturbance, vessel strikes, recreation and climate change.

Chapter 5.

Research in the Agreement Area – investigating population structure, counting animals, photo-identification, acoustic studies, post-mortem examinations from stranded animals, including illustrated case studies with their findings

Chapter 6.

Conservation actions – actions to reduce hunting, resource depletion, fisheries by-catch, contaminants, sound disturbance, vessel strikes, recreation, climate change; engagement with EC on by-catch mitigation, establishment of SACs for harbour porpoise and bottlenose dolphin, conservation plans for porpoise in the Baltic and North Sea.

Chapter 7.

Focus on the future – conservation goals and challenges for ASCOBANS and European governments to address.

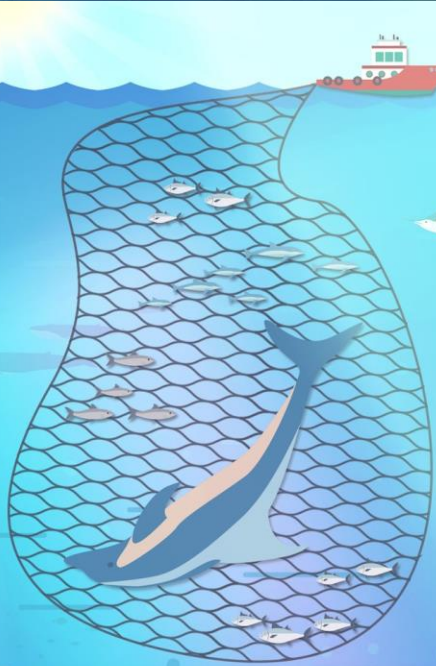
Most of the chapters also include short contributions from a unique mix of authorities drawn from UNEP, governments, major environmental NGOs, senior marine mammal scientists, and conservationists from all around Northern Europe. The aim is for the book to be as attractive and readable as possible – lots of striking illustrations, maps, a few graphs & diagrams where appropriate, and with the most up to date information on European whales, dolphins & porpoises, in order to appeal to as wide an audience as possible, thus raising awareness not only of the region's cetaceans and the conservation threats they face but also of the work of ASCOBANS, its successes and future challenges.

105,000 words, c. 180 colour photographs and 40 maps & figures



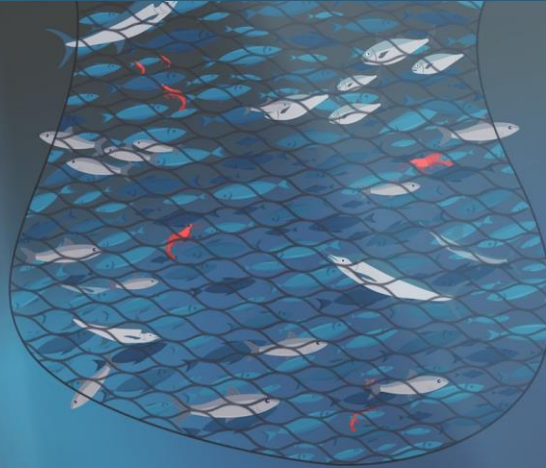
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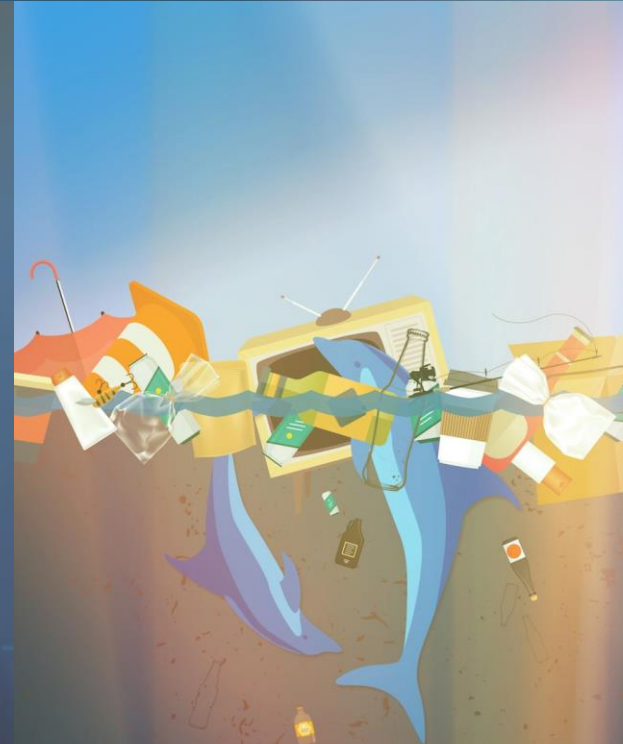
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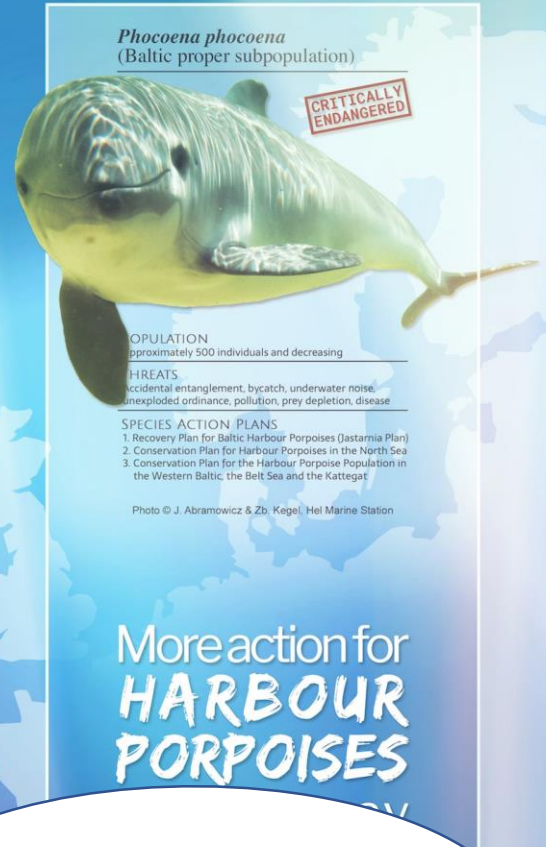
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Phocoena phocoena
(Baltic proper subpopulation)

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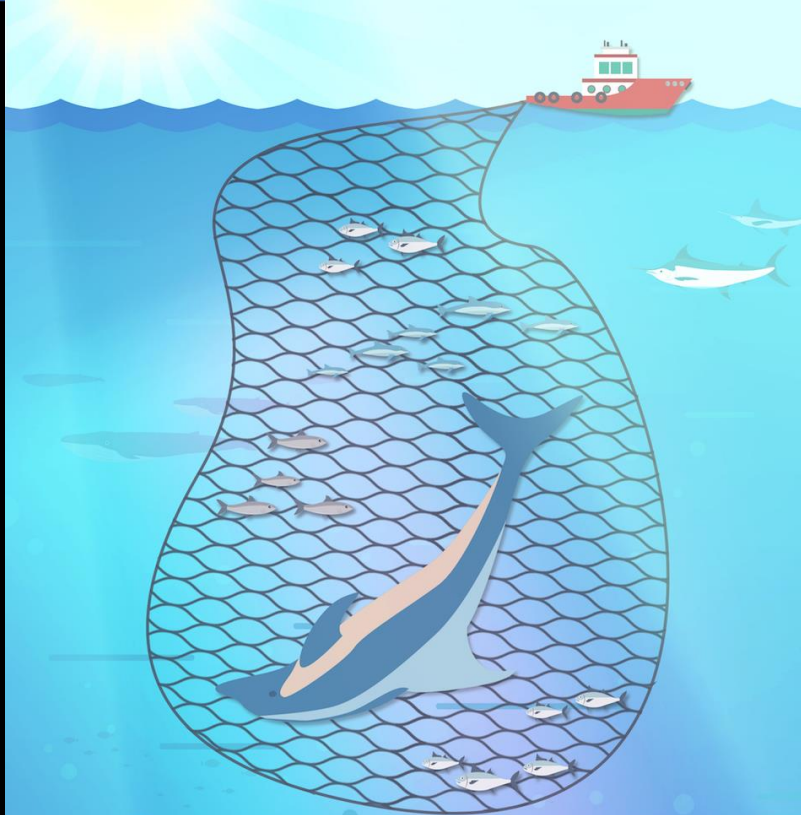
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More action for
**HARBOUR
PORPOISES**

Thank you,
Hansae Som!



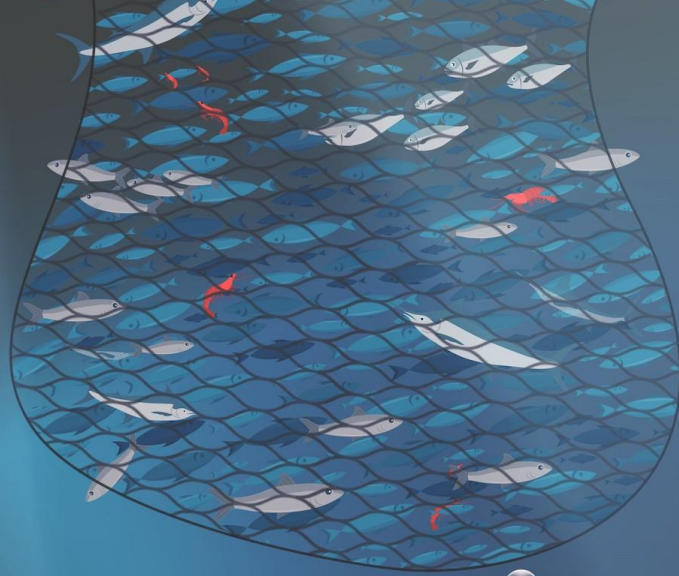
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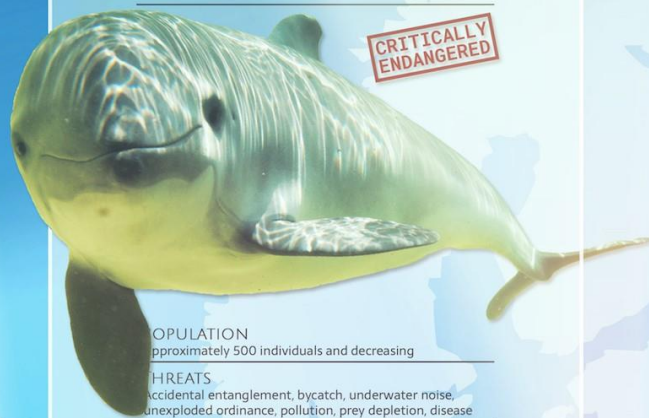
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Lagenorhynchus acutus
Atlantic white-sided dolphin

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SPECIAL SPECIES SESSION

1. Introduction and Conservation Status
2. Recommendations for Research and Conservation Action

Delphinus delphis
Common dolphin

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SPECIES ACTION PLANS

1. Draft Conservation Plan for the Common Dolphin

Lagenorhynchus albirostris
White-beaked dolphin

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FOLLOW-UP FROM AC23 SPECIAL SPECIES SESSION

1. Updated status information
2. Recommendation for Research and Conservation Action

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10.1 Follow-up

- Parties and other stakeholders are invited to coordinate the 2018 Christmas Card competition

