

ASCOBANS Jastarnia Group 17

National Progress Report – Germany –

17th Meeting of the ASCOBANS Jastarnia Group,
25 – 27 May 2021

Monitoring and assessment of population status

- ▶ **Ongoing long term national Projects:**

- ❖ Aerial Surveys (Digital) (Western Baltic)

- ❖ Acoustic Monitoring

- ▶ **Results:**

- ❖ Online maps on distribution and density (BfN):

<https://www.bfn.de/themen/meeresnaturschutz.html>

Areal and Acoustic Monitoring

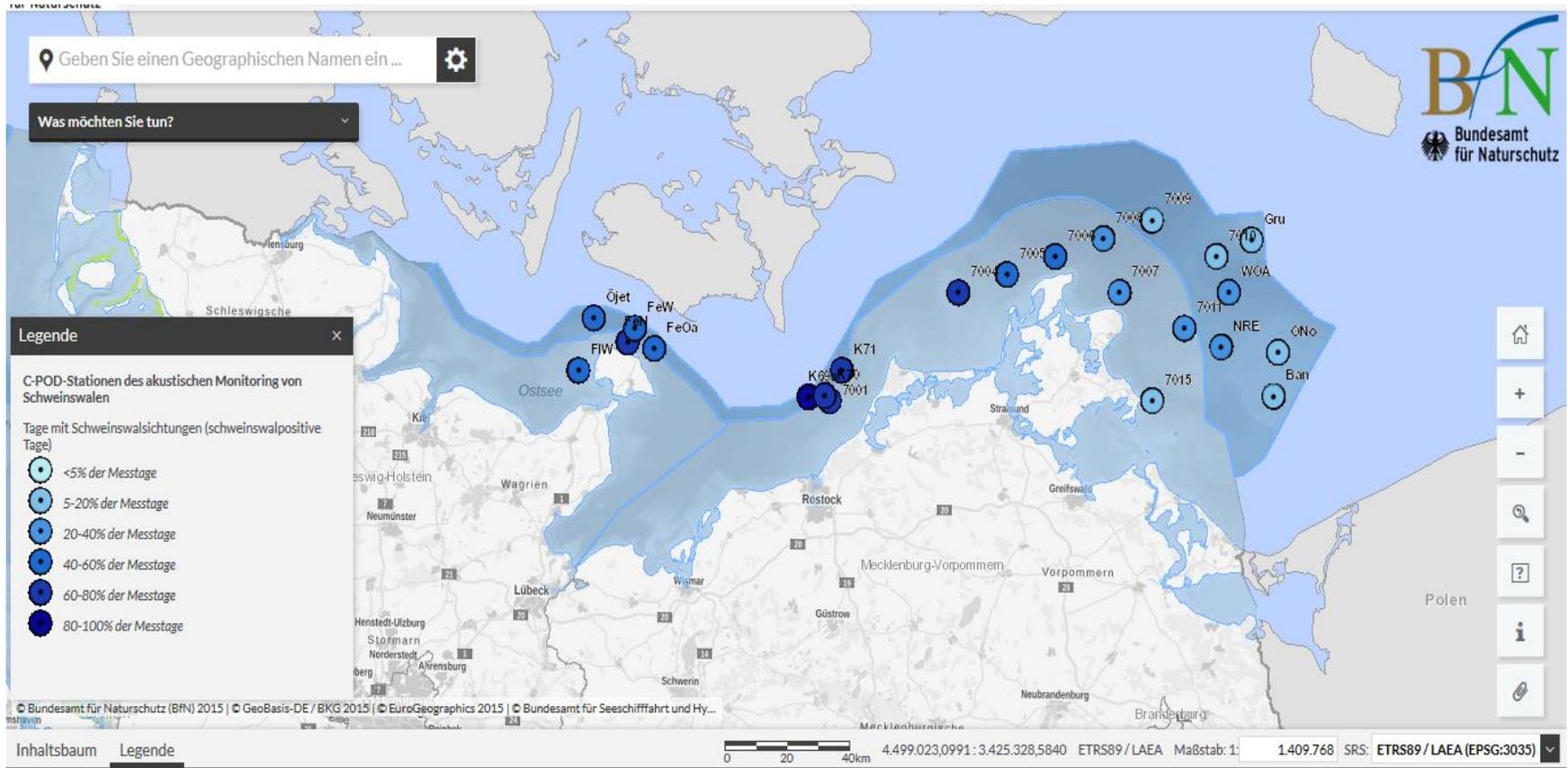
Per season and year / per 3 years)

International:

Mini SCANS (June/Juli 2020)

Acoustic monitoring stations

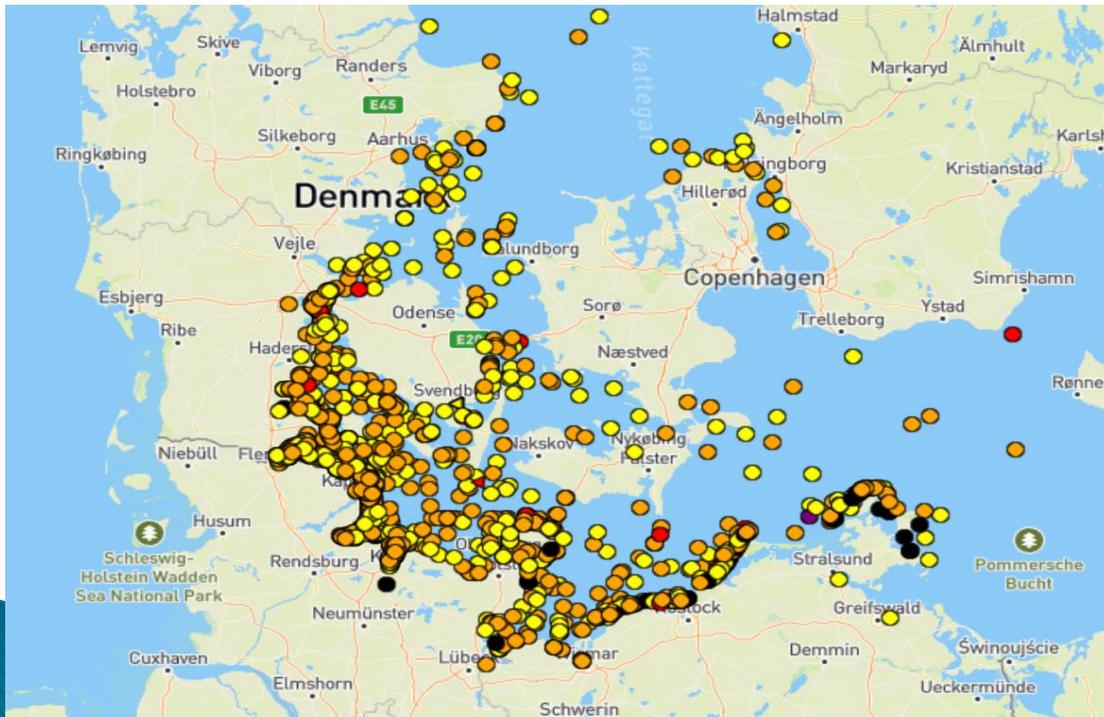
Harbour porpoise positiv days



Source: <https://geodienste.bfn.de/c-pod?lang=de>

Incidental Sighting Program:

- ▶ German Oceanographic Museum, Stralsund
- App: OstSeeTiere
- <https://www.deutsches-meeresmuseum.de/wissenschaft/infothek/sichtungskarte/>



Harbour Porpoise: 1.322
Dolphins (various species): 24

Monitoring of Strandings:

- ▶ **Ongoing long term projects:**

Schleswig–Holstein : Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Research (ITAW) Büsum

Mecklenburg – West Pomerania : German Oceanographic Museum, Stralsund

- ▶ **Assessment of bycatch and health of harbour porpoises (ITAW)**
- ▶ **Presentation: Microplastic findings in harbour porpoises from the North Sea and Baltic Sea: (under 3.6)**

Monitor, estimate and reduce bycatch

- ▶ Behavioural studies with harbour porpoises in relation to gillnets
 - Agenda point: 3.6
- ▶ **PAL (Porpoise Alerting Devices) Monitoring Project**
- ❖ planning phase

Managementplans SAC EEZ:

- ▶ Under consultation / negotiations
- ▶ Fisheries management measures for static nets:
 - Integration of outcomes of the „Stella“ Projekt