

6.1. Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners (1)

Cooperation with Other Organizations					
62. Identify priorities and complementarity and improve cooperation between ASCOBANS and institutions of the European Union.		AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Ongoing.	
63. Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of the CMS Family on all issues of mutual interest.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Ongoing.	
64. Seek to cooperate closely with ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS, UNEP and other relevant organizations by determining possible win-wins, including those activities that require mapping (21, 23, 34, 43).	9.3 Marine Debris 8.6 Ocean Energy 8.7 PCBs 8.8 Munitions 9.10 (Rev.MOP9)	AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Reports submitted to UN DOALOS (2022, 2021); IWC (SC69A in 2023, 68 th Meeting of the Commission)	Inf.6.1
65. Seek to collaborate with the ICES Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC), the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) established by the European Union, the Regional Coordination Groups, the IWC Bycatch Mitigation Initiative, and other relevant organizations addressing bycatch.	8.5 (Rev.MOP9) Bycatch	AC	Throughout the intersessional period	Ongoing.	
67. Seek to strengthen collaboration with civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations.		AC / Partners / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Ongoing.	
68. Consider the relationship of ASCOBANS to other organizations (e.g. OSPAR, HELCOM, IWC, EU Commission, European Topic Centre for Nature Conservation), in order to identify potential duplication or gaps in efforts. Any observations to be communicated to MOP10 in the form of a draft resolution.		AC	Throughout the intersessional period	AC28 to form a drafting group.	

6.1. Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners (2)

- Meetings attended by the Secretariat
 - IC HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (Oct 2022)
 - 68th Meeting of the IWC (Oct 2022, Slovenia)
 - CMS ETF webinar (Oct 2022, online)
 - ACCOBAMS MOP8 (Nov 2022, Malta)
 - HELCOM BLUES final conference (Jan 2023, online)
 - EU Marine Expert Group Meeting (March 2023, online)
 - 34th European Cetacean Society Conference (April 2023, Galicia, Spain)
 - IWC SC69A (April-May 2023, online)
 - ACCOBAMS SC15 (May 2023, online)
 - IMMA 10th Regional Expert Workshop – NE Atlantic (May 2023, online)
 - CMS ScC-SC6 (July 2023, Bonn)
 - CIBBRiNA project kick-off meeting (Sept 2023, The Netherlands)
- Reports submitted
 - 8th Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS (Nov 2022)
 - IWC: annual meeting of the Scientific Committee (April-May 2023)

