

Provisional Draft Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Adoption of 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”
 - Implementation of Resolution 3, MOP3
 - Bycatch monitoring in the ASCOBANS Area
 - Other research related to bycatch
 - Bycatch issues in relation CFP
 - 5.2. Further survey and research needs
 - Final Report of the ASCOBANS Baltic Discussion Group
 - Preparations for SCANS II and other surveys
 - 5.3. Preparations for the workshop aimed at drafting a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the Baltic Sea
 - 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
 - 6.2. Protected areas
 - 6.3. Progress in the accession of Range States
 - 6.4. Southward extension of the 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
 - 6.6. Disturbance by high-speed ferries
 - 6.7. Disturbance by military activities
 - 6.8. Educational programmes ‘Blue School’ and ‘Alliance with Nature’ in Poland
7. Cooperation with international organisations
 - Report on meeting between ASCOBANS and EU Commission, in February 2001
 - ASCOBANS-AC involvement in developmental process of OSPAR-HELCOM Pollution Strategy
 - Update by ACCOBAMS Interim Executive Secretary

- 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
 - 8.4 Polish version of ASCOBANS exhibition “Harbour Porpoise in Distress”
 - 8.5 Finnish version of ASCOBANS poster
 - 8.6 10th anniversary of ASCOBANS
 - 8.7 Any other issues
- 9 Business session
 - 9.1 Budgetary issues
 - Outline of 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.