

## Draft Annotated Agenda

1. Introduction  
*The Chairman will open the meeting at 14.00 hrs on Monday, 2 April 2001*
2. Adoption of Rules of procedure  
*The Secretariat will present amended Rules of Procedure*
3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for the Triennium 2001 – 2003
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Matters related to research
  - 5.1. By-catch issues
    - Report by A. Read, “A Review of Bycatch Mitigation Measures with Special Reference to the ASCOBANS Area”  
*The Chairman will introduce the report*
    - Implementation of Resolution 3, MOP3  
*A working group will be established*
    - Bycatch monitoring in the ASCOBANS Area  
*A working group will be established*
    - Other research related to bycatch  
*Denmark will present the final report of the EPIC project.*  
*WDCS will report on an ongoing mitigation project in the Bay of Fundy*
    - Bycatch issues in relation to CFP
  - 5.2. Further survey and research needs
    - Final Report of the ASCOBANS Baltic Discussion Group  
*A member of the ABDG or the Chairman will introduce the report*
    - Preparations for SCANS II and other surveys  
*The Chairman will report on ongoing preparations*
  - 5.3. Preparations for the workshop aimed at drafting a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the Baltic Sea  
*The Chairman will present a draft outline for the workshop and an update on progress in preparing it.*  
*An ad-hoc Working Group will be established.*
  - 5.4. Post-mortem research & stranding schemes
    - Data provided by Parties

- 5.5. Pollutants issues
  - Report by Pollutants WG on relevant publications
- 5.6. Fisheries statistics (data submitted by parties)
- 6. Matters related to Parties and Range States
  - 6.1. National legislation
    - Update on relevant new legislation of Parties  
*Parties will report on new legislation*
  - 6.2. Protected areas  
*Parties will report on newly established or projected protected areas*
  - 6.3. Progress in the accession of Range States  
*The Secretariat will present an update on progress in the accession of Range States*
  - 6.4. Southward extension of the Agreement area  
*The Secretariat will present a report on the current state of negotiations with Portugal and Spain.*  
*Portugal will present a paper outlining the precise extent of Portuguese waters to be included in a future extended Agreement area*
  - 6.5. Disturbance by seismic surveys
    - Location and extent of seismic activities in the ASCOBANS and neighbouring areas during 1999 and 2000 and mitigation measures  
*The Secretariat will present an update on information submitted by Parties and provided by IAGC*
  - 6.6. Disturbance by high-speed ferries  
*The Secretariat will present an update*
  - 6.7. Disturbance by military activities  
*WDCS will report on recent military activities with potentially detrimental effects on cetaceans in the Agreement Range*
  - 6.8. Educational programmes ‘Blue School’ and ‘Alliance with Nature’ in Poland  
*Poland will report on two educational programmes aimed at schoolchildren and the military*
- 7. Cooperation with international organisations
  - Report on meeting between ASCOBANS and EU Commission, in February 2001  
*Dr Reijnders will report on the meeting*
  - ASCOBANS-AC involvement in developmental process of OSPAR-HELCOM Pollution Strategy

8. PR issues

8.1. New ASCOBANS brochure

8.2. New ASCOBANS website

8.3. Showing of ASCOBANS exhibition "Harbour Porpoise in Distress" in 2000/2001

*8.1 - 8.3: The Secretariat will introduce the new ASCOBANS brochure, website and other promotional material and report on showing of the ASCOBANS exhibition "Harbour Porpoise in Distress"*

8.4. Polish version of ASCOBANS exhibition "Harbour Porpoise in Distress"

*Poland will report on the newly produced Polish version of the ASCOBANS exhibition*

8.5. Finnish version of ASCOBANS poster; Finnish brochure on harbour porpoises

*Finland will report on progress in producing a Finnish version of the ASCOBANS poster and a planned brochure on harbour porpoises*

8.6. 10th anniversary of ASCOBANS

*The Secretariat will report on activities in connection with the Agreement's 10th anniversary*

8.7. Any other issues

9. Business session (*N.B.: This session will only be open to delegates of Parties*)

9.1. Budgetary issues

- Outline of budget for 2000

*The Secretariat will present the audited budget for 2000*

- Establishment of AC Budget WG

9.2. Administrative issues

- Report of the Secretariat on integration of the Secretariat into the CMS Agreements Unit

9.3. Meetings to be attended during 2001

10. Establishment of a comprehensive 2001-2003 Triennial Workplan: goals and timepath

11. Agreement on the draft report

12. Date and venue of next meeting

13. Any other business

14. Close of meeting

Note:

In order to save time, opening statements are not included. Should any state or observer wish to make a statement, this should be made available in writing only.