

Draft Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for the Triennium 2004 – 2006
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial Workplan (2004 – 2006)
 - 5.1. ASCOBANS Baltic Recovery Plan (“Jastarnia Plan”) - Implementation
 - 5.2. Elaboration of a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the North Sea
 - 5.3. Preparation and implementation of the new abundance survey (“SCANS-II”)
 - 5.4. Bycatch issues
 - 5.4.1. EU Council Regulation on Incidental Catches of Cetaceans in Fisheries
 - 5.4.2. Other bycatch-related issues
 - 5.5. Disturbance to small cetaceans due to seismic surveys
 - 5.6. Population distribution, sizes and structures (review of new information)
 - 5.7. Needs of ASCOBANS in extended Agreement area
6. Ongoing Issues
 - 6.1. Effects of pollution, noise pollution and disturbance
 - 6.1.1. High Speed Ferries
 - 6.1.2. Military Activities
 - 6.1.3. Report by the Pollutants Working Group
 - 6.2. Post-mortem and stranding schemes
 - 6.3. Publicity/PR Issues
 - 6.3.1. Parties/Range States
 - 6.3.2. Secretariat (Report on PR activities in 2003/2004)
 - 6.4. Accession of new Parties
 - 6.5. Cooperation with international organizations
7. Other Issues
 - 7.1. Budgetary Issues
 - 7.1.1. Report on budget for 2003
 - 7.2. Administrative Issues
 - 7.2.1. Report on operation of CMS Agreement Unit
 - 7.2.2. Meetings to be attended during 2004
8. Date and venue of next meeting
9. Agreement on draft report
10. Close of meeting

Note:

In order to save time, opening statements are not included. Any state or observer wishing to make a statement is kindly requested to provide this in writing only.