

Agenda Item 7.6

Further implementation of the Agreement
(2010-2012)

Activities of the ASCOBANS Advisory
Committee / Triennial Work Plan (2010-
2012)

Document 7-06

**Draft Triennial Work Plan (2010-2012)
– Tasks for the Secretariat / Advisory
Committee**

Action Requested

- Review the document and introduce any changes desired
- Include Party actions as appropriate
- Adopt the Work Plan for the triennium 2010-2012

Submitted by

Advisory Committee



**NOTE:
IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING THEIR
OWN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

Draft Triennial Work Plan (2010-2012) – Tasks for the Secretariat / Advisory Committee (AC)

ACTIVITY TRIENNIUM WORK PLAN 2010-2012	ACTION BY	TIMING	LINKS TO AGREEMENT, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN AND STRATEGY PAPER
Conservation issues			
1. Review, on an annual basis, and as far as possible in conjunction with EU, ICES and IWC, new information on bycatch and make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action. This should include information provided by Parties and Range States on the implementation, efficacy and impacts of measures introduced to reduce bycatch, and on effort in relevant fisheries	AC (supported by Secretariat)	Annually	[Proposed strategic priority in the Strategy paper]
2. Continue to review, on an annual basis, new information on pollution and its effects on small cetaceans which occur in the ASCOBANS area and, on the basis of this review, provide recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities	AC	Annually	
3. Continue to review the extent of negative effects of sound, vessels and other forms of disturbance on small cetaceans and to review relevant technological developments and best practices with a view to developing guidelines which Parties may use to reduce disturbance by noise	AC (supported by Secretariat)	Annually	[Proposed strategic priority in the Strategy paper]
4. Review new information, as far as possible in co-operation with EU, ICES and IWC, on cetacean population size, distribution, structure, and causes of any changes in the ASCOBANS area and based on implications for conservation to make appropriate recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities	AC	Annually	
5. Continue to implement the ASCOBANS Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan)	Jastarnia Group/Parties	Annually	[Proposed strategic priority in the Strategy paper]

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6. Review the effectiveness of the ASCOBANS Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises in 2011. Jastarnia Group to draft revision of plan if necessary for AC preceding the MoP7*	Independent reviewer (e.g. R. Reeves) / Jastarnia Group	2011	
7. Implement the conservation plan for the North Sea Harbour Porpoise, monitor progress annually and amend at MoP7 if necessary *	Parties / AC	Annually	[Proposed strategic priority in the Strategy paper]
8. Continue to consider how the work of ASCOBANS should be extended to take account of the new Agreement Area, which includes areas beyond national jurisdiction	AC, supported by Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	
9. [Consider a possible amendment of the ASCOBANS Agreement to include all cetacean species]	AC	2012	
10. Review progress of bottlenose dolphin project (TURSIOPS SEAs) and guide as required	AC, lead by UK		
ASCOBANS Meetings and Workshops			
11. Ensure the annual cycle of Advisory Committee Meetings, with papers circulated one month in advance of the meetings	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.2
12. Seek to secure a host for the 7 th Meeting of Parties at least a year in advance of the meeting; otherwise arrange for it to be held in Bonn	Secretariat	2011	Article 4.2
13. Organise meetings of regional working groups (Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group) at intervals defined in each group's ToR*	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2

* Depending on budget agreement, activities marked with an asterisk may require additional funding

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14. If required by AC, organise a workshop, e.g. at an annual conference of the ECS, on a topic of priority interest to ASCOBANS	Secretariat	During triennium	1. Habitat Conservation and Management
15. Propose priorities for the coming triennium (2013 – 2015)	AC	2012	
Budgetary and Administrative Issues			
16. Report on budgetary and administrative issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.2
17. Present a draft budget for the next triennium for consideration at an Advisory Committee meeting at least six months prior to the next Meeting of Parties	Secretariat / AC	2012	Article 4.1, 4.2
18. Prepare draft resolutions on budgetary and administrative issues for consideration at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to MoP7	Secretariat / AC	2012	Article 4.1, 4.2
19. Encourage Parties and partner organisations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritised by the AC or outreach initiatives	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.1
20. Assist in developing funding arrangements for projects covering themes prioritised by the Advisory Committee [see task 15] and Meeting of Parties	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1
Communication, Education and Public Awareness			
21. Develop a co-ordinated outreach programme, focussing particularly on activities that can help achieve the aims of ASCOBANS.	Secretariat/AC	2010	[Proposed strategic priority in the Strategy paper]

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22. Report on outreach and communication issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.2
23. [Implement CEPA to raise awareness of issues related to cetacean conservation in the Agreement Area]	Secretariat / Parties and observers	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
24. Continue to update and translate ASCOBANS information material in the languages of both Party and non-Party Range States*	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
25. Continue to develop the ASCOBANS website, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences and including educational material*	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
26. Collaborate with partner organisations to develop joint actions in educational and promotional activities, and create synergy to provide added value while avoiding duplication of effort	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
27. Assess the need for targeted information material on conservation issues facing small cetaceans in the region in consultation with Parties and appropriate other bodies, and develop material as necessary in close cooperation with these partners*	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
Cooperation with other Organisations			
28. Identify priorities and improve co-operation between ASCOBANS and the European Union institutions	AC / Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2, [Proposed strategic priority in the Strategy paper]

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29. Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats of CMS and other CMS Regional Agreements on all issues of mutual interest[, and contribute to the process of defining the future shape of CMS]	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2
30. Seek to cooperate with the HELCOM Secretariat in the creation and maintenance of a joint Baltic harbour porpoise database as part of HELCOM's online information system*	Jastarnia Group / Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2
31. Continue to invite intergovernmental bodies such as IWC, ICES, CMS, HELCOM, NAMMCO, OSPAR, ACCOBAMS, the European Commission and other relevant international organisations to send representatives to Advisory Committee meetings	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.1, 4.2
32. Ensure that the chairs of the Advisory Committee receive invitations to meetings of CMS and other CMS Regional Agreements	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2
33. Explore the possibilities of further developing positive relationships with other stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and Regional Advisory Councils	AC / Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2
34. Compile for each meeting of the Advisory Committee a list of Dates of Interest	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.1, 4.2
35. Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the Advisory Committee allow for it, ensure proper representation at an appropriate level at meetings of other relevant organisations*	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1
36. Continue and improve effective communication with non-governmental and international organisations, such as OSPAR, HELCOM, ICES, ACCOBAMS, CBD and IWC	Secretariat / AC	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2

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Institutional Issues			
37. Promote the Agreement and its aims in Parties, Range States and with other relevant players *	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1
38. Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1
39. Present to Parties, each year no later than 30 June, provided all reports have been received by that date, a compilation of Annual National Reports	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.2
40. Present to the Meeting of Parties a summary of, <i>inter alia</i> , progress made and difficulties encountered since the last Meeting of Parties	Secretariat	2012	Article 4.3
41. Support Parties, Range States and Agreement bodies in implementing this Work Plan, in so far as primary responsibility does not lie with the Secretariat	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1