

Agenda Item 1.2 / 12

Opening of the Meeting
Adoption of the Agenda

Document 1-03

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Action Requested

- Review the provisional agenda
- Make proposals for amendment if desired
- Adopt the agenda

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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Agenda Item	Documents	Expected Outcomes
<p>1. Opening of the Meeting</p> <p><i>The Meeting will be opened at 9.30am on Wednesday, 4 May 2011. The Secretariat will make introductory remarks.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>		
<p>1.1 Adoption of the Agenda of the Science and Conservation Session</p> <p><i>The meeting will be invited to review the Provisional Agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.</i></p> <p><i>Late items and topics to be discussed under item 8 may be suggested. The establishment of working groups already foreseen may be proposed.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to decide whether they wish the administrative session to be generally open to observers and release the documents.</i></p> <p><i>The Rules of Procedure adopted at AC17 will remain in force unless Parties call for their amendment.</i></p>	<p>AC18/Doc.1-02 AC18/Doc.1-03 AC18/Doc.1-01 Indicative Timetable</p>	<p>Agenda adopted Timetable endorsed Decision on release of documents for Administrative Session made</p>
<p>2. Annual National Reports 2010</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present highlights of their reports (five minutes maximum for each Party), including information on changes in relevant national legislation or the establishment/development of marine protected areas.</i></p>	<p>AC18/Doc.2-01 to AC18/Doc.2-10</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA¹ 41 defined</p>
<p>3. Accession and Agreement Amendments</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will report on the status of accessions and acceptance of the Agreement Amendment of 2003, as well as recruitment efforts made since AC17.</i></p> <p><i>Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment will be given opportunity to inform the meeting on the progress made.</i></p>		<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 40 defined</p>
<p>4. Priorities in the Implementation of the Triennium Work Plan (2010-2012)</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will introduce an update of the progress overview of the Triennium Work Plan. The meeting will be invited to review the document and make recommendations for further implementation throughout the sessions.</i></p>	<p>AC18/Doc.4-01</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made throughout the sessions</p>

¹ TWPA = Triennium Work Plan Activity (2010-2012)

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4.1 ASCOBANS Baltic Recovery Plan (Jastarnia Plan)		
4.1.1 Implementation <i>Baltic Parties will be invited to inform the meeting about implementation measures carried out since AC 17.</i>		Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 5 & 6 defined
4.1.2 Recommendations of the 7 th Meeting of the Jastarnia Group <i>The Chair of the Jastarnia Group will present an oral summary of the outcomes of the 7th meeting of the Jastarnia Group and its recommendations.</i>	AC18/Doc.4-02 AC18/Doc.4-03 AC18/Doc.4-04	Recommendations endorsed Further action for TWPA 5, 7 & 14 defined
4.2 ASCOBANS Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea		
4.2.1 Implementation <i>North Sea Parties will be invited to inform the meeting about implementation measures carried out since AC17.</i>		Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 8 & 14 defined
4.2.2 Report by the Coordinators and Working Group <i>On behalf of the interim chair of the North Sea Group, Marije Siemensma will update the meeting on its activities. Russell Leaper will present the final report of the contract for interim coordination report to the meeting.</i>	AC18/Doc.4-05 AC18/Doc.4-06	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 8 defined
4.3 Review of New Information on Bycatch <i>Parties will be requested to present new information on the subject, including reports on effort in fisheries with high risk of bycatch, implementation of EU Regulation 812/2004 and post-mortem/stranding schemes. Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i>		Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 1 & 35 defined
4.3.1 Report of the Working Group <i>The chair will report on the group's activities. Guidance will be sought on the group's continuation for another intersessional period and its tasks, if applicable.</i>	AC18/Doc.4-07	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 16 & 35 defined

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<p>4.4 Review of New Information on the Extent of Negative Effects of Sound <i>The Secretariat will draw the meeting's attention to the work done by the IMO MEPC and on relevant developments in ACCOBAMS.</i> <i>The UK will draw attention to the report on seismic activities in 2010.</i> <i>Thomas Folegot of Quiet Oceans will give a presentation entitled "Towards an Ocean Noise Operational Prediction Service".</i> <i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>	AC18/Doc.4-10	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 3 defined</p>
<p>4.4.1 Report of the Working Group <i>The chair will report on the group's activities.</i> <i>Guidance will be sought on the group's tasks in the coming intersessional period.</i></p>	AC18/Doc.4-08	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 3 & 31 defined</p>
<p>4.5 Publicity and Outreach</p>		
<p>4.5.1 Report of the Secretariat <i>The Secretariat will report on activities since AC17.</i> <i>Guidance will be sought how to proceed.</i></p>	AC18/Doc.4-09	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 39 defined</p>
<p>4.5.2 Reports of Parties, Range States and Partners <i>Parties and Partners will be invited to report on activities since AC17 and highlight any plans they might have for upcoming events.</i></p>		<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 23 & 25 defined</p>
<p>5. Implementation of the Triennium Work Plan (2010-2012) – Other Issues <i>The Secretariat will draw the meeting's attention to a proposal for a Joint ECS/ASCOBANS Workshop at the 2012 ECS Conference on the Implementation of the Cetacean Component of the Habitats Directive in EU Member States.</i> <i>The Secretariat will also highlight a recent UNEP Report on MPA Governance.</i></p>	AC18/Doc.5-05 AC18/Doc.5-07	<p>Further action for TWPA 9, 15 & 30 defined</p>

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<p>5.1 Review of New Information on Population Size, Distribution, Structure and Causes of Any Changes</p> <p><i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject. The submitters of documents for this agenda item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Florence Caurant of La Rochelle University will give a presentation on “The Use of Ecological Tracers for Discriminating Dolphin Population Structure”.</i></p> <p><i>The ACCOBAMS Secretariat will inform the meeting about conclusions of the recent SC7 regarding work on population structure.</i></p> <p><i>Peter Evans will highlight key findings of the study financed through ASCOBANS, as presented in AC18/Doc.6-04.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing the highlighted issues.</i></p>	<p>AC18/Doc.5-01 AC18/Doc.5-02 AC18/Doc.5-06 AC18/Doc.6-03 AC18/Doc.6-05 rev.1</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 4 defined</p>
<p>5.2 Review of New Information on Pollution and its Effects</p> <p><i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>The Pollutants Working Group will present its report to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>		<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 2 defined</p>
<p>5.2.1 Report of the Joint ECS/ASCOBANS/ACCOBAMS Workshop on Pollution (20 March 2011)</p> <p><i>The conveners of the workshop will report to the meeting on its outcomes and agreed follow-up.</i></p>	<p>AC18/Doc.5-03</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made</p>
<p>5.3 Review of New Information on the Extent of Negative Effects of Vessels and Other Forms of Disturbance</p> <p><i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>Peter Evans will highlight key findings of the study financed through ASCOBANS, as presented in AC18/Doc.6-04.</i></p> <p><i>Peter Evans will brief the meeting on key outcomes of the Joint IWC/ACCOBAMS Workshop on Ship Strikes.</i></p>	<p>AC18/Doc.5-08 AC18/Doc.6-04</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 3 defined</p>
<p>5.4 Extension of the Work of the Agreement into the new Agreement Area, incl. Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction</p> <p><i>Parties will be requested to present new information on the subject.</i></p>		<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 9 defined</p>

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<p>5.5 Report of the Informal Working Group on Large Cetaceans <i>The Convener of the informal working group will be given opportunity to brief the meeting on the information the group considered, key conservation issues identified and informal recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures.</i></p>	AC18/Doc.5-04 rev.1	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 10 defined
<p>6. Project Funding through ASCOBANS</p>		
<p>6.1 Progress of Supported Projects <i>The Secretariat will present an overview of the progress of projects funded through the Agreement. Parties and Partners will be given opportunity to speak to the progress or final results of their projects, unless already considered under other agenda items.</i></p>	AC18/Doc.6-01 AC18/Doc.6-03 AC18/Doc.6-04 AC18/Doc.6-05 rev.1 AC18/Doc.6-06	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 11 & 22 defined
<p>6.2 Selection and Prioritization of Projects for Future Support <i>The Secretariat will draw the meeting's attention to proposals received for projects to be funded through the Agreement. Parties and Partners will be given opportunity to speak to proposals they wish to highlight. The meeting will be asked to group the proposals in categories such as "very high priority", "high priority", "medium priority" or "not a priority / not suitable for funding".</i></p>	AC18/Doc.6-02	Proposals evaluated and prioritized Further action for TWPA 21 & 22 defined
<p>7. Relations with other Bodies <i>The Secretariat will highlight cooperation with other bodies since AC17, draw attention to the reports on the representation of ASCOBANS at relevant meetings. Parties and Partners will be invited to provide information. On behalf of HELCOM, Penina Blankett will present on the HELCOM-ASCOBANS harbour porpoise database and on the HELCOM Holistic Assessment of the Baltic Sea. Parties will be requested to provide guidance for collaboration with key organizations.</i></p>	AC18/Doc.7-01 AC18/Doc.7-04 AC18/Doc.7-05 AC18/Doc.7-06 AC18/Doc.7-07	Note taken and comments made Guidance for collaboration given Further action for TWPA 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38 & 39 defined
<p>7.1 Dates of Interest 2011/2012 <i>The meeting will be invited to consider the draft list of Dates of Interest, propose amendments and decide on representation at relevant meetings.</i></p>	AC18/Doc.7-02 rev.1	List finalised Representation at relevant meetings decided Further action for TWPA 36 & 37 defined

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7.2 Extension of the ACCOBAMS Agreement Area <i>The Secretariat will brief the meeting on the discussions at MOP4 of ACCOBAMS and the decision regarding the extension of the ACCOBAMS Agreement area. Guidance will be sought how to deal with the overlap area.</i>	AC18/Doc.7-03	Note taken and implications considered Guidance given
8. Any other Business <i>The Netherlands will be invited to update the meeting on the situation of the orca Morgan. Parties and Partners will be given opportunity to comment. Any other items flagged for discussion during item 1.1 will be addressed.</i>	AC18/Doc.8-01 AC18/Doc.8-02	Note taken and comments made
9. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Science and Conservation Session <i>The Secretariat will circulate a list of Points for Action and decisions of the Science and Conservation Session for comments and approval.</i>		List of Action Points adopted
10. Close of the Session		
11. Opening of the Administrative Session		
12. Adoption of the Agenda of the Administrative Session <i>The meeting will be invited to review the Provisional Agenda and to make any proposals for amendment prior to its adoption. Late items and topics to be discussed under item 14 may be suggested. Parties will also decide which, if any, agenda items should be discussed in closed session.</i>	AC18/Doc.1-02 AC18/Doc.1-03	Agenda adopted Decision on possible closed session made
13. Report of the Secretariat on Finance and Administrative Issues		
13.1 Administrative Issues <i>The Secretariat will present its administrative report for 2010/2011.</i>	AC18/Doc.13-01	Note taken and comments made
13.2 Accounts for 2010 <i>The Secretariat will present its budget report for 2010.</i>	AC18/Doc.13-02	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 18 defined

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14. Funding of Internal Activities		
14.1 List of Proposals Presented During the Meeting <i>The Secretariat will present a list of proposals for projects or activities requiring funding that were suggested during the meeting.</i> <i>Parties will be requested to select and prioritise the ones they would like to have supported.</i>		Proposals selected and prioritized Further action for TWPA 21 & 22 defined
14.2 Continuation of Funding of North Sea Plan Coordinator <i>Parties will be invited to make pledges for the continued funding of this consultancy after mid-2012. Funding for the first year has been kindly provided by Germany.</i>		Pledges for funding made
15. Evaluation of the Secretariat Arrangements <i>The Netherlands will present the preliminary evaluation of the Secretariat arrangements (as requested in MOP6 Res.5).</i> <i>The meeting will be invited to finalise the document, give guidance on any necessary follow-up and agree recommendations/lessons-learnt to be fed into the CMS Future Shape Process.</i>	AC18/Doc.15-01	Evaluation report finalised Guidance on follow-up given Recommendations/lessons-learnt for CMS agreed
16. Any other Administrative Issues <i>Any items flagged for discussion during item 12 will be addressed.</i>		
17. Date and Venue of the 19 th Meeting of the Advisory Committee in 2012 <i>Parties will be invited to come forward with offers to host the Advisory Committee Meeting in 2012. The meeting will be invited to provide guidance on suitable dates for AC19.</i> <i>Parties will also be encouraged to consider hosting the 7th Meeting of the Parties in 2012.</i>		Host for AC19 identified Suitable dates for AC19 identified Further action for TWPA 12 & 13 defined
18. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Administrative Session <i>The Secretariat will circulate a list of Points for Action and decisions of the Administrative Session for comments and approval.</i>		List of Action Points adopted
19. Close of Meeting		