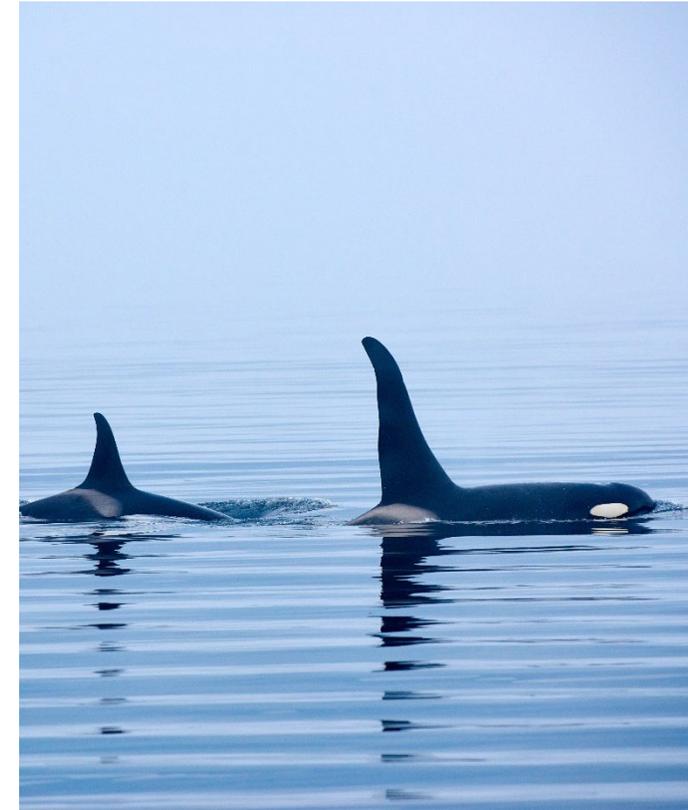


19. Managing workload and expectations around Working Groups

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Title	Time	Location	Comments
3 rd Meeting of the Common Dolphin Group	15-16 Nov 2022	Online	Requested in the Work Plan (WPA 54). Chaired by Sinéad Murphy.
11 th Meeting of the North Sea Group	14-15 Feb 2023	Online	Requested in the Work Plan (WPA 54). Chaired by Peter Evans.
19 th Meeting of the Jastarnia Group	20-22 Mar 2023	Online	Requested in the Work Plan (WPA 54). Chaired by Ida Carlén.
ASCOBANS-ACCOBAMS Marine Debris Workshop: New and Emerging Aspects	15 Apr 2023	O Grove, Galicia, Spain	Requested in AC27/AP5. Held in conjunction with the ECS conference. Chaired by Mark Simmonds
ECS/ASCOBANS Workshop on Scoping the Development of a European Marine Strandings Database	16 Apr 2023	O Grove, Galicia, Spain	Requested in AC27/AP7. Held as part of the ECS conference. Chaired by Andrew Brownlow.
ECS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Workshop: Current cetacean bycatch issues in European waters	17 Apr 2023	O Grove, Galicia, Spain	Held as part of the ECS conference. Chaired by Peter Evans and Ayaka Amaha Öztürk.
Workshop to recommend small cetacean conservation objectives in relation to anthropogenic removals - Part 1	24-25 Apr 2023	Online	Related to Work Plan Activity 4. See also AC26/AP50. Chaired by Peter Evans.
Workshop to recommend small cetacean conservation objectives in relation to anthropogenic removals - Part 2	16-17 May 2023	Bonn, Germany	As above.
Technical Workshop to Develop Guidelines for Cetacean-friendly Marine Spatial Planning for the ASCOBANS Area	27-28 Jun 2023	Online	Related to AC26/AP16. Chaired by Aline Kühl-Stenzel.

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- Part of the Secretariat role in organizing & servicing meetings is to plan, develop agendas, provide report writing, establish webpages, arrange travel & catering (when relevant)
- Timing sometimes driven by imminent expiry of voluntary contributions provided

Name of the WG	Est.	Long-term or Intersessional	Chair	Status
Jastarnia Group ¹	2005	Long-term	Ida Carlén	Ongoing, annual meetings.
North Sea Group ²	2010 (AC17)	Long-term	Peter Evans	Ongoing, annual meetings.
Common Dolphin Group ³	2019	Long-term	Sinéad Murphy, Florence Caurant	Ongoing, annual meetings.
Resource Depletion WG	2018 (AC24)	Long-term	Graham Pierce	Reports to AC "as necessary" (latest to AC27).
Informal WG on Large Cetaceans	2010 (AC17)	Long-term	Peter Evans	No meetings; latest report to AC24. ⁴
Extension Area WG	2011 ⁵ (AC18)	Long-term	Peter Evans	As above.
Joint Bycatch WG of ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS	2010 ⁶ (AC17); 2019 ⁷	Long-term	Peter Evans, Ayaka Amaha Öztürk	Ongoing, semi-regular meetings.
Joint ACCOBAMS/ ASCOBANS WG on MSFD	2011 (AC18)	Long-term	Sinéad Murphy; Giancarlo Lauriano, José Antonio Vasquez	Operates via correspondence; latest report to AC25.

- 20 working groups, which require different levels of facilitation
- Secretariat is happy to serve and do their best – but if the volume of tasks continues to be high, some activities may not receive enough / any attention

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Joint Noise WG of CMS, ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS	2008; 2012; 2014 ⁸	Long-term	Sigrid Lüber, Yanis Souami	Ongoing, managed by CMS.
Beaked Whales	2020 (MOP9)	Intersessional	<i>Currently none</i>	Task completed (report to AC26), but is asked to draft a Res to MOP10. See AC26/AP35
Marine Debris Workshop WG	2022 (AC27)	Intersessional	Mark Simmonds	Task completed (organize workshop). See AC27/AP5.
WG to guide development of the MSP Guidelines	2022 (AC27)	Intersessional	Aline Kühl-Stenzel	Has convened online. Task to be completed by MOP10. See AC26/AP16.
Offshore Renewable Energy	2022 (AC27)	Intersessional	<i>None</i>	Has convened online. Asked to report to AC28. See AC27/AP9.
WG on data deficient taxa	2021 (AC26)	Intersessional	<i>None</i>	Asked to report to AC27. See AC26/AP47
WG on Nord Stream gas leak	2022 (AC27)	Intersessional	<i>None</i>	Asked to report to AC "asap". See AC27/AP16
Lagenorhynchus sp. WG	2021 (AC26)	Intersessional	<i>None</i>	Not convened. No deadline defined. See AC26/AP31.
National Reporting WG	2022 (AC27)	Intersessional	<i>None</i>	Asked to report to AC28. See AC27/AP22
WG to gather guidance on mitigating impacts of recreational speed crafts	2022 (AC27)	Intersessional	<i>None</i>	Asked to report to AC28. See AC27/AP18.
WG on on prioritization of activities (WPA 50)	<i>Not launched yet</i>	Intersessional	<i>None</i>	Not convened. Asked to report to AC28. See AC27/AP13.
WG on identifying potential duplication /gaps in efforts in ASCOBANS and other organisations (WPA 68)	<i>Not launched yet</i>	Intersessional	<i>None</i>	Not convened. Asked to report to AC28. See AC26/AP48 and AC27/AP14.



Feedback?

