

Agenda Item 1.2

Opening of the Meeting

Adoption of the Agenda

Document 1.2b

Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule

Action Requested

- Review
- Adopt

Submitted by

Secretariat



Note: Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their own document copies to the meeting, if needed.

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

09:00-18:00 CEST

Time	Agenda Item	Related Work Plan Activity / AC Action Point	Documents	Expected Outcomes
08:30	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>Registration will be open from 08:30 outside the meeting room, sign-posted at the venue. The venue is the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), Robert-Schuman-Platz 3, 53175 Bonn. Please bring your passport / national ID to gain access to the venue. The meeting room is up the stairs, sign-posted from the lobby.</i></p>			
09:00	<p>1. Opening of the Meeting</p> <p>The Meeting will be opened at 09:00 CEST on Tuesday 26 September 2023.</p>			
	<p>1.1. Welcoming Remarks</p> <p>Melanie Virtue, ASCOBANS Secretariat, will give welcoming remarks.</p>			
	<p>1.2. Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p>Katarzyna Kaminska, Chair of the Advisory Committee, will invite the Meeting to review the Provisional Agenda and the Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Late topics to be discussed under agenda item 11 and 20 (Any Other Scientific / Institutional Issues) may be suggested. The establishment of working groups may be proposed at this point or as the relevant item is discussed.</p>	<p>WPA73: Tailor the agenda for each of the meetings of the Advisory Committee to reflect the topics selected for the previous year's national reports.</p>	<p>Doc.1.2a Provisional Agenda</p> <p>Doc.1.2b Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule</p> <p>Inf.1.2a List of Documents</p> <p>Inf.1.2b Provisional List of Participants</p>	<p>Agenda adopted.</p> <p>Working Groups established if needed.</p>
	<p>1.3. Rules of Procedure</p> <p>The Chair will draw the Meeting's attention to the Rules of Procedure. The Rules of Procedure for the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee, adopted at the 8th Meeting of the Parties (2016) with an annex adopted at the 26th Meeting of the Advisory Committee (2021), remain in force unless an amendment is called for.</p>		<p>Doc.1.3 ROP</p>	

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	<p>1.4. Opening of the Scientific Session The Secretariat will provide guidance on formulation of the action points and recommendations from the Meeting.</p>			Note taken.
09:30	<p>2. Review of New Information on Threats and Other Issues to Small Cetaceans The Secretariat will present an overview of the 'High-level Summary of Key Messages' submitted in the 2022 ASCOBANS National Reports. Topics for 2022 reporting were designated as per Resolution 8.1 (Rev.MOP9). Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information, in addition to what was submitted in the National Reports.</p>	<p>WPA72: Make full use of the information submitted in order to assess progress in the implementation of the Agreement and make recommendations to Parties. WPA78: Present to Parties [...] a compilation of Annual National Reports.</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Inf.2 Summary Compilation of the 2022 National Reports Res.8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting</p>	Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.
	<p>2.1. Cetacean watching industry The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data. Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA10: Review new information on the cetacean watching industry, impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Res.8.9 Cumulative Impacts</p>	Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.
	<p>2.2. Recreational sea use The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data. Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA11: Review new information on recreational sea use, impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action. AC27/AP18: [...] WG to provide guidance materials [...] on the best ways to mitigate impacts in light of rapid increases in recreational speed craft [...]</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Res.8.9 Cumulative Impacts</p>	Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.
	<p>2.3. Other sources of disturbance The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data. Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on new sources of disturbance, not covered by Resolution 8.1 (Rev.MOP9), that could be a threat to small cetaceans.</p>	<p>WPA12: Review new information on other sources of disturbance, impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Res.8.9 Cumulative Impacts, Res.5.4 Adverse Effects</p>	Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.

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11:00	<p>2.4. Pollution and hazardous substances (incl. microplastics) The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data. Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on species' biological information, monitoring programmes, and other research.</p>	<p>WPA15: Review new information on other forms of pollution and hazardous substances, and their impacts on small cetaceans and cetacean habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Inf.2.4 Persistent Chemicals Inf.2.4b Toxic Tides Res.8.9 Cumulative Impacts, Res.8.7 PCBs, Res.7.4 Chemical Pollution, Res.5.7 Research</p>	<p>Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p>2.5. Ship strikes The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data. Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA16: Review new information on ship strikes and their impacts on small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Res.8.9 Cumulative Impacts, Res.5.4 Adverse Effects</p>	<p>Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p>2.6. Climate change (incl. ocean acidification) The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data. Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA17: Review new information on climate change and ocean acidification, and the impacts these have on small cetaceans, as for example distribution, habitat, and prey. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Res.8.9 Cumulative Impacts</p>	<p>Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p>2.7. Physical habitat change The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data. Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA18: Review new information on physical habitat change, e.g. from construction, and its impacts on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Res.8.9 Cumulative Impacts, Res.6.2 Offshore Construction, Res.5.7 Research</p>	<p>Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p>2.8. Other issues related to habitat change and degradation (incl. potential physical impacts) The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data. Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA19: Review new information on any other issues, including emerging issues posing a potential threat, and the impact they have on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports Res.8.9 Cumulative Impacts</p>	<p>Note taken. Action Points / Recommendations suggested.</p>

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12:30	Lunch break 1 hour			
13:30	<p>2.9. MPAs and other protected areas, e.g. Natura2000 sites</p> <p>The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data.</p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA22: Review best practice approaches to management of marine protected areas for small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports</p> <p>Res.5.7 Research</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Action Points / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p>2.10. Education and outreach</p> <p>The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data.</p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the topic.</p>		<p>NR.1-10 National Reports</p> <p>Res.5.8 Educational Activities</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Action Points / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p>2.11. Other</p> <p>The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the issues raised in 2022 National Reports regarding 'Other Matters'.</p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on any threats to small cetaceans not covered above. Those submitting documents on any threats to small cetaceans not covered above will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</p> <p>Anita Gilles, Invited Expert, will brief the meeting on the SCANS IV results.</p> <p>Kylie Owen, Sweden, will provide an update on the SAMBAH II project.</p> <p>Anne-Marie Svoboda, The Netherlands, will provide an update on the CIBBRiNA project.</p>	<p>WPA19: Review new information on any other issues, including emerging issues posing a potential threat, and the impact they have on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p> <p>AC27/AP6: Secretariat to put SCANS and SAMBAH on the agenda of each AC meeting. This would facilitate preparations for future surveys, lessons learned on practical and analytical considerations, and reporting on results.</p> <p>AC26/AP21: All Parties and Non-Parties bordering the Baltic Sea are strongly encouraged to support SAMBAH-II [...]</p>	<p>NR.1-10 National Reports</p>	<p>Note taken.</p>
16:00	3. Species Action Plans			
	<p>3.1. Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan)</p> <p>Ida Carlén, Chair of the Jastarnia Group, will present an update on activities of the group, the most recent meeting (20-22 March 2023) including the draft Action Points, and the progress report for the Jastarnia Plan.</p>	<p>WPA24: Evaluate progress in the implementation of the [...] Jastarnia Plan, establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review.</p> <p>AC26/AP20: Parties to fulfil Article 12 of the EU Habitats Directive by</p>	<p>Doc.3.1 JG19 Action Points</p> <p>Inf.3.1a Progress Report</p> <p>Inf.3.1b Threats to Baltic Proper harbour porpoise</p> <p>Inf.3.1c What If Pingers Are Not an Option?</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>JG19 Action Points adopted.</p>

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	Katarzyna Kamińska , Poland, will present a document of the HELCOM Working Group on Biodiversity, Protection and Restoration (WG BioDiv) regarding Action B8 of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) Action	implementing strict protection against bycatch in the entire range of the harbour porpoise populations in the Baltic and WBBK areas [...]	Inf.3.1d On the Road to Extinction Res.8.3 Rev Jastarnia Plan, Res.6.1 Jastarnia & North Sea Plans, Res.9.2 Baltic Proper HP	
	3.2. Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoises Population in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat (WBBK Plan) Ida Carlén , Chair of the Jastarnia Group, will present the progress report for the WBBK Plan	WPA26: Evaluate progress in the implementation of the [WBBK Plan], establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan.	Inf.3.2 WBBK Plan Progress Report Res.7.1 WBBK Plan	Note taken.
	3.3. Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea (North Sea Plan) Peter Evans , Chair of the North Sea Group, will present an update on activities of the group, the most recent meeting (14-15 February 2023).	WPA25: Evaluate progress in the implementation of the [North Sea Plan], establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan [...] and promote the implementation of the Plan.	Inf.3.3 Priority Recommendations from NSG11 Res.6.1 Jastarnia & North Sea Plans	Note taken.
18:00	End of Day 1			

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2023

09:00-18:00 CEST

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09:00	3. Species Action Plans <i>(continued)</i>			
	<p>3.3. Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea (North Sea Plan) <i>(continued)</i></p> <p>Sinéad Murhpy, Invited Expert, will present a draft of the revised North Sea Plan. The Meeting will be invited to provide any feedback, in order for the document to be finalized for MOP10.</p>	<p>WPA25: Evaluate progress in the implementation of the [North Sea Plan], establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan [...] and promote the implementation of the Plan.</p>	<p>Doc.3.3 North Sea Plan – Draft Revision Res.6.1 Jastarnia & North Sea Plans</p>	<p>Note taken. Feedback given.</p>
	<p>3.4. Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin</p> <p>Sinéad Murphy, Co-chair of the Steering Group of the Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin, will provide an update on activities and the most recent meeting (15-16 November 2022).</p>	<p>WPA27: Evaluate progress in the implementation of the SAP for the NE Atlantic Common Dolphin, promote its ongoing implementation, establish further priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan.</p>	<p>Inf.3.4 Recommendations from CDG3 Res.8.4 (Rev.MOP9) Common Dolphin SAP</p>	<p>Note taken.</p>
	4. Special Species Session			
	<p>4.1. Risso’s dolphin</p> <p>Peter Evans, Invited Expert, will present population status and structure, distribution, abundance, life history, threats and pressures, the conservation status, and recommendations for research and conservation actions regarding the Risso’s dolphin.</p>	<p>WPA53: Arrange for a special session dealing with a species selected by the previous meeting at each meeting of the Advisory Committee, covering [...] and recommendations for research and conservation actions.</p>		<p>Note taken.</p>
	<p>4.2. Striped dolphin</p> <p><i>As the Secretariat did not receive confirmation for an expert to give this presentation, this session will be moved to the 29th Meeting of the Advisory Committee (2025).</i></p>			<p>Session moved to AC29.</p>
11:00	<p>5. Relevant EU Policy Matters</p> <p>The Meeting will have an opportunity to discuss any relevant updates on implementation and development of the EU nature, marine, and fisheries policies relevant to ASCOBANS.</p>	<p>WPA62: Identify priorities and complementarity and improve cooperation between ASCOBANS and institutions of the European Union.</p>		<p>Note taken. Priorities and complementarity identified.</p>

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	<p>Kenneth Patterson, European Commission, will present the EU action plan to protect marine ecosystems for sustainable fisheries.</p>			
	<p>6. Cooperation with Other Bodies</p>			
	<p>6.1. Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners The Secretariat will highlight key areas of collaboration with partners during the past year. Parties and Partners will be invited to present their reports, taking into account any relevant Work Plan activities.</p>	<p>WPA63: Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of the CMS Family on all issues of mutual interest. WPA64: Seek to cooperate closely with ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS, UNEP and other relevant organizations [...] WPA67: Seek to strengthen collaboration with civil society organizations and NGOs.</p>	<p>Inf.6.1 Reports from Relevant Meetings</p>	<p>Note taken.</p>
	<p>6.2. Dates of Interest 2023-2024 The Secretariat will seek comments on the draft list of Dates of Interest. The Meeting will be requested to inform about (tentative) representation at relevant meetings.</p>	<p>WPA69: Compile a list of Dates of Interest and report back on issues relevant to ASCOBANS to each meeting of the AC. This requires participants at meetings identified in the list to confirm their attendance by email to the Secretariat [...]. WPA70: Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the AC allow for it, ensure proper representation at meetings of other relevant organizations.</p>	<p>Doc.6.2 Draft Dates of Interest</p>	<p>Relevant meetings listed and representation indicated.</p>
<p>12:00</p>	<p>7. Publicity and Outreach</p>			
	<p>7.1. Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners The Secretariat will present its recent outreach report. Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</p>	<p>WPA45: Support annual celebration of the IDBHP on the 3rd Sunday in May. WPA47: Take advantage of attendance at other fora to give presentations or make information available on topics related to ASCOBANS. WPA48: Report on communication and outreach matters to the AC.</p>	<p>Doc.7.1 Outreach Activities Res.5.8 Educational and Promotional Activities</p>	<p>Note taken.</p>
	<p>7.2. ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award 2024 The Secretariat will inform the meeting of the process for the presentation of the Award. The Meeting will be invited to form</p>	<p>WPA46: Facilitate presentation of the ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award at MOP10.</p>	<p>Doc.7.2 Outreach Award 2024</p>	<p>Note taken. Jury formed.</p>

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	a jury to select the winner. Nominations can for candidates for the Award can be made until 31 January 2024.			
12:30	Lunch break 1 hour			
13:30	8. Projects and Activities Supported by ASCOBANS	WPA61: Develop funding arrangements for projects prioritized by the AC & MOP.		Note taken.
	8.1. Scoping the Development of a European Marine Strandings Database Andrew Brownlow , Invited Expert, will present the outcomes of the relevant workshop (16 April 2023), and a proposal for way forward in developing the database for the consideration of the Advisory Committee.	AC27/AP7: Regarding the web-accessed database for marine mammal strandings and necropsy data [...] WPA55: Organize workshops including at the annual conferences of the ECS on topics of priority interest to ASCOBANS, funding permitting.	Doc.8.1 Scoping the development of a strandings database	Note taken. Guidance given.
14:30	8.2. Small Cetacean Conservation Objectives in Relation to Anthropogenic Removals Peter Evans , Chair of the workshop, will present the outcomes of the <i>Workshop to recommend small cetacean conservation objectives in relation to anthropogenic removals</i> (24-25 April and 16-17 May 2023), and the proposed conservation objectives.	WPA4: Review whether the following remain appropriate, bearing in mind the overall objective of the Agreement to achieve and maintain a favourable conservation status for small cetaceans, as well as relevant regulations and work carried out under those, and to make recommendations to Parties as appropriate [...]	Doc.8.2 Conservation Objectives Inf.8.2 Technical Guidance Document Res.8.5 (Rev.MOP9) Bycatch	Note taken. Guidance given.
16:00	8.3. Developing Guidelines for Cetacean-friendly Marine Spatial Planning Aline Kühl-Stenzel , Chair of the Intersessional Working Group on developing MSP guidelines, will introduce the topic. Cormac Walsh , Invited Expert, will present the draft document.	AC26/AP16: The Secretariat to establish an intersessional WG to elaborate on how to best develop guidelines for cetacean-friendly MSP and a draft resolution for MOP10. [...] Secretariat to seek voluntary contributions (to recruit a consultant to develop the guidelines).	Doc.8.3 Draft Guidelines	Note taken. Guidance given.
17:00	8.4. Workshop: Current Cetacean Bycatch Issues in European Waters Peter Evans , Co-chair of the Joint Bycatch Working Group of ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS, will brief the meeting about the <i>Workshop on Current Cetacean Bycatch Issues in European Waters</i> (17 April 2023).	WPA55: Organize workshops including at the annual conferences of the ECS on topics of priority interest to ASCOBANS, funding permitting.		Note taken.

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	<p>8.5. ASCOBANS-ACCOBAMS Marine Debris Workshop: New and Emerging Aspects Mark Simmonds, Chair of the above-mentioned workshop, will present the outcomes of the <i>ASCOBANS-ACCOBAMS Marine Debris Workshop: New and Emerging Aspects</i> (15 April 2023).</p>	<p>WPA55: Organize workshops including at the annual conferences of the ECS on topics of priority interest to ASCOBANS, funding permitting.</p>	<p>Inf.8.5 Workshop Recommendations</p>	<p>Note taken.</p>
	<p>8.6. Prediction of the Cochlear Frequency Maps of Harbour Porpoise Maria Morell, Invited Expert, will present the outcomes of the project.</p>	<p>AC26/AP50: The AC agreed to allocate funding for the following activities [...]</p>	<p>Inf.8.6 Project report</p>	<p>Note taken.</p>
	<p>8.7. Other updates The Secretariat will brief the Meeting on the status of other projects and activities supported through ASCOBANS.</p>			<p>Note taken.</p>
<p>18:00</p>	<p>End of Day 2</p>			

DAY 3 - THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

09:00-18:00 CEST

Time	Agenda Item	Related Work Plan Activity / AC Action Point	Documents	Expected Outcomes
09:00	<p>9. ASCOBANS Work Plan: Overview of Implementation</p> <p>The Secretariat will present an overview of progress made on implementation of the ASCOBANS Work Plan 2021-2024 to date.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to review the document, and to provide additional updates and guidance where required.</p>	<p>WPA77: Support Parties, Range States and Agreement bodies in implementing this Work Plan, in so far as primary responsibility does not lie with the Secretariat.</p>	<p>Doc.9 Overview of Work Plan implementation</p> <p>Res.9.1 Work Plan 2021-2024</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Guidance given.</p>
	<p>10. Draft Resolutions for 10th Meeting of the Parties</p> <p>The Secretariat will present a preliminary list of proposed Resolutions to be submitted to the 10th Meeting of the Parties (MOP10), scheduled to be held in 2024.</p> <p>The Meeting is requested to provide feedback and to suggest topics for potential Resolutions. It should be noted that the deadline for draft Resolutions is 90 days before MOP.</p>	<p>WPA68: Consider the relationship of ASCOBANS to other organizations [...], in order to identify potential duplication or gaps in efforts. Any observations to be communicated to MOP10 in the form of a draft resolution.</p> <p>AC26/AP15: The Secretariat to include in the agenda of AC28, the subject of ecosystem-based approach to examine the effects of pressures on small cetaceans, with a view to having a draft resolution to be presented to MOP10.</p> <p>AC26/AP35: The Secretariat to establish a drafting group to develop a resolution on Beaked Whales [...]</p>		<p>Feedback provided.</p>
	<p>11. Any Other Scientific Issues</p> <p>Any topics flagged for discussion during agenda item 1.2. will be addressed.</p>		<p>Inf.11 Mindful Conservation</p>	
10:00	<p>19. Managing workload and expectations around Working Groups</p> <p>An indication of the necessity of ASCOBANS as a forum to address the conservation challenges facing small cetaceans in the Agreement Area is that Parties have steadily increased the number of activities for the Secretariat to administer. The Meeting will be invited to consider the number of new</p>	<p>WPA50: Undertake a work prioritization exercise, involving ranking the different activities of the Work Plan how the AC sees fit.</p> <p>WPA54: Organize meetings of regional working groups [...] at intervals defined in each group's TOR.</p>	<p>Doc.19 Managing workload & expectations around WGs</p>	

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	requests for workshops and WGs arising at this and future meetings.	WPA55: Organize workshops including at the annual conferences of the ECS on topics of priority interest [...]		
11:00	<p>12. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Scientific Session</p> <p>The Secretariat will present a draft list of Action Points and Recommendations generated at the Meeting, for approval and adoption.</p>		In-session: Draft List of Action Points and Recommendations of the Scientific Session	Action Points and Recommendations adopted.
12:30	Lunch break 1 hour			
13:30	<p>12. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Scientific Session (<i>continued</i>)</p>			
	13. Close of the Scientific Session			
	14. Opening of the Institutional Session			
14:30	<p>15. Status of Accession and Acceptance of the Agreement's Amendment</p> <p>The Secretariat will present the status of accession and acceptance of the amendment to the meeting. Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment will be invited to inform the Meeting on the progress made.</p>	WPA75: Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement.	Inf.15 Status of Accession	Note taken.
	<p>16. National Reporting Form</p> <p>The Secretariat will present amendment suggestions to the National Report (NR) questions.</p> <p>Parties will have an opportunity to provide feedback on all the questions in the National Report form, covering all topics listed in Resolution 8.1 (Rev.MOP9).</p> <p>All the topics will in the next National Report form, that Parties will be asked to use to submit their reports to MOP10 – see Inf.16 which lists all the questions.</p>	<p>WPA71: Identify and, where possible, address any issues that Parties might encounter regarding [...] the NR.</p> <p>AC26/AP18: The Secretariat, with the input of Parties, to amend the relevant questions in the MSP section of the National Report with regards to species-specific provisions, and threats to cetaceans being managed through MSP; and on performance against HELCOM-VASAB key elements for applying the ecosystem-based approach in MSP.</p>	<p>Doc.16 Proposed amendments to NR regarding MSP</p> <p>Inf.16 2022 National Report Form</p> <p>Res.8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting</p>	Note taken. NR question on MSP revised.
15:00	17. Financial and Administrative Issues			

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	17.1. Administrative Issues The Secretariat will present its report to the Meeting.	WPA58: Report on budgetary and administrative issues to the Advisory Committee.	Doc.17.1 Report on Admin Issues 2022-2023	Note taken. Guidance provided.
	17.2. End of Term Report on Budgetary Issues 2022 The Secretariat will present its reports to the Meeting.	WPA58: Report on budgetary and administrative issues to the Advisory Committee.	Doc.17.2 End of Term Budget Report 2022	Note taken.
	17.3. Mid-term Report on Budgetary Issues 2023 The Secretariat will present its reports to the Meeting.	WPA58: Report on budgetary and administrative issues to the Advisory Committee.	Doc.17.3 Mid-Term Budget Report 2023	Note taken.
16:00	18. Prioritisation of Activities Requiring Funding The Secretariat will inform the Meeting about the financial needs for the implementation of activities agreed or suggested by the Advisory Committee, including its Working Groups. The Meeting will be invited to prioritise a list of activities that require funding. The Meeting will also be invited to pledge funds for the prioritised activities.	WPA36: Prepare for each meeting of the Advisory Committee an overview of approved activities requiring funding. WPA60: Encourage Parties and partner organisations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritised by the AC or outreach initiatives.	Doc.18 Activities Requiring Funding	Priority order for activities agreed. Funding assigned / pledged to prioritised activities.
	20. Any Other Institutional Issues			
	21. Date and Venue of the 10th Meeting of the Parties and the 29th Meeting of the Advisory Committee Parties will be invited to make offers for hosting MOP10 in 2024. According to current agreement, AC29 would take place online in 2025. The Meeting will be invited to give guidance on suitable dates, to be considered in conjunction with other meetings listed in Doc.6.2.	WPA57: Seek to secure a host for MOP10 at least a year in advance of the meeting; otherwise arrange for it to be held in Bonn.	Doc.6.2 Dates of Interest	MOP10 host identified. Dates for MOP10 and AC29 agreed.
17:00	22. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Institutional Session The Secretariat will present a draft list of action points and recommendations for approval.		In-session: Draft list of Action Points and Recommendations of the Institutional Session	Action Points and Recommendations adopted.
18:00	23. Close of the Meeting The Meeting is expected to close by 18:00 on Thursday 28 September 2023.			