

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1 Welcoming Remarks
 - 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda
 - 1.3 Opening of the **Scientific Session**
2. Review of New Information on Threats to Small Cetaceans (reporting cycle 2017 only)
 - 2.1 Bycatch
 - 2.1.1 Update on monitoring, mitigation and assessment of bycatch from the ICES Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC)
 - 2.1.2 Analysis of national reporting data
 - 2.1.3 Joint Working Group on Bycatch with ACCOBAMS
 - 2.1.4 Technical discussion on semi-driftnets
 - 2.1.5 Marine Stewardship Council
 - 2.1.6 A new web-based tool for seafood businesses to assess the environmental risk when sourcing fish
 - 2.1.7 Discussion and recommendations
 - 2.2 Resource depletion
 - 2.2.1 Analysis of national reporting data
 - 2.2.2 Prey depletion and changes in prey quality
 - 2.2.3 Discussion and recommendations
 - 2.3 Marine debris
 - 2.3.1 Analysis of national reporting data
 - 2.3.2 Discussion and recommendations
 - 2.4 Surveys and research
 - 2.4.1 Mapping distribution and abundance of small cetaceans in the agreement area
 - 2.4.2 Analysis of national reporting data
 - 2.4.3 Discussion and recommendations
 - 2.5 Use of bycatches and strandings
 - 2.5.1 Update on the new IWC Strandings Initiative
 - 2.5.2 Update on the new international database for marine mammal stranding and necropsy data
 - 2.5.3 Update on best practise guidelines for stranding events (ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS/ECS/IWC/RAC-SPA)
 - 2.5.4 Update on a new necropsy protocol
 - 2.5.5 Analysis of national reporting data
 - 2.5.6 Discussion and recommendations

3. Species Action Plans
 - 3.1 Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan)
 - 3.2 Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea
 - 3.3 Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise Population in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat
 - 3.4 Draft Conservation Plan for the Common Dolphin
 4. Special Species Session: Atlantic white-sided dolphin
 - 4.1 Introduction and Conservation Status
 - 4.2 Recommendations for Research and Conservation Action
 5. Follow-up from AC23 Special Species Session: white-beaked dolphin
 - 5.1 Updated status information
 - 5.2 Recommendations for Research and Conservation Action
 6. Status of small cetaceans in the Irish and Celtic Seas
 7. Status of small cetaceans in the North-East Atlantic extension area (Portugal & Spain)
 8. Relevant EU Policy matters
 9. Cooperation with other Bodies
 - 9.1 Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners
 - 9.2 (moved to 2.1.5)
 - 9.3 Cooperation and Joint Initiatives with CMS
 - 9.4 Dates of Interest 2018/2019
 10. Publicity and Outreach
 - 10.1 Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners
 11. Funding of Projects and Activities
 - 11.1 Progress of Projects Supported by ASCOBANS
 - 11.1.1 Web-accessed database for Marine Mammal Stranding and Necropsy Data (see 2.5.2)
 - 11.1.2 BALHAB
 - 11.2 Prioritization of Activities Requiring Funding
 12. Any other Business
 13. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Scientific Session
 14. Close of the Session
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15. Opening of the **Institutional Session**

16. Accession and Agreement Amendment

17. Development of the National Reporting Format covering 2018 (whale watching, recreational sea use, pollution, ship strikes, climate change, physical habitat change, MPAs and education)

18. Financial and Administrative Issues

18.1 Administrative Issues

18.2 Accounts for 2017 and 2018

19. Project Funding

19.1 Project Plan on the Coordination of Harbour Porpoise Action Plans

20. Any other Institutional Issues

21. Date and Venue of the 25th Meeting of the Advisory Committee

22. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Institutional Session

23. Close of Meeting