

Agenda Item 17

List of Projects for Funding through ASCOBANS

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**Draft List of Projects for Funding  
through ASCOBANS**

**Action Requested**

- review and update the project list
- give guidance on the use of any possible leftover funds made available for conservation projects by the Administrative Session

Submitted by

Secretariat



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



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Activity	Objectives	Cost €	Priority	Mandate	Comments	Pledges
<b>Scientific work</b>						
1. Analysis of risk of ship strikes	Identify high-risk areas, depending on cetacean density, species, habitat use, exact shipping lanes, vessel types, number and speed	15,000	*	WP 4	Requires some modelling, approx. 3 months work	
2. Baltic database on opportunistic sightings, strandings and bycatch	Incorporates data from various organisations, as well as from Denmark, Finland, Estonia and Poland	30,000 p.a.	*	WP 15	Part- or full-time post, database maintained by Germany until end of 2007	
3. Printing of Proceedings/Report of Genetics/Population Structure Workshops	Improve understanding of biologically meaningful definitions of small cetacean populations in the ASCOBANS area Establish a research network and produce research proposal	2,000	*	WP 6 Res. 8.9	Workshops took place in October 2007	
4. Cooperation with HELCOM (and possibly ICES)	Examine the genetic origin, population size and structure of the Baltic harbour porpoise, distribution and migration, reproductive capacity, effects of contaminants and health status, and additional mortality owing to interactions with the commercial fisheries (e.g. by-catch, intentional killing) Develop a co-ordinated reporting system and database on Baltic harbour porpoises					
5. Effects of Contaminants on Reproduction in Small Cetaceans	Identify whether contaminants have an adverse effect on individual reproductive capabilities of common dolphins and harbour porpoises				Ongoing Project of SMRU, CEFAS and the Institute of Zoology (London)	

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<b>Conservation projects (recommended by the Advisory Committee)</b>						
6. Survey of Harbour Porpoise abundance in Baltic (SAMBAH project)	Coordinated effort on static acoustic monitoring lead by Mats Amundin/Sweden		*	Res. 5.6, 5.7	BONUS proposal submitted to EC, need for funding/co-funding	
7. Bottlenose dolphin project	Identify fine-scale population structure and pattern of distribution and abundance throughout the European range Determine key bottlenose dolphin habitat, including the relationship between distribution, key environmental variables, and regional variation in prey choice Quantify and explore reasons for decreases in range and possibility of recovery	1,500,000	*	WP 30	Two workshops to help complete research proposal for EU LIFE+ funding: - first one took place in 2006 - second one planned for 2008	
<b>Meetings of ASCOBANS Bodies</b>						
8. Advisory Committee 16 (2009)			*			
9. Meeting of Parties 6 (2009)						
10. Jastarnia Group 5 (2009)					23-25 February 2009, funds needed for expert travel	Finland offered to host
<b>Outreach and Communications Initiatives/Activities</b>						
11. Translation of information material	Produce information and outreach material in the languages of all ASCOBANS Range States (both Parties and non-Parties)	10,000	*	WP 9, 12, 13 Res. 5.8	Immediate priority: ASCOBANS leaflet; Parties requiring large quantities in their language should consider providing additional funds	German Voluntary Contribution 2008 for printing

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12. Year of the Dolphin education and public awareness campaign	Increase education and public awareness on CMS and its species. Build a partnership including UN agencies, CMS and Agreements, partner NGOs, Governments and the private sector.			Res. 5.2d, 5.8		
13. Update of exhibits/new panels	Develop new panels to complement the new CMS Family Exhibition, produce banner for IDBHP			WP 8, 12 Res. 5.8	Consider producing versions in different languages	German Voluntary Contribution 2008
14. Development of Website	Add new web pages to the ASCOBANS website; restructure to make more appealing and interesting, keep updated, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences and including educational material	10,000	*	WP 10 Res. 5.8	Consider providing links to relevant nationals or international databases Plans for visual update ongoing	
15. Fishermen's Leaflet	Produce targeted information material on conservation issues facing small cetaceans in the region Develop material to distribute to fishermen, especially with respect to bycatch issues			WP 12	Consultant needed	Informal agreement to co-fund with DG Fish
<b>Information Management</b>						
16. CMS Family on-line reporting and harmonisation	Provide the ability to easily access migratory species related information across CMS family and streamline reporting obligations of the Parties in order to assess the implementation of CMS Strategic Plan and achievement of the 2010 target.				Adaptation of IOSEA's on-line reporting model to the whole CMS family. This should also include a project database. Project proposal submitted to UNEP/DEC.	CMS and AEWA parts will be implemented in phase 1, ASCOBANS can follow in phase 2
<b>Other Projects and Proposals</b>						
17. Request Junior Professional Officer for 2009					AC to advise on job description	Germany has indicated willingness to fund