

Agenda Item 1.3

Opening of the Meeting

Adoption of the Agenda

**Document 1-02**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

**Action Requested**

- Review the Provisional Agenda
- Make proposals for amendment if desired
- Adopt the Agenda

Submitted by

Secretariat



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



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<p>1. Opening of the Meeting</p> <p>The Meeting will be opened at 9.30am on Wednesday, 16 September 2009. The chairman of the Advisory Committee will be acting as temporary chairperson of the meeting in accordance with Rule 5 (1) of the Rules of Procedure. The Secretariat will make introductory remarks.</p>		
<p>1.1 Adoption of Rules of Procedure</p> <p>The meeting is invited to adopt the same Rules of Procedure that applied to the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties.</p>	MOP6/Doc.1-04	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
<p>1.2 Election of Officers</p> <p>In accordance with Rule 5 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, the following officers shall be elected from among the delegates of the contracting Parties: a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.</p>		Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson elected
<p>1.3 Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p>The meeting is invited to review the Provisional Agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.</p>	MOP6/Doc.1-01 rev.1 MOP6/Doc.1-02 MOP6/Doc.1-03	Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
<p>1.4 Admission of Observers</p> <p>The Secretariat will remind the meeting which observers had been admitted in accordance with Rule 2 (2) of the Rules of Procedure. Observers have the right to participate in the debates, but not to vote. The meeting retains the right to discuss some items in closed session.</p>		
<p>1.5 Establishment of Credentials Committee / Report</p> <p>Parties will be invited to nominate a chair and members of a Credentials Committee, for the purpose of reviewing the <i>original</i> credentials of official delegations.</p>		Credentials Committee established
<p>2. Opening Statements</p> <p>Delegates and observers will be given opportunity to make brief oral statements, if desired. All are kindly requested to submit any opening statements in writing in advance of the meeting, for circulation on the first day of the meeting.</p>		

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<p>3. ASCOBANS Awards</p> <p>A proposal for the establishment of a new award category under ASCOBANS will be presented. The United Kingdom will be given opportunity to introduce their nomination for this new Award.</p> <p>The winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award, Dr. Peter G.H. Evans, will receive his trophy. Provided the proposal for the 1<sup>st</sup> ASCOBANS Lifetime Award for Outstanding Contribution to Cetacean Conservation and the UK's nomination is endorsed by the meeting, the winner will also receive his trophy. The winner[s] will be given opportunity to address the meeting briefly.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.3-01 MOP6/Doc.3-02</p>	<p>Endorsement of the proposal to establish an ASCOBANS Lifetime Award</p> <p>Approval of the Terms of Reference for the ASCOBANS Lifetime Award</p> <p>Endorsement of the nomination for the ASCOBANS Lifetime Award</p>
<p>4. Accession of Range States and Status of Ratification of Extension of the Agreement Area</p> <p>The Secretariat will report on the status of accessions and acceptance of the Agreement Amendment of 2003. Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment will be given opportunity to inform the meeting on the progress made.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.4-01</p>	
<p>5. Review of Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial Work Plan (2007-2009)</p>		
<p>5.1 Report of the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee</p> <p>The chair and vice-chair of the AC will report on the work of the Committee since the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.5-01</p>	
<p>5.2 Report of the Secretariat</p> <p>Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the Agreement, the Secretariat will report on its activities, progress made and difficulties encountered since the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties. Financial and administrative issues will be addressed under agenda item 8.2. Participants will have the possibility to comment and ask for clarifications on the Secretariat's report. Parties will be invited to consider implications for future budgetary and staffing arrangements.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.5-02</p>	
<p>5.3 Annual National Reports of ASCOBANS Parties</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce the compilations of the Annual National Reports received for 2006, 2007 and 2008. Parties will be invited to give brief oral reports on their implementation of the Agreement and cooperation with each other. Participants will have the possibility to comment and ask for clarifications on the Parties' reports.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.5-03</p>	

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<p>5.4 Reports from Non-Party Range States Non-Party Range States will be invited to give brief oral reports on their small cetacean conservation activities.</p>	MOP6/Doc.5-03	
<p>5.5 Possible Amendment of the Agreement to include all Cetacean Species in the Agreement Area The chairman of the AC Working Group on the Possible Inclusion of All Cetacean Species will present the conclusions reached.</p>	MOP6/Doc.5-04	Decision on a way forward as regards a possible amendment of the Agreement to include all cetacean species
<p>5.6 Year of the Dolphin 2007-2008 This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The Secretariat will present its overview report on activities carried out under the campaign.</p>	MOP6/Doc.5-05	
<p>5.7 Implementation of the Jastarnia Plan This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The chairman of the Jastarnia Group will report on activities of the group.</p>		
<p>5.8 Addressing of Threats, in particular bycatch, noise, pollution and ship strikes This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). Parties and observers will be given opportunity to report on developments and progress made since the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties. The report of the ASCOBANS/ECS Workshop on Offshore Wind Farms and Marine Mammals will be brought to the meeting's attention. The chairman of the AC Working Group on the Assessment of Acoustic Disturbance will be given opportunity to present the group's conclusions and recommendations. IFAW and Belgium will give a short presentation on the results of a study on harbour porpoises in the southern North Sea.</p>	MOP6/Doc.5-06 MOP6/Doc.5-09 MOP6/Doc.5-10 MOP6/Doc.5-11	
<p>5.9 Outcome of the Workshop on Criteria and Guidelines for the Establishment of Marine Protected Areas for Cetaceans This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The report of the workshop will be brought to the meeting's attention.</p>	MOP6/Doc.5-07	
<p>5.10 Outcome of the Population Structure Workshops This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The report of the workshops will be brought to the meeting's attention.</p>	MOP6/Doc.5-08	

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<p>6. Strategic Considerations on the Future of ASCOBANS This item will be addressed in plenary. The chairman of the AC Working Group on Future Arrangements of ASCOBANS will report on the group's activities and present the resulting strategy paper.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.6-01 MOP6/Doc.7-07</p>	<p>Decision on priorities for the implementation of the Agreement in the triennium 2010-2012</p>
<p>7. Further Implementation of the Agreement (2010-2012)</p>		
<p>7.1 Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan) This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The chairman of the AC Jastarnia Group will introduce the Revised Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises. The meeting will be asked to review and adopt a draft Resolution on the Plan.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.7-01 MOP6/Doc.7-08</p>	<p>Adoption of the Recovery Plan</p>
<p>7.2 Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise in the North Sea This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise in the North Sea will be introduced. The meeting will be asked to review and adopt a draft Resolution on the Plan.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.7-02 MOP6/Doc.7-08</p>	<p>Adoption of the Conservation Plan</p>
<p>7.3 Format for the Annual National Reports This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The chairman of the AC Working Group for a Revised Format for ASCOBANS Annual National Reports will present the draft format developed by the Secretariat and revised by the group.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.7-03</p>	<p>Adoption of the revised reporting format</p>
<p>7.4 Anthropogenic Noise This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). Belgium will present a draft Resolution on Adverse Effects of Underwater Noise on Marine Mammals during Offshore Construction Activities for Renewable Energy Production.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.7-04</p>	<p>Adoption of the Resolution</p>
<p>7.5 Communication, Education and Public Awareness Plan for ASCOBANS This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The chairman of the AC Public Awareness Working Group will present the Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan developed by the Secretariat and revised by the group. The meeting will be asked to endorse the Plan.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.7-05 MOP6/Doc.7-07</p>	<p>Adoption of the CEPA Plan</p>

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<p>7.6 Activities of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee / Triennial Work Plan (2010-2012)</p> <p>This item will be introduced in plenary and subsequently addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The meeting will be invited to consider a draft Work Plan for the coming triennium, prepared by the Secretariat and revised by an AC working group. The meeting will be asked to review and adopt a draft Resolution on the Work Plan.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.7-06            MOP6/Doc.7-07</p>	<p>Inclusion of Party actions, if desired</p> <p>Adoption of the Work Plan for the triennium 2010-2012</p>
<p>8. Administrative and Budgetary Issues</p>		
<p>8.1 Evaluation of the New Arrangements for the ASCOBANS Secretariat (2007-2009)</p> <p>This item will be introduced in plenary and subsequently addressed by the Administrative Working Group (WG2). UNEP will outline the methods employed and the results of the study carried out in line with MOP5 Resolution 2d. Parties will have the possibility to comment and will be invited to consider the implication of the report for future Secretariat arrangements of ASCOBANS.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.8-01            (restricted)</p>	<p>Decision on any possible future use of the report</p>
<p>8.2 Report of the Secretariat on Finance and Administrative Issues 2007-2009</p> <p>This item will be introduced in plenary and subsequently addressed by the Administrative Working Group (WG2). Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the Agreement, the Secretariat will report on its activities, progress made and difficulties encountered since the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties with respect to the finances and administration of the Agreement. Parties will have the possibility to comment and ask for clarifications. Parties will be invited to consider the implications of the report for future Secretariat arrangements of ASCOBANS.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.8-02            (restricted)</p>	
<p>8.3 Expenditures 2005-08</p> <p>This item will be introduced in plenary and subsequently addressed by the Administrative Working Group (WG2). The Secretariat will introduce the certified financial reports on the ASCOBANS Trust Fund received from the United Nations Offices in Nairobi. The meeting will be asked to review and adopt a draft Resolution to approve the accounts.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.8-03            (restricted)</p>	<p>Adoption of the Resolution</p>

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<p>8.4 Financial, Budgetary and Administrative Matters 2010-2012</p> <p>This item will be introduced in plenary and subsequently addressed by the Administrative Working Group (WG2). The Secretariat will introduce the budget proposal for the coming triennium, including three different scenarios as regards Secretariat's staffing arrangements. Parties will decide on the staffing arrangements and budget for the triennium. The meeting will be asked to review and adopt a draft Resolution on the budgetary provisions for the coming triennium.</p>	<p>MOP6/Doc.8-04            MOP6/Doc.8-05            (restricted)</p>	<p>Decision on the budget to be included in Resolution            Adoption of the Resolution</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>Issues not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.</p>		
<p>10. Date and Venue of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties</p> <p>Parties are encouraged to announce their interest in hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties in 2012.</p>		
<p>11. Adoption of the Report and Press Release</p> <p>The meeting will be given opportunity to provide written comments on the draft report to the Secretariat. The formal adoption will take place by correspondence in the weeks following the meeting. A draft press release will be presented to the meeting for comments.</p>		
<p>12. Close of Meeting</p> <p>The chairperson will declare the meeting closed in the afternoon / evening of Friday, 18 September 2009.</p>		

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, Agenda Items will be addressed in plenary.