

Agenda Item 14.3, 14.4.3

Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial
Work Plan (2007-2009)

Review of New Information on Bycatch and other
Causes of Mortality,
Review of New Information on Population
Distribution, Sizes and Structures

Format for Reporting

Document 23

**Draft Reporting Format to Review New
Information on Cetacean Population Size,
Distribution, Structure and Causes of
Mortality in the ASCOBANS Area**

Action Requested

- take note and comment
- decide on a suitable reporting format

Submitted by

AC Chair



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

Secretariat's Note

This draft was produced by the AC Chair as a basis for discussion at the 15th Meeting of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee. This work was requested by AC 14 (Annex 6 of the Report, Work Plan Activity 7) in order to help Parties to decide on a suitable reporting format for new information on cetacean population size, distribution, structure and causes of mortality.

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	Including aspects such as	Species covered	Area (coordinates; km² covered; habitat characteristics)	Period covered	Methods (e.g. visual or acoustic surveys; mark-recapture; telemetry; post-mortem analysis of bycatches and strandings)	Results	Source (e.g. scientists; institutions; reports; publications)
Population size	Density, absolute estimate, trend						
Distribution	Seasonality, movements, habitat use						
Structure	Age, recruitment, proportion of calves, genetic population structure						
Causes of mortality	Health status, reproductive status, toxin loads						