

Agenda Item 14.3.3

Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial
Work Plan (2007-2009)

Review of New Information on Bycatch and
Other Causes of Mortality

Post-mortem and Stranding Schemes

Document 18

**Information Submitted by Parties in
Response to the Post-Mortem
Research Questionnaire
b) Denmark**

Action Requested

- take note of the information submitted
- comment
- decide on the reporting format and frequency
for future meetings

Submitted by

Parties

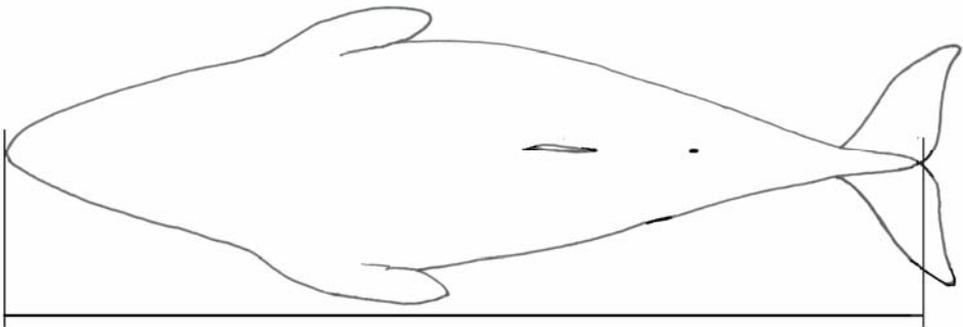


NOTE:
**IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING THEIR OWN
COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

Secretariat's Note

Attached are, as separate documents in order to minimise the need for revisions, the responses received on the Post-Mortem Research Questionnaire, as submitted by the ASCOBANS Parties.

Questionnaire
on post mortem research schemes
within the ASCOBANS Agreement area

Name and address of reporting institution	Danish Forest and Nature Agency Haraldsgade 53 2100 Copenhagen Ø
Name of respondent	Henrik Lykke Sørensen
What data are recorded routinely?	Date, location, species, sex and body length
Description of methods and units of measurement used	<p>The registration is often done by non experts. "Keep it simple" has been a priority. Body length is measured in centimetres.</p> 
List of tissue samples usually taken	We take samples of liver, muscle, blubber and kidney. This is from the more rare species and not from all the Harbour porpoises. Only a few Harbour porpoise are investigate, but they are recorded with location, sex and body length. From the other whale species we also take the skeleton except from very rotten whales
How are the samples preserved?	In a freezer (-20 degrees)
How are carcasses disposed of?	Carcasses are sent to DAKA Bio-industries
Are data recorded in a computer database? Please describe	Yes, all the measurements and samples are registered in a database
How many data sets (by species) do you have?	<p>For the year 2007 we have the following data sets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Killer whale: 1 animal Longfinned pilot whale: 1 animal Harbour porpoise: 95 animals White-sided dolphin: 2 animals White-beaked dolphin: 3 animals Minke whale: 3 animals

Which computer software is used?	Microsoft Excel
Do you foresee any problems (e.g. regarding intellectual property rights etc.) related to a central database?	?
What advantages would you expect from a central database?	?
Additional Information (e.g. website addresses)	