

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

Day 1 - Tuesday, 14 April 2026

14:00-18:00 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter / Lead	Docs / Comments
Joint session with the ASCOBANS North Sea Group			
13:45	<i>MS Teams session will be opened. Participants can log in to check video and audio connections.</i>		<i>The meeting link will be sent only to registered participants.</i>
14:00	1. Opening of the Joint Session		
14:05	2. CMS COP15 & ASCOBANS AC30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of relevant outcomes of the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) to CMS Planning for the 30th Meeting of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee (AC30) 	Jenny Renell	
14:20	3. Updates and research across the North and Baltic Seas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on CIBBRINA LIFE project Bycatch estimations from the Swedish monitoring program Pinger functionality with data from bycatch monitoring program Update on species distribution modelling for harbour porpoises in the North Sea and Belt Seas 	A.-M. Svoboda Torbjörn Säterberg Kristin Öhman Anita Gilles	
15:00	Break 15 min		
15:15	Updates and research across the North and Baltic Seas (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passive acoustic monitoring – optimising the power to detect temporal changes in relative density of a cetacean population under pressure Guidelines for monitoring of offshore wind 	Signe Sveegaard Line Kyhn	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vessel noise ad energy budgets Three decades of anisakid nematode infections in harbour porpoises of the North- and Baltic Sea: trends and health effects 	Laia Rojano Doñate Kristina Lehnert	
16:15	Break 15 min		
16:30	<p>4. Discussion about National Reporting overlaps</p> <p>The participants are requested to review the document produced by the ASCOBANS Intersessional Working Group on National Reporting Overlaps, and are invited to provide feedback.</p>	Siri Elmegaard	NSG-JG-2026/Doc.4
18:00	5. Closing of the joint session		

Day 2 - Wednesday, 15 April 2026

10:00-17:00 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter / Lead	Docs / Comments
09:45	<i>MS Teams session will be opened. Participants can log in to check video and audio connections.</i>	<i>The meeting link will be sent only to registered participants.</i>	
10:00	1. Opening of the Meeting		
	<p>1.1. Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Short welcoming remarks and housekeeping information.</p>	Secretariat	
	<p>1.2. Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p>Members will be requested to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule. Late items and topics to be discussed under item 8 (Any other business) may be suggested.</p>	Chair	<p>Doc.1.2a Provisional Agenda</p> <p>Doc.1.2b Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule</p>

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	Rules of Procedure for the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee apply to the Jastarnia Group meetings.		
10:10	2. Progress under the Jastarnia Plan and the Western Baltic, Belt Sea and Kattegat Plan		
	2.1. National progress reports on activities since March 2025 Country representatives will be invited to provide an overview of key activities (each presentation 5-10 min). If both fisheries and environment representatives for your country join the meeting, please consider giving a joint presentation. Members will be invited to discuss the extent of implementation of the Jastarnia and WBBK Plans, to share successes and to identify challenges and prioritised actions.	Members	
11:20	Break 10 min		
11:30	2.2. Update on fishing effort Members are requested to report how fishing effort in static nets has changed in their waters over the last few years.	Members	
11:45	3. Updates from across the Baltic and Belt Seas		
	3.1. Offshore wind energy construction, CCS and other maritime activities Members will be invited to report on active permitting procedures and permits given for offshore wind construction. Overview of ongoing permits and projects. Discussion on potential impacts at the regional level.	Members	
	3.2. Policy processes	Ida Carlén	
12:30	Lunch break 1h		
13:30	3.3. Overview of HELCOM matters related to harbour porpoise Update from the Secretariat HELCOM Toolbox for bycatch mitigation HELCOM work on CCS in the Baltic Sea	Penina Blankett Kate Kaminska Katarina Viik	

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	3.4. SAMBAH II/CUMBIAH progress	Julia Carlström	
	3.5. LIFE project on underwater noise and recreational crafts in the Baltic Sea	Andrea Cervantes	
	3.6. New report on cumulative impacts on the Baltic Proper harbour porpoise	Ida Carlén	
	3.7. Genetic sampling guidelines The group will be requested to endorse the guidelines in Annex 1.	Ida Carlén	Doc.3.7 Guidelines
15:00	Break 15min		
15:15	4. Other activities contributing to the conservation of the harbour porpoise in the Baltic Proper, Western Baltic, Belt Sea and Kattegat		
	4.1. Recent research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical records of harbour porpoise in the Baltic • Genetic findings on the Baltic harbour porpoise • Analyses of stomach content of harbour porpoises (Baltic) • German Passive Acoustic Monitoring in the Baltic Sea 	Maggie Aiken Ralph Tiedemann, Maxi Tomowski Lisa Klemens Tom Baer	
16:00	5. Overall progress in implementation of the Jastarnia and WBBK Plans The Coordinator of the Jastarnia and WBBK Plans will give a presentation reflecting the progress in implementing these plans, including the summary Table 7.1 and Table 12.1, respectively, from the Progress Reports. Country representatives will be invited to comment and fill any gaps in the relevant parts of the overview reports.	Ida Carlén	Doc.5a Draft Progress Report 2026 - Jastarnia Plan Doc.5b Draft Progress Report 2026 - WBBK Plan
17:00	End of Day 2		

Day 3 – Thursday 16 April 2026

10:00-14:00 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter / Lead	Docs / Comments
10:00	5. Overall progress in implementation of the Jastarnia and WBBK Plans (<i>continued</i>)	Ida Carlén	
10:30	6. Planned review of the WBBK Plan Update on funding and process. Discussion on format and content of the new Conservation Plan.	Jenny Renell Ida Carlén	ASCOBANS Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise Population in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat (2012)
11:00	Break 15min		
11:15	6. Planned review of the WBBK Plan (<i>continued</i>)		
11:45	7. Review and update of Action Points Members will be invited to review Action Points from the previous meeting of the Jastarnia Group (JG21, March 2025), update them, and add any new Action Points arising from the current meeting.	Chair	Action Points from JG21
12:30	Break 30min		
13:00	7. Review and update of Action Points (<i>continued</i>)		
13:45	8. Any other business	Chair	
13:50	9. Dates and venue of the 23rd Meeting of the Jastarnia Group The Secretariat welcomes offers to host the next meeting of the Jastarnia Group. Members will also be invited to discuss the timing of the next meeting.	Secretariat	
14:00	10. Closing of the Meeting		