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## CetAMBICion Newsletter

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### News

#### Participation of the fishery sector



#### Workshops with the fishing sector, administration, scientists, and NGOs

Sectorial participation is a key component of the project. We have held **different workshops with sectors** on the Portuguese coast, with over 30 participants from 13 entities, and in Galicia (Spain), with 53 people from 35 organizations, to share the project's results and **encourage the participation** of these sectors in proposing measures to mitigate the accidental catch of cetaceans in the Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Coast. In France, a first workshop was held last year and a second one is already scheduled.

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#### Workshops for sharing



#### Knowledge exchange on cetacean bycatch monitoring and mitigation measures

The project partners gathered for five days in Vigo (Spain) and three days in Brest (France) to share the results of the **analysis of bycatch monitoring data** in Spain, France and Portugal.

These meetings allowed us to share the results from campaigns aimed at **evaluating the effectiveness of current mitigation measures** and others that may help to minimize these interactions.

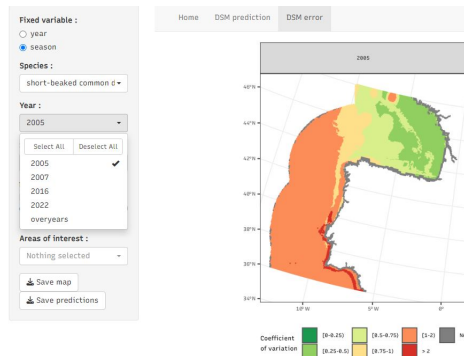
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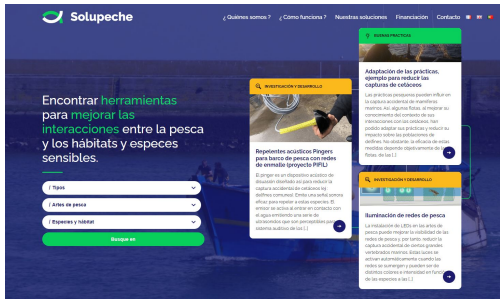
### Resources and tools

#### Methodology for data treatment and analysis

The project has analysed **all available data** on cetacean monitoring in the Bay of Biscay, combining them and estimating the abundance and distribution of these species.

As a result, **AMBIdsm** has been developed, an R package aimed at proposing a standard workflow that facilitates **comparable and reproducible assessment of the abundance and distribution** of marine mammal species.





## Solupêche, a platform to reduce interactions with fishing.

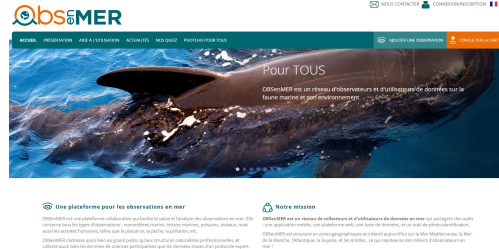
Developed by the French Biodiversity Agency, a project partner, this online platform incorporates information on **solutions to limit fishing interactions** with sensitive habitats and species.

It is available in French, English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

## ObsEnMer, a network of observers of marine fauna and the environment

It is a collaborative digital platform that facilitates collecting, storing, and exchanging **observations at sea**, verified and validated.

Each observation represents a source of information contributing to the knowledge of these species.



## Good practice guide for the handling of cetaceans caught incidentally in Mediterranean fisheries



Developed by FAO and ACCOBAMS, this guide contains seven technical sheets to **guide fishermen's actions in case of accidental capture of cetaceans**. It is part of a project to improve the conservation of certain threatened marine species by promoting responsible fishing practices in the Mediterranean.

## Project Extension



The CetAMBICion project, originally scheduled to end in March 2023, **has been extended by six months** and will now conclude at the end of August this year.

These additional months of work are essential to incorporate more data and carrying out additional analysis, providing more information for establishing a **roadmap** agreed upon by the three partner countries of the project to reduce the accidental catch of cetaceans.

## Agenda

### CetAMBICion Project Final Event



On July 10th and 11th we will hold the CetAMBICion project's closing event in Madrid at the headquarters of the Fundación Biodiversidad of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge. The event will allow sharing of **the results obtained with project partners** and collaborators. A final newsletter will be sent at the end of August to share the results.

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