

THE BALTIC PORPOISE

Current status

Last updates were received in 2020, so in case there is any new information I would kindly like to ask you to amend the two excel files and send the updates to my e-mail.



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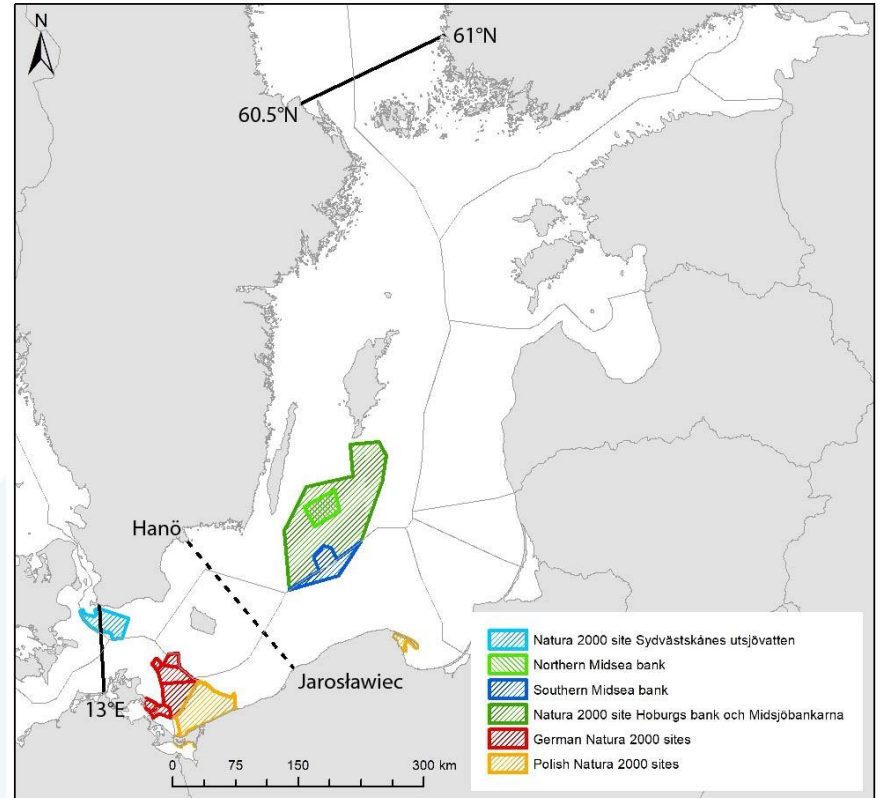
CURRENT SITUATION 1

2019

- NGO proposal for emergency measures to save the Baltic Proper harbour porpoise
- EC requests scientific advice from ICES, evaluating the NGO proposal

2020

- Scientific “Special request advice” published by ICES
 - Seasonal closures of static nets in some MPAs
 - Full-year closures of static nets in some areas
 - Combined pingers/closures in one MPA
 - Pingers in static nets in population range



CURRENT SITUATION 1

2020

- Member States asked to follow the ICES advice to comply with Habitats Directive

2020/21

- BALTFISH joint recommendations on closures of static net fisheries in some MPAs, pingers in others
- No proposals for pingers on static nets in the population range, due to “concerns related to national security”
- Delegated regulation discussed in EG on Fisheries and Aquaculture on 30 Sept
- Delegated regulation will go to the EP in autumn 2021

2022

- Delegated act in place?



CURRENT SITUATION 2

2019

- NGO formal complaint concerning bycatch in EU MSs

2020

- European Commission opened an infringement against Sweden for non-compliance with Habitats Directive 6.2 and 12.4
 - 6.2: Avoid deterioration of habitat and disturbance of species in SACs
 - 12.4: Establish a system to monitor the incidental capture and killing of animals listed in Annex IV
- Step 1: Formal notice



CURRENT SITUATION 2

2020

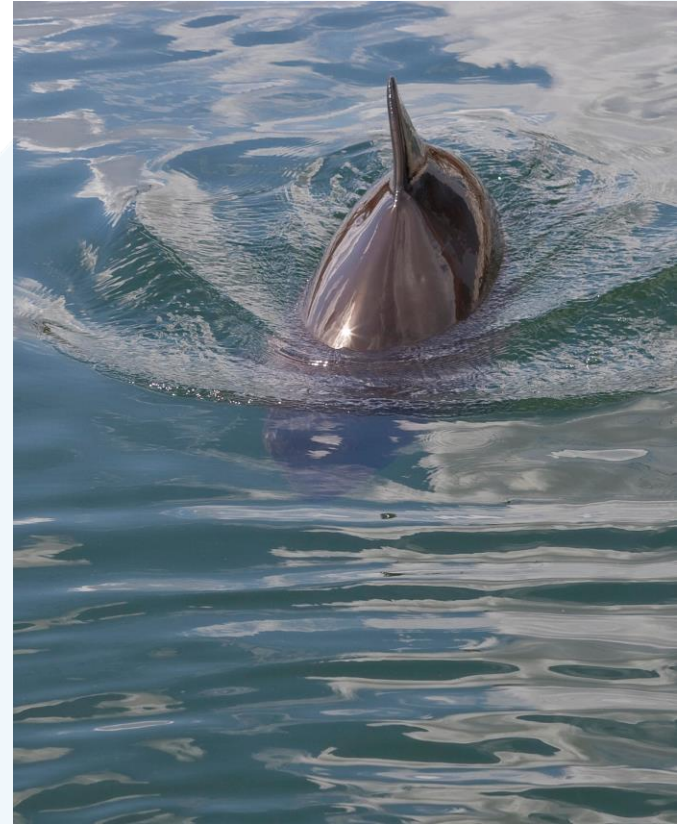
- Sweden responded in October 2020

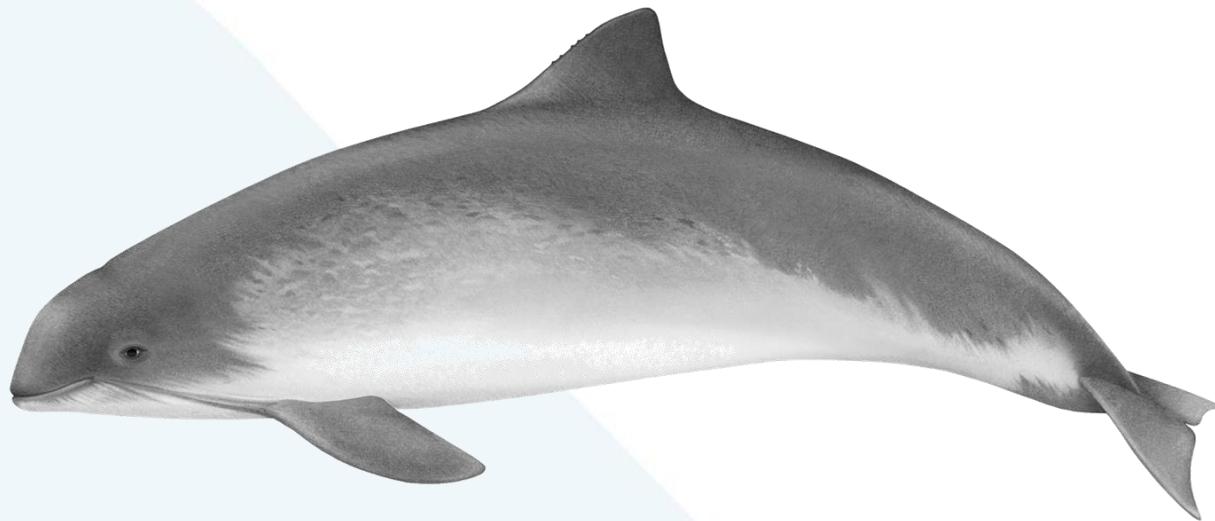
2021

- There seems to have been some communication but nothing official
- We are waiting to see if the EC will move on to
- Step 2: Reasoned opinion

2022

- Will the EC start infringements against any other countries? There are some signs





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