

Internal List of Action Points of the 13th Meeting of the Jastarnia Group

- 1) **(JG12/AP8)** Jastarnia Group members should adopt a targeted approach to involving stakeholders such as fishermen and fisheries organizations. Jastarnia Group Members and the Secretariat should make efforts to encourage fisheries organizations to participate in the Jastarnia Group Meetings; on a case by case basis stakeholders such as fishermen are to be invited as experts. (internal)
- 2) **(JG12/AP56)** The Secretariat should alert those experts engaged in drafting the relevant section of the new national reporting format to include a question for Parties to “List relevant fisheries stakeholder bodies within your country” (internal)
- 3) **(JG12/AP6)** A small drafting group should develop briefing notes on ASCOBANS positions regarding bycatch, insofar as possible in consultation with the North Sea Group. These should be used by anyone representing ASCOBANS at Baltic Sea Advisory Council and other meetings of relevant EU and Baltic Sea bodies in order to maintain a consistent and appropriate approach. (internal)
- 4) **(JG12/AP44)** The Secretariat should remind Lithuania to designate a contact persons for the Baltic Harbour Porpoise Database operated by HELCOM (Lithuania). (internal)
- 5) **(JG12/AP47)** The Jastarnia Group should step up cooperation with the Working Group on Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management under the Baltic Sea Advisory Council. (internal)
- 6) **(JG12/AP16)** The Secretariat should alert those experts engaged in drafting the relevant section of the new national reporting format to include a question for Parties to submit, as they become available, all results on genetic, morphological and other biological research dealing with the stock identity of Baltic porpoises, including results from ongoing relevant studies. (internal)
- 7) **(JG12/AP29)** Based on a standardised reporting format, the Secretariat should ask Parties to provide information as to the definitions of the term ‘fisheries’, and rules and regulations applicable to the various types of fisheries in their national legislation. This information should be provided in time for the next JG meeting. (internal)
- 8) **(JG12/AP58)** The Secretariat will enquire with Parties regarding steps taken to develop their joint recommendations to the European Commission regarding the management of harbour porpoise SACs to minimize bycatch rates within these areas. (internal)
- 9) **NEW:** The Secretariat shall intersessionally draft and circulate for review Terms of Reference on the Coordinator, including the following high priority issues to be flagged up by the Parties intersessionally:
 - a. Represent ASCOBANS at meetings of the Regional Coordination Group which will develop the regional implementation of the Data Collection Framework (DCF), assuming this is practically feasible;
 - b. Review progress under the Jastarnia and WBBK Action Plans and make proposals for amending the Action Points in advance of the meetings of the Group;(internal)
- 10) **(JG12/AP52)** Parties, scientists and NGOs are requested to make the results of all relevant projects available to the ASCOBANS Secretariat. (internal)
- 11) **(JG12/AP54)** The Jastarnia Group shall intersessionally review the WBBK Plan in time for the 14th meeting of the Group to assess whether a formal revision is needed. (internal)
- 12) **NEW** Prioritize individual Action Points by Urgency and Importance from the 14th Meeting of the Jastarnia Group onwards, and consider applying this system to the other ASCOBANS Action Points. (internal)

13) **NEW** The Secretariat will update the Jastarnia Group at its future meetings on the negotiations and adoption of the Action Points at the most recent meeting of the Advisory Committee, highlighting why individual Action Points were amended or deleted. (internal)