

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Welcome and announcements
 - 1.2. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Implementation review: Bycatch
 - 2.1. Implementation of existing regulations on bycatch of cetaceans (Action 2)
 - 2.2. Establishment of bycatch observation programmes (Action 3)
 - 2.3. Regular evaluation of all fisheries with respect to extent of harbour porpoise bycatch (Action 4)
 - 2.4. Review of current pingers, development of alternative pingers and gear modifications (Action 5)
 - 2.5. Finalize a management procedure approach for determining maximum allowable bycatch limits in the region (Action 6)
3. Implementation review: Research
 - 3.1. Monitoring trends in distribution and abundance of harbour porpoises in the region (Action 7)
 - 3.2. Review of the stock structure of harbour porpoises in the region (Action 8)
 - 3.3. Collection of incidental porpoise catch data through stranding networks (Action 9)
 - 3.4. Investigation of the health, nutritional status and diet of harbour porpoises (Action 10)
 - 3.5. Investigation of the effects of anthropogenic sounds on harbour porpoises (Action 11)
 - 3.6. Collection and archiving of data on anthropogenic activities and development of a GIS (Action 12)
4. Other activities contributing to the conservation of the Harbour Porpoise in the North Sea
5. Overall progress in the implementation of the Conservation Plan (Action 1)
6. Liaison with other organizations
7. Update on the review of the Conservation Plan
8. Review of Recommendations from the North Sea Group
9. Any other business
10. Next Meeting of the North Sea Group
11. Close of the Meeting

13 March 2024, joint session with the ASCOBANS Jastarnia Group at 14:00-18:00 CET:

- Welcome & opening of the joint session
- CMS COP14 & ASCOBANS MOP10
- Discussion about conservation measures across the three regions:
 - Bycatch
 - *Presentation tbc*
 - Offshore renewable energy
 - *Presentation tbc*
 - Underwater noise
 - Discussion on what regulations each country has regarding underwater noise and any mitigation actions they apply, both inside and outside MPAs. As a start to this discussion, we invite national presentations on current measures, both within and outside MPAs
- Close of the joint session