



Coordination of the ASCOBANS harbour porpoise plans

Tasks listed in the Call

- Coordinate efforts to deliver the action plans
- Review progress
- Make proposals for amending Action Points
- Review information on bycatch
- Collate information on life history parameters
- Provide technical support at meetings of the ICES WGBYC, NSAC, BSAC, HELCOM, OSPAR, RCGs etc
- Help with fundraising

What we have done so far

- Update of the North Sea report
- Short summaries of life history parameters and diet (can be expanded)
- Minor update of the Jastarnia and WBBK reports
- Definition of driftnets – letter to the Commission
- Participation in the working group for the HELCOM core indicator on Harbour porpoise abundance and distribution
- Participation in SAMBAH II planning

Meetings attended

- BSAC meeting on fisheries in Marine Protected Areas
- JG15
- Harbour porpoises in the Wadden Sea workshop in Wilhelmshaven
- HELCOM State & Conservation
- The STECF EWG 19 07 meeting on the implementation of regulation 812/2004
- The HELCOM/OSPAR bycatch indicator workshop

Challenges

- The contract took longer than expected to finalise → less time for preparation before JG15
- The funding available is not really enough for the workload

What we will do

- Improve progress reports to hopefully be of more use in implementing the plans
- Update of Jastarnia and WBBK progress reports
- Review and clarify implementation tables
- Communication with Baltic and North Sea RCGs
- Contribute to SAMBAH II full proposal?

Possible meetings to attend

- HELCOM MAMA 13-2019
- CMS scientific committee
- Baltic MSP Forum/HELCOM-VASAB
- EU Marine Expert Group meeting
- MSC workshop on bycatch at WMMC
- ICES WGMME
- ICES WGBYC
- Relevant OSPAR meetings?

