



THE FIGHT AGAINST ACCIDENTAL CAPTURE OF SMALL CETACEANS IN THE ATLANTIC

The **7 commitments** made by the French State, fishermen and scientists



1 ✓

To make it mandatory to report all accidental captures

-  Since 1 January 2019
-  Precise data to gain a better understanding of the interactions between fishing activities and small cetaceans

2 ✓

To keep a record of strandings, to publish data and to keep an account of progress made by initiatives

-  Since mid-December 2020, the bimonthly publication of an information bulletin on the Ministry of the Sea website.
-  Clear and transparent monitoring of the evolution of the phenomena of cetacean strandings and the progress made by initiatives

3 ✓

To fit all trawlers that interact with cetaceans with acoustic deterrent devices (pingers) and to pursue the development of technical solutions

-  Since 1 January 2021
-  87 vessels fitted with pingers
-  2 scientific projects implemented by the CNPMM and the University of Montpellier are being conducted to develop new dissuasion technologies

4 ✓

To implement aerial observation programmes

-  Winter 2020 / 2021
-  3 months of flyovers to estimate the abundance and the distribution area of the population of common dolphins
-  **BUDGET**
500,000 euros



5 ✓

To test fitting on-board cameras on gillnetters in the Bay of Biscay for the purpose of gaining scientific knowledge

-  February 2021
-  20 vessels will have these fitted voluntarily with a view to gaining a better understanding of the reasons for accidental captures
-  **BUDGET**
1.5 million euros in 2021




6 ✓

To conduct an international project with Spain and Portugal on accidental captures of cetaceans

-  March 2021
-  Better estimations and limiting interactions as a result of sharing scientific knowledge and innovations between our three countries

7

To conduct a voluntary observation campaign of fishing on board trawlers and gillnetters

-  30 December 2020 - 30 April 2021
-  1,000 tides observed, 1,375 days at sea in total, 40 observers recruited (32 additional observers during the winter of 2020-2021)
-  **BUDGET**
1.1 million euros