

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Welcome and announcements
 - 1.2. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Implementation review: Bycatch
 - 2.1. Implementation of existing regulations on bycatch of cetaceans (Action 2)
 - 2.2. Establishment of bycatch observation programmes (Action 3)
 - 2.3. Regular evaluation of all fisheries with respect to extent of harbour porpoise bycatch (Action 4)
 - 2.4. Review of current pingers, development of alternative pingers and gear modifications (Action 5)
 - 2.5. Finalize a management procedure approach for determining maximum allowable bycatch limits in the region (Action 6)
3. Implementation review: Research
 - 3.1. Monitoring trends in distribution and abundance of harbour porpoises in the region (Action 7)
 - 3.2. Review of the stock structure of harbour porpoises in the region (Action 8)
 - 3.3. Collection of incidental porpoise catch data through stranding networks (Action 9)
 - 3.4. Investigation of the health, nutritional status and diet of harbour porpoises (Action 10)
 - 3.5. Investigation of the effects of anthropogenic sounds on harbour porpoises (Action 11)
 - 3.6. Collection and archiving of data on anthropogenic activities and development of a GIS (Action 12)
4. Other activities contributing to the conservation of the Harbour Porpoise in the North Sea
 - 4.1. Update on the implementation of the Habitats Directive and actions of the European Commission relevant for the Harbour Porpoise Conservation Plan
 - 4.2. Update on marine mammal indicators from an OSPAR perspective
 - 4.3. New Surveys
 - 4.4. Update from the Wadden Sea
5. Overall progress in the implementation of the Conservation Plan (Action 1)
 - 5.1. Review of the proposed criteria for assessment of progress for the different actions
 - 5.2. Review of the Conservation Plan Actions 2020
6. Liaison with other organizations
7. Review of Recommendations from the North Sea Group
8. Consideration of special topics for the next Progress Report and NSG Meeting
9. Planned review of the Conservation Plan
10. Any other business
11. Next Meeting of the North Sea Group
12. Close of the Meeting