

Draft Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial Workplan (2004 – 2006)
 - 4.1. Preparation and implementation of the new abundance survey (“SCANS-II”)
Kelly MacLeod will present a short update on SCANS-II and a brief report on the Monitoring Workshop scheduled for 11 April 2005
 - 4.2. Population distribution, sizes and structures (review of new information)
Sweden will present Doc. 11
 - 4.3. ASCOBANS Baltic Harbour Porpoise Recovery Plan (“Jastarnia Plan”)
 - 4.3.1. Implementation
Consideration of implementation measures carried out by Parties
 - 4.3.2. Results of first meeting of Jastarnia Group
The Chair of the Jastarnia Group will present the report of the Group’s first meeting
 - 4.4. Elaboration of a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the North Sea
The Chair of the Scientific Group will report on the stakeholder workshop held in Hamburg, Germany from 6 – 8 December 2004; Sonja Eisfeld will present a revised draft of the Recovery Plan; Germany will present Doc. 8.
 - 4.5. Bycatch issues
 - 4.6. Disturbance to small cetaceans due to seismic surveys
The UK will present Doc. 6
 - 4.7. Issues specifically related to the conservation of *Tursiops truncatus*
Peter Evans will report on the Tursiops workshop organized by the ECS on 7 April 2005 and co-funded by UNEP/ASCOBANS; Belgium will present Doc. 10.
 - 4.8. Amendment of Agreement to include all cetaceans
5. Ongoing Issues
 - 5.1. Effects of pollution, noise pollution and disturbance
The UK will present Doc. 13.
 - 5.1.1. High Speed Ferries
Secretariat’s Update on information submitted by Parties (Doc. 14)
 - 5.1.2. Military Activities
 - 5.1.2.1. Reports by Parties on approaches and progress in reducing/eliminating adverse effects of military activities
Belgium will present Doc. 12
 - 5.1.2.2. Other related issues
 - 5.1.3. Report by the Pollutants Working Group
 - 5.1.3.1. Review of results of IWC programme Pollution 2000+; recommendations

5.1.4. Report on International Policy Workshop on Sound and Marine Mammals,
London, 28-30 September 2004

The Chairman will report on the outcomes of the workshop

5.2. Post-mortem and stranding schemes

Consideration of data submitted by Parties (Doc.18)

5.3. Collection of data on fishing effort

Consideration of data submitted by Parties

Discussion of future approach to collection of these data by ASCOBANS

5.4. Publicity/PR Issues

5.4.1. Parties/Range States

Parties report on relevant activities and developments since AC 11.

5.4.2. Secretariat (Report on PR activities in 2004/2005)

The Secretariat will present its third biannual report on PR activities (Doc. 21)

5.5. Annual National Reports

The Secretariat will present the 8th Compilation (Doc. 20)

5.6. Accession of new Parties

Secretariat's Update

5.7. Extension of Agreement area

Secretariat's Update

5.8. Cooperation with international organizations

Secretariat's Update

6. Administrative and budgetary issues (closed session)

6.1. Budgetary Issues

6.1.1. Report on budget for 2004

Secretariat's Report (Doc. 6)

6.2. Administrative Issues

6.2.1. Report on operation of CMS Agreement Unit

Secretariat's report

6.2.2. Meetings to be attended during 2005

Consideration of Meeting's List presented by the Secretariat (DDoc. 19)

6.2.3. ASCOBANS Award

Discussion on future of award; possible nominations

7. Date and venue of next meeting

8. Agreement on draft report

9. 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.