

Agenda Item 4.2

Priorities in the Implementation of the
Triennium Work Plan (2010-2012)
ASCOBANS Conservation Plan for Harbour
Porpoises in the North Sea

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Report of the North Sea Group

Action Requested

- Take note of the report
- Comment

Submitted by

North Sea Group



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

Activity report of the 'Steering Group for the Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise in the North Sea: October 2010 – April 2011

During the AC-17 meeting in Bonn, 4-6 October 2010, a 'Steering Group for the Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise in the North Sea' was established. A draft set of terms of reference was set up, discussed and agreed. Until the chair for this working group is elected, the Netherlands will take the lead.

Activities

- Formation of the steering group:
An invitation was sent to all members of the ASCOBANS community in November 2010 to participate as members of the steering group. This resulted in 10 responses. Currently the Steering group consists of 11 participants (see below).
- Consultation step for the position of Coordinator:
The steering group was consulted to comment on the draft terms of reference for the position of coordinator of the ASCOBANS North Sea Harbour Porpoise Conservation Plan in February 2011. The position was published on the ASCOBANS website by March 2011.
- Next meeting:
The next meeting of the steering group will be held on Wednesday May 4, 2011 at around 7 PM.

Members of the Steering Group:

Name	Organization / Affiliation	Representative of North Sea State	Environmental NGO	Fisheries Organization
Sami Hassani	Oceanopolis	X (Fr)		
Jan Haelters	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences	X (Bel)		
Dirk Verhaeghe	ILVO (technical dept.)	X (Bel)		
Karl-Hermann Kock	Institut für Seefischerei	X (Ger)		
Folchert Van Dijken	Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation	X (NL)		
Martine Van	IMARES Wageningen UR	X (NL)		

den Heuvel-Greve				
Marije Siemensma	Marine Science & Communication	X (NL)		
Joop Coolen	North Sea Foundation		X (NL)	
Marjan Addink	Netherlands Centre for Biodiversity Naturalis, Leiden		(X) (NL)	
Sara Königson	Swedish Board of Fisheries	X (Swed)		
Eunice Pinn	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	X (UK)		