

Agenda Item 3.2.1

Review of New Information on Threats to Small  
Cetaceans

Underwater Noise

Report and Recommendations of the  
Working Group

Document 3.2.1.a

### **Activities of the Noise Working Group**

**Action Requested**

- Take note
- Comment
- Give guidance about further work to be undertaken

Submitted by

Secretariat



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

## **Secretariat's Note**

No formal report of the Joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Noise Working Group against its terms of reference was received for this Advisory Committee Meeting. Relevant work in which the working group was involved has nonetheless taken place:

- a) During the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee (SC8, 13-15 November 2012, Monaco), the co-chair of the working group, Yanis Souami, presented an update on activities and suggested that a consultant be appointed for work defined in terms of reference agreed by that meeting. The relevant extracts of the SC8 report are contained in this document.
- b) Heidrun Frisch, representing the joint CMS/ASCOBANS Secretariat, confirmed the interest of both CMS and ASCOBANS in supporting this initiative, provided that the reviews were global. Following the meeting, both CMS and ASCOBANS agreed to earmark part of the regular voluntary contributions received from Germany to this activity.
- c) In view of the time pressure associated with its upcoming MOP, ACCOBAMS decided to move ahead already with regional reviews, financed through its own resources. This work was undertaken by the French company Sinay. A short summary of the three documents under preparation for ACCOBAMS is also enclosed. The first of these documents has been circulated to members of the Noise Working Group for their comments on 21 May 2013. A revised version will be forwarded to the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee shortly.