

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the **Administrative Session**
Opening Statements may be submitted in writing only in order to save time. They will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the meeting.
2. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
The meeting is invited to adopt the same Rules of Procedure that applied to the 14th AC Meeting.
3. Adoption of the Agenda of the Administrative Session
The meeting is invited to review the draft provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Late items may be suggested. Parties will also decide which, if any, agenda items should be discussed in closed session.
4. Budgetary Issues
 - 4.1. Report of the Secretariat on Finance and Administrative Issues
The Secretariat will present in detail the administrative and budgetary reports. The meeting is invited to take note, comment and make a decision regarding the 2005 accounts.
 - 4.1.1. Administrative Issues
 - 4.1.2. Report on Accounts for 2007
 - 4.1.3. 2005 Accounts
 - 4.1.4. Any other Finance Issues
 - 4.2. Outline of Budget for 2008
The Secretariat will present in detail the report on the subject. The meeting is invited to take note and comment. The meeting is also invited to decide on the allocation of savings from 2007.
 - 4.3. Other Issues in Budget for 2007-2009
5. Evaluation of the New Arrangements for the ASCOBANS Secretariat (2007-2009)
 - 5.1. Terms of Reference
The meeting is invited to take note of the final draft of the Terms of Reference and express any additional comments on the procedure for the evaluation to be suggested to UNEP.
 - 5.2. Input to CMS COP 9
The meeting is invited to agree on a strategy for presenting the outcomes of the evaluation in the best interest of ASCOBANS to CMS Parties.
6. Any other Administrative Issues
7. Adoption of the Report of the Administrative Session
The meeting is requested to provide comments on and adopt the report of the Administrative Session of the 15th AC Meeting.
8. Close of Administrative Session of the Meeting

9. Opening of the **Science and Conservation Session**
Opening Statements may be submitted in writing only in order to save time. They will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the meeting.
10. Adoption of the Agenda of the Science and Conservation Session
The meeting is invited to review the draft provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Late items may be suggested.
11. Report on the Outcome of the Administrative Session
The Chair of the first Session will brief the meeting on the outcomes of the Administrative Session.
12. Report of the Secretariat
The Secretariat will provide an oral overview of its activities, including those not covered under other agenda items, since the 14th AC Meeting. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
13. Annual National Reports 2007
Parties will be invited to present highlights of their reports (five minutes maximum for each Party). The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
14. Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial Work Plan (2007-2009)
The Secretariat will introduce an update of the progress overview of the Triennial Work Plan. The meeting will be invited to review the document, make recommendations for further implementation and assign funding priorities for un(der)funded activities.
 - 14.1. ASCOBANS Baltic Recovery Plan (Jastarnia Plan)
 - 14.1.1. EC Law and the Conservation of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise
Richard Caddell will briefly present his paper (Doc.35).
 - 14.1.2. Outcome of 4th Meeting of the Jastarnia Group
The Chair of the Jastarnia Group will present an oral summary of the outcomes of the fourth meeting of the Jastarnia Group and its recommendations. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
 - 14.1.3. Implementation
The meeting will consider implementation measures carried out by Parties since AC 14.
 - 14.1.4. Revision of the Jastarnia Plan
The Chair of the Jastarnia Group will present the revised draft of the Jastarnia Plan. The meeting is invited to take note, comment and adopt the Plan.
 - 14.2. ASCOBANS Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea
 - 14.2.1. Progress Report
The Chair of the North Sea Working Group will present an oral summary of the activities since AC 14, including the final draft of the Conservation Plan. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
 - 14.2.2. Adoption of Final Document
The meeting is invited to adopt the Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea.
 - 14.3. Review of New Information on Bycatch and Other Causes of Mortality
Parties are requested to present new information on the subject. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

- 14.3.1. Format for Reporting of Effort in Fisheries with High Risk of Bycatch
The meeting is invited to take note of Doc.17 (Annex 7 AC 14 report), comment and decide on a suitable reporting format.
- 14.3.2. Information Originating from the Reporting of EU Member States under Regulation 812/2004
Parties are invited to report on the subject. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
- 14.3.3. Post-mortem and Stranding Schemes
The meeting will consider information submitted by the Parties. The meeting is invited to take note, comment and decide on the reporting format and frequency.
- 14.3.4. Other Information
- 14.4. Review of New Information on Population Distribution, Sizes and Structures
Parties are requested to present new information on the subject. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
 - 14.4.1. Report of the joint ASCOBANS/HELCOM Workshops, 8-10 October 2007
The organiser will present an oral summary of the workshops and their outputs. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
 - 14.4.2. SCANS II Results, CODA Project and TNASS
The meeting is invited to take note of recent developments.
 - 14.4.3. Format for Reporting
The meeting is requested to decide on a suitable reporting format for information on population distribution, sizes and structures, based on the draft format presented in Doc.23.
 - 14.4.4. Other Information
- 14.5. Review of New Information on Pollution, Underwater Sound and Disturbance
Parties are requested to present new information on the subject. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
 - 14.5.1. High Speed Ferries
The meeting will consider information submitted by the Parties. The meeting is invited to take note, comment and decide on the reporting format and frequency.
 - 14.5.2. Acoustic Disturbance
Klaus Lucke will present information on acoustic disturbance of harbour porpoises. The meeting will be invited to take note of and comment on recent relevant developments.
 - 14.5.3. Military, including Munitions
Parties will be invited to present relevant developments since AC 14. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.
 - 14.5.4. Offshore Energy Production and Extractive Activities
Parties will be invited to present relevant developments since AC 14. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

14.5.5. Report by Pollutants Working Group
The Working Group will present its report to the meeting. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

14.5.6. Format for Reporting
The meeting is requested to decide on a suitable reporting format for information on pollution, underwater sound and disturbance.

14.5.7. Other Information

14.6. National Legislation and Protected Areas
Parties will be invited to present relevant developments since AC 14. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

15. Publicity and Outreach

15.1. Reports of Parties/Range States
Parties will be invited to report on activities since AC 14. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

15.2. Report of the Secretariat
The Secretariat will report on activities since AC 14. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

15.3. Extension of the Year of the Dolphin
The Secretariat will inform the meeting about the plans for the extended campaign. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

15.4. Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise, 18 May 2008
Parties will be invited to inform the meeting of their plans. The Secretariat will present its plans. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

15.5. CBD COP 9
The meeting is invited to take note of the Secretariat's outreach plans and comment.

15.6. Meetings to be attended in 2008/2009
The meeting is invited to consider the draft list and decide on representation at relevant meetings.

16. Accession and Agreement Amendments

16.1. Accession of Range States
The Secretariat and Parties will be invited to report on recruitment efforts since AC 14. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

16.2. Westward Extension of the Agreement Area
Parties who have not yet accepted the amendment will be invited to report on progress in the procedure. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

16.2.1. Report from Potential New Parties on their Cetacean Activities
Observer states will be invited to report on conservation activities. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

16.2.2. Implications for the Work of ASCOBANS

The meeting is requested to discuss work implications of the westward extension of the Agreement Area and provide guidance to the Secretariat on priorities in the current triennium. The meeting is invited to consider forming an intersessional working group in order to produce an advanced draft of the Work Plan 2010-2013 for the consideration of AC 16.

16.3. Possible Inclusion of all Cetacean Species in the Agreement Area – Implications for the Work of ASCOBANS

The meeting is requested to take note of the background document presented, evaluate its implications for the Agreement and decide on the way forward.

17. List of Projects for Funding through ASCOBANS

The meeting is invited to review and update the project list agreed by AC 14 and give guidance on the use of any possible leftover funds made available for conservation projects by the Administrative Session.

18. Relations with other Bodies

18.1. ASCOBANS and CMS

The Secretariat will inform the meeting of developments since AC 14. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

18.1.1. CMS COP8 Resolution 8.22 (“Adverse Human-induced Impacts on Cetaceans”)

18.1.2. Cetacean Liaison Group

18.1.3. Other Initiatives

18.2. IGOs – HELCOM, OSPAR, EC, IWC, IMO, CBD, ACCOBAMS, NAMMCO etc.

Observers or representatives are invited to report on their activities relevant to ASCOBANS. The Secretariat will report on cooperation efforts. The meeting is invited to take note and comment. Germany as host of the CBD COP 9 will have opportunity to brief the meeting on the plans for this conference.

18.3. Scientific and Advisory Bodies – RACs, ICES, ECS etc.

Observers or representatives are invited to report on their activities relevant to ASCOBANS. The Secretariat will report on cooperation efforts. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

18.4. NGOs – WDCCS, CCB etc.

Observers are invited to report on their activities relevant to ASCOBANS. The Secretariat will report on cooperation efforts. The meeting is invited to take note and comment.

19. Any other Business

20. Date and Venue of Meetings of the AC and MOP in 2009

Parties are invited to come forward with offers to host the ASCOBANS meetings in 2009.

21. Adoption of the Report of the Science and Conservation Session

The meeting is requested to provide comments on and adopt the report of the Science and Conservation Session of the 15th AC Meeting.

22. Close of Meeting