

### Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item	Documents	Expected Outcomes
<p>1. Opening of the Meeting</p> <p><i>The Meeting will be opened at 9.30am on Tuesday, 20 March 2012. The Secretariat will make introductory remarks.</i></p> <p><i>Opening Statements may be submitted in writing only in order to save time. They will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>A Jury for the 4<sup>th</sup> ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award will be formed.</i></p>		
<p>1.1 Adoption of the Agenda of the <b>Science and Conservation Session</b></p> <p><i>The Secretariat will introduce the Rules of Procedure proposed for AC19 and invite comments. The Chair will invite the meeting to review the Provisional Agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.</i></p> <p><i>Late items and topics to be discussed under item 9 may be suggested. The establishment of working groups already foreseen may be proposed.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to decide whether they wish the administrative session to be generally open to observers and release the documents.</i></p>	<p>Doc.1-01 rev.2</p> <p>Doc.1-02</p> <p>Doc.1-03 rev.1</p> <p>Indicative Timetable</p>	<p>Rules of Procedure adopted</p> <p>Agenda adopted</p> <p>Timetable endorsed</p> <p>Decision on release of documents for Administrative Session made</p>
<p>2. Annual National Reports 2011</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present highlights of their reports (five minutes maximum for each Party), including information on changes in relevant national legislation.</i></p>	<p>Doc.2-01 to Doc.2-10</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made</p> <p>Further action for TWPA<sup>1</sup> 41 defined</p>
<p>3. Accession and Agreement Amendments</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will report on the status of accessions and acceptance of the Agreement Amendment of 2003, as well as recruitment efforts made since AC18.</i></p> <p><i>Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment will be given the opportunity to inform the meeting on the progress made.</i></p>	<p>Doc.3-01</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made</p> <p>Further action for TWPA 40 defined</p>
<p>4. Priorities in the Implementation of the Triennium Work Plan (2010-2012)</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will introduce an update of the progress overview of the Triennium Work Plan. The meeting will be invited to review the document and make recommendations for further implementation throughout the sessions.</i></p>	<p>Doc.4-01</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made throughout the sessions</p>

<sup>1</sup> TWPA = Triennium Work Plan Activity (2010-2012)

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4.1 ASCOBANS Baltic Recovery Plan (Jastarnia Plan)		
4.1.1 Implementation <i>Baltic Parties will be invited to inform the meeting about implementation measures carried out since AC 18.</i>		Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 5 & 6 defined
4.1.2 Report and Recommendations of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Jastarnia Group <i>A representative of the chair of the Jastarnia Group will present an oral summary of the outcomes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Jastarnia Group and the Action Points it agreed.</i>	Doc.4-02 Doc.4-02 Addendum	Action Points endorsed Further action for TWPA 5, 7 & 14 defined
4.1.3 Coverage of the Western Baltic, Inner Danish Waters and Kattegat/Skagerrak Area <i>Signe Sveegaard will present the Draft Conservation Plan to the meeting. The meeting will be requested to provide comments and recommend the Draft Conservation Plan for adoption at MOP7.</i>	Doc.4-03	Note taken and comments made Draft Conservation Plan finalized and recommended to MOP7 for adoption
4.2 ASCOBANS Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea		
4.2.1 Implementation <i>North Sea Parties will be invited to inform the meeting about implementation measures carried out since AC18.</i>		Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 8 & 14 defined
4.2.2 Report of the Coordinator and Working Group <i>The chair of the North Sea Group will update the meeting on its activities and recommendations.</i> <i>Geneviève Desportes will present a report on her activities to the meeting.</i>	Doc.4-04 Doc.4-05	Note taken and comments made Guidance given Further action for TWPA 8 defined
4.3 Review of New Information on Bycatch <i>Parties will be requested to present new information on the subject, including reports on effort in fisheries with high risk of bycatch, implementation of EU Regulation 812/2004 and post-mortem/stranding schemes.</i> <i>Those submitting documents for this agenda item will be given the opportunity to highlight key points.</i> <i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i>	Doc.4-07 Doc.4-11 Doc.4-12 Doc.4-13 Doc.4-15 Doc.4-17 Doc.4-18 Doc.6-06 Doc.7-05	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 1 & 35 defined

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<p>4.3.1 Report of the Working Group <i>A representative of the chair will report on the group's activities. Guidance will be sought on the group's tasks in the coming intersessional period.</i></p>	Doc.4-06	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 16 &amp; 35 defined</p>
<p>4.4 Review of New Information on the Extent of Negative Effects of Sound <i>Parties will be requested to present new information on the subject, including information on relevant national legislation or guidelines. Those submitting documents for this agenda item will be given the opportunity to highlight key points. Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>	<p>Doc.4-10 Doc.4-16 Doc.4-19 Doc.5-06 Doc.7-07</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 3 defined</p>
<p>4.4.1 Report of the Working Group <i>A representative of the chair will report on the group's activities and present a proposal for joining the ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS Noise Working Groups. Guidance will be sought on the group's tasks in the coming intersessional period.</i></p>	<p>Doc.4-08 Doc.4-14</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made Merging of ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS Noise Working Groups endorsed Further action for TWPA 3 &amp; 31 defined</p>
<p>4.5 Publicity and Outreach</p>		
<p>4.5.1 Report of the Secretariat <i>The Secretariat will report on activities since AC18 and outline progress with plans for events related to the Agreement's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Guidance will be sought how to proceed.</i></p>	Doc.4-09	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 &amp; 39 defined</p>
<p>4.5.2 Reports of Parties, Range States and Partners <i>Parties and Partners will be invited to report on activities since AC18 and highlight any plans they might have for upcoming events, including the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise and celebrations of the Agreement's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</i></p>		<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 23 &amp; 25 defined</p>
<p>5. Implementation of the Triennium Work Plan (2010-2012) – Other Issues</p>		

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<p>5.1 Review of New Information on Population Size, Distribution, Structure and Causes of Any Changes</p> <p><i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject. Those submitting documents for this agenda item will be given the opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>The Secretariat will draw attention to Doc.5-01 on the pilot whale hunt in the Faroe Islands.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing the highlighted issues.</i></p>	<p>Doc.5-01 Doc.5-02 Doc.5-03 rev.1 Doc.5-06 Doc.5-07 Doc.5-08 Doc.6-03</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made</p> <p>Further action for TWPA 4 defined</p>
<p>5.2 Review of New Information on Pollution and its Effects</p> <p><i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>The Pollutants Working Group will present its draft report to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this agenda item will be given the opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>	<p>Doc.5-04 Doc.5-05 rev.1 Doc.6-04 Doc.7-04</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made</p> <p>Further action for TWPA 2 defined</p>
<p>5.3 Review of New Information on the Extent of Negative Effects of Vessels and Other Forms of Disturbance</p> <p><i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this agenda item will be given the opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>	<p>Doc.5-07</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made</p> <p>Further action for TWPA 3 defined</p>
<p>5.4 Management of Marine Protected Areas</p> <p><i>Parties will be requested to present new information on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>The Sea Watch Foundation and WDCS will present their document on the subject, which had been requested by AC18.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>	<p>Doc.5-10</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made</p> <p>Further action for TWPA 4 &amp; 15 defined</p>
<p>5.5 Extension of the Work of the Agreement into the new Agreement Area, including Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction</p> <p><i>Parties will be requested to present new information on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>The chair of the Extension Area Working Group will present their report to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>	<p>Doc.5-09</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made</p> <p>Further action for TWPA 9 defined</p>

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<p>5.6 Report of the Informal Working Group on Large Cetaceans <i>The convener of the informal working group will be given the opportunity to brief the meeting on relevant new information.</i></p>	Doc.5-09	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 10 defined
<p>6. Project Funding through ASCOBANS</p>		
<p>6.1 Progress of Supported Projects <i>The Secretariat will present an overview of the progress of projects funded through the Agreement.</i> <i>Parties and Partners will be given the opportunity to speak to the progress or final results of their projects, unless already considered under other agenda items.</i></p>	Doc.6-01 rev.1 Doc.5-03 rev.1 Doc.6-03 Doc.6-04 Doc.6-05 Doc.6-06 Doc.6-07	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 11 & 22 defined
<p>6.2 Prioritization of Project Proposals <i>The Secretariat will inform the meeting about the results of the consultation undertaken in advance of the meeting to prioritize projects that applied for funding.</i> <i>Guidance will be sought how to manage this process in future. The meeting will be invited to give guidance on overall priority rating of internal and external projects.</i></p>	Doc.6-02	Guidance to Administrative Session given Further action for TWPA 21 & 22 defined
<p>7. Relations with other Bodies <i>The Secretariat will highlight cooperation with other bodies since AC18 and draw attention to the reports on the representation of ASCOBANS at relevant meetings.</i> <i>Parties and Partners will be invited to provide information.</i> <i>Parties will be requested to provide guidance for collaboration with key organizations.</i></p>	Doc.7-01 Doc.7-03 Doc.7-08 Doc.7-09	Note taken and comments made Guidance on collaboration given Further action for TWPA 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38 & 39 defined
<p>7.1 Outcome of CMS COP10 <i>The Secretariat will brief the meeting on the relevant resolutions adopted at the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS, unless already considered under other agenda items.</i> <i>Parties will be requested to provide guidance for collaboration with CMS.</i></p>	Doc.7-04 Doc.7-05 Doc.7-06 Doc.7-07	Note taken and implications considered Guidance on collaboration given Further action for TWPA 31 defined

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<p>7.2 Dates of Interest 2012/2013 <i>The meeting will be invited to consider the draft list of Dates of Interest, propose amendments and decide on representation at relevant meetings.</i></p>	Doc.7-02	<p>List finalized Representation at relevant meetings decided Further action for TWPA 36 &amp; 37 defined</p>
<p>8. Consideration and Preparation of Draft Resolutions for MOP7 <i>The Secretariat will introduce the draft work plan for the next intersessional period. The meeting will be requested to provide comments and recommend the draft resolution for adoption at MOP7. Parties will be invited to brief the meeting about any draft resolutions they wish to submit to MOP7.</i></p>	Doc.8-01	<p>Note taken and comments made Draft resolution finalized and recommended to MOP7 for adoption</p>
<p>9. Any other Business <i>Any items flagged for discussion during item 1.1 will be addressed. The Jury for the 4<sup>th</sup> ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award will announce its decision.</i></p>		
<p>10. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Science and Conservation Session <i>The Secretariat will circulate a list of Points for Action and Decisions of the Science and Conservation Session for comments and approval.</i></p>		List of Action Points adopted
<p>11. Close of the Session</p>		
<p>11. Opening of the <b>Administrative Session</b></p>		
<p>12. Adoption of the Agenda of the Administrative Session <i>The meeting will be invited to review the Provisional Agenda and to make any proposals for amendment prior to its adoption. Late items and topics to be discussed under item 14 may be suggested. Parties will also decide which, if any, agenda items should be discussed in closed session.</i></p>	Doc.1-02 Doc.1-03 rev.1	<p>Agenda adopted Decision on possible closed session made</p>
<p>13. Report of the Secretariat on Finance and Administrative Issues</p>		
<p>13.1 Administrative Issues <i>The Secretariat will present its administrative report for 2011/2012 and report on the CMS Parties' deliberations on the merger of the CMS and ASCOBANS Secretariat functions.</i></p>	Doc.13-01 Doc.13-02	Note taken and comments made

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<p>13.2 Accounts for 2011 <i>The Secretariat will present its budget report for 2011.</i></p>	Doc.13-03	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 18 defined</p>
<p>14. Consideration and Preparation of Draft Resolutions for MOP7 <i>The Secretariat will introduce the draft resolutions on budgetary matters. The meeting will be requested to provide comments and recommend their adoption at MOP7.</i> <i>The Secretariat will further draw attention to the Draft Rules of Procedure for the MOP and request the meeting's comments and endorsement.</i></p>	<p>Doc.14-01 Doc.14-02 Doc.14-03 Doc.14-04</p>	<p>Note taken and comments made Draft Resolutions finalized and recommended to MOP7 for adoption MOP7 RoP endorsed</p>
<p>15. Project Funding <i>The Secretariat will present a list of proposals for projects or activities requiring funding that were suggested during the meeting.</i> <i>Parties will be requested to decide on overall priorities for financial support of activities, bearing in mind the results of the project ranking presented under item 6.2 and the internal needs of the Agreement, as outlined in Doc.6-02.</i></p>	Doc.6-02	<p>Activities in need of funding prioritized Further action for TWPA 21 &amp; 22 defined</p>
<p>16. Any other Administrative Issues <i>Any items flagged for discussion during item 12 will be addressed.</i></p>		
<p>17. Date and Venue of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee in 2013 <i>Sweden will be invited to brief the meeting about arrangements for the Advisory Committee Meeting in 2013. The meeting will be invited to provide guidance on suitable dates for AC20.</i></p>		<p>Suitable dates for AC20 identified Further action for TWPA 12 &amp; 13 defined</p>
<p>18. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Administrative Session <i>The Secretariat will circulate a list of Points for Action and Decisions of the Administrative Session for comments and approval.</i></p>		List of Action Points adopted
<p>19. Close of Meeting</p>		