

Draft Annotated Agenda

1. Introduction

The Chairman will open the meeting at 9.30 a.m on Wednesday, 9 April 2003. An opening statement by Mr Jochen Flasbarth, Director, Nature Conservation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety will follow.

2. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial Workplan (2002/2003)

4.1. ASCOBANS Baltic Recovery Plan ("Jastarnia Plan") - Implementation

The Secretariat will present the updated implementation plan.

4.2. Abundance survey planning (SCANS II), update

Kelly Macleod will present an update.

4.3. Bycatch issues

4.3.1 Results of the intersessional Working Group

4.3.2 Report on bycatch in the Baltic

Iwona Kuklik will present a progress report.

4.3.3 Projected report on bycatch in the Agreement area

The Chairman will provide an update.

4.3.4 ASCOBANS contribution to CFP reform

The Chairman will provide an update.

4.3.5 ASCOBANS contribution in other relevant international fora

The Chairman will provide an update.

4.4. Disturbance to cetaceans by shipping

Peter Evans will present a progress report.

4.5. Report on seismic disturbance and recommendations

Data submitted by Parties

5. Ongoing Issues

5.1. Pollution, noise pollution, disturbance (except seismic disturbance, cf. 4.4)

5.1.1. High speed ferries

The Secretariat will present an update.

5.1.2. Military

Dr. Walter Zimmer, NATO SACLANT Undersea Research Centre, will make a presentation.

5.1.3. Report by Pollutants Working Group

5.2. Post-mortem and stranding schemes

Data submitted by Parties.

5.3. Publicity/PR Issues

5.3.1. Parties/Range States

Parties are invited to report on any relevant activities since AC 8

5.3.2. Secretariat

5.3.2.1. Report on PR activities in 2002/2003

The Secretariat will report on PR activities since AC 9 and present a draft of the new logo.

5.3.2.2. Secretariat paper on direction and scope of future PR work

The Secretariat will present Doc. 11.

- 5.4. National legislation/protected areas
Parties are invited to report on any relevant developments.
- 5.5. Accessions of Range States; extension of Agreement area
The Secretariat will present an update. Range State Observers are invited to report on any relevant developments.
- 5.6. Cooperation with ACCOBAMS
6. Other Issues
 - 6.1. North Sea cooperation
 - a) Projected recovery plan for harbour porpoises (update)
The Chairman will provide an update.
 - b) ASCOBANS participation in CONSSO
The Chairman will provide an update.
7. 4th Meeting of Parties
 - 7.1. Preparations for MOP4
The Secretariat will report on preparations for MOP 4 in August. A working group will be established for agenda items 7.2 and 7.3
 - 7.2. Draft Triennial Workplan 2004-2006
 - 7.3. Draft resolutions for MOP4
8. Business Session
 - 8.1. Budgetary issues
 - 8.1.1. Report on Budget for 2002
 - 8.1.2. Outline of budget for 2003
 - 8.1.3. Outline of budget for 2004-2006
 - 8.2. Administrative issues
Report of the Secretariat on operation of the CMS Agreements Unit
 - 8.3. Meetings to be attended in 2003/2004
9. Any other business
10. Date and venue of next meeting
11. Agreement on draft report
12. Close of meeting

Note:

In order to save time, opening statements are not included. Any state or observer wishing to make a statement is kindly requested to provide this in writing only.