

Agenda Item 5

Follow-up from AC23 Special Species
Session: White-Beaked Dolphin

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**Draft Data Request for White Beaked
Dolphin**

Action Requested

- Take note
- Comment

Submitted by

Secretariat



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

Secretariat's Note

The Rules of Procedure adopted at the ASCOBANS 8th Meeting of Parties remain in force until and unless an amendment is called for and adopted.

Draft Data Request for White-beaked dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus albirostris*)

2012-2017

As discussed at the 23rd ASCOBANS Advisory Committee there is an urgent need to monitor and report on the status of White-beaked dolphin populations in the agreement area in order to make policy recommendations (see [presentation](#)). A draft data request has been developed in line with AC23 Action Point 10 stating “The Secretariat is to work with Peter Evans to prepare a data request to Parties and Non-Parties on white-beaked dolphins for presentation at AC24. The Secretariat shall invite relevant organizations to contribute further data to this process”. The following data request is to cover a 5-year period from 2012-2017. Parties, Non-Parties and other relevant organizations shall have 3 months to collate the information requested.

1. Have any studies been undertaken in the past 5 years in your country on white-beaked dolphin population structure? *If so, please summarise the findings and include a reference to any relevant publication.*
2. Do you have any recent abundance estimates for your country's EEZ? *If so, what is the estimate, its CV, 95% CI, the area and date to which it applies?*
3. Any new information on diet, life history (age at sexual maturity, inter-calf intervals, etc)?
4. Can you identify any specific human threats that you believe may be having a negative impact on the species? *Summarise the evidence.*
5. How many white-beaked dolphins are known to have been by-caught in each of the last five years? *Please provide the information in tabular format.*
6. How many strandings of white-beaked dolphins have you had in your country in each of the last five years? *If necropsies have been undertaken, please give the statistics on causes of death.*

The reports submitted will inform discussions and decision-making at the 25th Meeting of the Advisory Committee, which will be held in September 2019.