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## **The units: Species and Nature Protection – Information regarding the offshore wind turbine farm in Lithuania**

The Danish unit for Species and Nature Protection, the Danish Environmental Protection Agency, thanks the submitted material regarding the delimitation of the environmental impact assessment the construction and operation of the Lithuanian offshore wind farm. We have reviewed the submitted material and have the following comments on the environmental impact report for the offshore wind farm.

As regards damage to marine mammals as a result of the implementation of the project the Danish Environmental Protection Agency notes that this can often be avoided if the necessary preventive measures for marine mammals are put in place such as a soft-start procedure organization of construction work outside critical periods for the species, noise reduction of noise sources when hammering down, less hammer blow force or fewer hammer blows as well as scaring away before start-up. Likewise, the impact on birds can be reduced by preventive measures such as the installation pattern of wind turbines, periodic stopping of turbines and marking of turbines.

Best regards

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