

Recommendations

from the 1st Meeting of the Common Dolphin Group

1. SAP Range States to complete the 'Achievements Table' by end of 2019 to identify data gaps and actions that are required going forward.
2. Letters of invitation to be sent from the Secretariat to request Non-Party Range States' participation in implementation of the SAP on Common Dolphins.
3. ASCOBANS Secretariat to ensure ACCOBAMS Secretariat is informed about the work of the Common Dolphin Group and invite input regarding the area of common interest and the threats in this area.
4. A review should be undertaken of aerial survey monitoring techniques to better discriminate small delphinid species to ensure explicit estimates of population size and uncertainty.
5. ASCOBANS Advisory Committee to consolidate some of the common/similar recommendations coming from ASCOBANS species conservation plans' Steering Groups, such as on bycatch and on fisheries involvement.
6. Support recommendations from the 8th Meeting of the North Sea Group that are relevant to the Common Dolphin and which could be adapted to apply to the North East Atlantic.
7. A joint ACCOBAMS-ASCOBANS workshop on the Common Dolphin to be held at the next European Cetacean Society conference in 2021.
8. To call on stakeholders to urgently help raise awareness about the Common Dolphin and the Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin.