

Agenda Item 11

Funding of Projects and Activities

Prioritization of Activities Requiring
Funding

Document 11.2

Activities Requiring Funding

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.

Activities Requiring Funding

1. Many activities identified or endorsed by Parties require funding for their completion. The table below indicates the urgent need for additional voluntary contributions in order to be able to progress the implementation of the Agreement's work programme.
2. Unfunded activities of the ASCOBANS Work Plan, or addressing requests of the AC and its working groups, that would be feasible to implement in the coming months if funding were available, would require approximately €96,615 (incl. € 11,115 PSC).

ASCOBANS WORK PROGRAMME

Initiative	Estimated costs (€)
Long-term Coordination of Harbour Porpoise Action Plans	
See AC24/Doc.3.0 (draft project plan for the long-term coordination of the Harbour Porpoise Action Plans) for details.	
Mandate:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOP6 Resolution No. 1 (Adoption and Implementation of the Jastarnia and North Sea Plans) • AC18 • AC23: Terms of Reference for a Coordinator of Harbour Porpoise Action Plans (Annex 7, AC23 report) 	
Coordinator (for one year in 2019)	25,000
Estimated Total	25,000
13% UNEP PSC	3,250
Funding Required	28,250

Initiative	Estimated costs (€)
Development of the 2019 National Reporting Questionnaire	
Resolution 8.1 on National Reporting has set the schedule for reporting from 2016 onwards, whereby Parties continue to report annually focussing on a select number of sub-items. All together the annual reports from one MOP cycle will make up one full national report.	
Funds are currently needed to develop the questionnaire for national reporting covering 2018 (to be submitted by March 2019) which will cover the following issues (in line with Resolution 8.1): Cetacean Watching Industry, Recreational Sea Use, Other Sources of Disturbance, Ship Strikes, Climate Change, Physical Habitat Change, Other Issues, List of	

Protected Areas, Webpage/Contact where spatial information on MPAs can be obtained, Education & Outreach.

Experience from the past two national reporting cycles in 2017 and 2018 suggests that at the very least a dedicated expert workshop is required to produce a suitable questionnaire, which not only allows to measure the level of implementation in the ASCOBANS Parties but also takes into account the complexities of reporting under other legal instruments ensuring that reporting is done in synergy.

Furthermore, Resolution 8.1 requests that the data collected should lend itself to statistical analysis as far as possible. Given this complexity it would also be advisable to have a dedicated consultant for developing the 2019 national reporting questionnaire.

This activity is very urgent, not least given that by January 2019 a new questionnaire for the 2018 report will be needed, to allow Parties to submit their reports by 31 March 2019.

Mandate:

- **MOP8 Resolution 1 (National Reporting)**
- **MOP8 Resolution 2 (Work Plan)**

Consultant to develop professional, analytical online reporting form and to conduct data analysis of data collected	16,000
Dedicated 2-day workshop for developing the 2019 (covering 2018) national reporting questionnaire	15,000
13% UNEP PSC	4,030
Funding Required	35,030

Initiative	Estimated costs (€)
Revision of Harbour Porpoise Action Plans	
<p>Three harbour porpoise action plans have been adopted by ASCOBANS Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan) was first elaborated in 2002. In 2009, a revised and updated version was adopted by MOP6. In 2016, the Jastarnia Plan was updated and adopted at MOP8. • The Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea was also adopted in 2009 (MOP6). • In 2012, the Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise Population in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat (WBBK) was adopted by MOP7. <p>All three plans foresee regular reviews and revisions. The Jastarnia Plan has just been updated. Subsequent meetings of the Jastarnia Group have repeatedly discussed an intersessional review of the WBBK Plan, but thus far there has been no recommendation to revise the plan. The 14th Meeting of the Jastarnia Group in March 2018 noted that no decision should be taken until the progress report on WBBK implementation was available at AC24 (AC24/Doc.3.3).</p>	

The North Sea Plan speaks of periodic reviews being essential in order to “adjust the actions to the diverse changes that can occur, either in response to the results of the monitoring of the conservation plan actions themselves or to changing external factors.”

At AC24 progress reports are available to assess implementation of the three Harbour Porpoise Action Plans (AC24/Doc.3.1.b, AC24/Doc.3.2.b, AC24/Doc.3.3), thanks to the presence of a Coordinator for the Harbour Porpoise Action Plans. Based upon this information the Advisory Committee should be in a good position to assess the need for revision. The figures below illustrate a hypothetical situation whereby the AC24 recommends the revision of two plans.

Mandate:

- **MOP6 Resolution 1 (Adoption and Implementation of the Jastarnia and North Sea Plans)**
- **MOP7 Resolution 1 (Conservation of Harbour Porpoises and Adoption of a Conservation Plan for the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and Kattegat)**

Consultant to review and revise two plans	16,000
13% UNEP PSC	2,080
Funding Required	18,080

Initiative	Estimated costs (€)
Further Development of Children’s Pages on ASCOBANS Website	
<p>Following endorsement by AC19, the Secretariat with the help of interns, a consultant and in in collaboration with Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC) and supported with funds from the voluntary contribution of Germany for 2013 had developed and launched a children’s website, www.kids.ascobans.org.</p> <p>While basic content is online, further enhancements are necessary, including interactive features and games, in order to make the website as attractive as possible to the target audience. In addition, in line with the Agreement’s mandate translations are necessary in order to reach children throughout the Agreement Area.</p>	
Mandate:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOP8 Resolution No. 2 (Work Plan) 	
Development of interactive features	5,000
Translation (per language)	5,000
Estimated Total	10,000
13% UNEP PSC	1,300
Funding Required	11,300

Initiative	Estimated costs (€)
(Re-)Prints of Outreach and Information Material	
<p>Regular revision and/or reprinting of ASCOBANS outreach and information material (see MOP Resolution 8.2) is necessary in order to be able to inform the public and stakeholders about our work and our mandate.</p> <p>Material will be (re-)produced depending on availability of funds. Therefore, the figures given below are only a rough indication.</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOP8 Resolution No. 2 (Work Plan) 	
Minor revisions and reprinting	3,500
13% UNEP PSC	455
Funding Required	3,955