

**Agenda Item 8:**            **Any other business**

**Norwegian Dolphin Research**

**Submitted by:**            **Germany**

**ASCOBANS**

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

Following a recommendation from the North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO), the Institute of Marine Research has launched plans for a comprehensive research programme on Lagenorhynchus dolphins, which includes the killing of dolphins.

Germany is very concerned about the lethal research of these migratory species.

The German Minister for the Environment has already written to the Norwegian Minister of Fisheries urging him not to proceed with these plans. Although we realise that Norway is not participating as an active observer this year - which we regret - we once again want to express our concern for the record.