

Agenda Item 13.5

Relation with other Bodies

Dates of Interest 2014/2015

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**Draft List of Dates of Interest to**  
**ASCOBANS in 2014/2015**

**Action Requested**

- Consider the draft list and comment
- Decide on representation at relevant meetings

Submitted by

Secretariat



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



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Date	Organizer	Title	Venue	Participation/ Report
2-3 October 2014	OSPAR	Intersessional Correspondence Group on Biodiversity Monitoring and Assessment (ICG-COBAM) ( <a href="http://www.ospar.org">www.ospar.org</a> )	Gothenburg, Sweden	
6-17 October 2014	CBD	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) ( <a href="http://www.cbd.int">www.cbd.int</a> )	PyeongChang, Republic of Korea	Secretariat
8-10 October 2014	Benguela Current Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Global Large Marine Ecosystems Conference ( <a href="http://www.benquelacc.org/index.php/en/component/rseventspro/event/1-global-lme-conference">http://www.benquelacc.org/index.php/en/component/rseventspro/event/1-global-lme-conference</a> )	Swakopmund, Namibia	
13-17 October 2014	IMO	67 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) ( <a href="http://www.imo.org">www.imo.org</a> )	London, United Kingdom	
21-23 October 2014	HELCOM	Eighth Meeting of HELCOM ad hoc Seal Expert Group (HELCOM SEAL 8/2014) ( <a href="http://www.helcom.fi">www.helcom.fi</a> )	Finland	
29-30 October 2014	ACCOBAMS & Pelagos Sanctuary	Workshop on Cetacean Live Strandings ( <a href="http://www.accobams.org">www.accobams.org</a> )		
2-3 November 2014	CMS	42 <sup>nd</sup> Standing Committee Meeting ( <a href="http://www.cms.int">www.cms.int</a> )	Quito, Ecuador	
3-7 November 2014	NAMMCO	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the NAMMCO Scientific Committee ( <a href="http://www.nammco.no">www.nammco.no</a> )	Bergen, Norway	
4-9 November 2014	CMS	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11) ( <a href="http://www.cms.int">www.cms.int</a> )	Quito, Ecuador	Secretariat
9 November 2014	CMS	43 <sup>rd</sup> Standing Committee Meeting ( <a href="http://www.cms.int">www.cms.int</a> )	Quito, Ecuador	

9-11 November 2014	ICMMPA	Third International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas (ICMMPA-3) ( <a href="http://icmmpa.org/">http://icmmpa.org/</a> )	Adelaide, Australia	
11-12 November 2014	OSPAR	12th Meeting of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Marine Litter (ICG-ML) ( <a href="http://www.ospar.org">www.ospar.org</a> )	Vigo, Spain	
12-19 November 2014	IUCN	World Parks Congress: Parks, People, Planet – Inspiring Solutions ( <a href="http://www.iucn.org">www.iucn.org</a> )	Sydney, Australia	
17-21 November 2014	MARES Consortium	MARES Conference – Marine Ecosystems Health and Conservation ( <a href="http://www.maresconference.eu">http://www.maresconference.eu</a> )	Olhão, Portugal	
24-28 November 2014	EC STECF	EWG 14-18: Review of DCF National programme amendments for 2014 & development of the revised DCF Multiannual Programme ( <a href="http://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ewg1418">http://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ewg1418</a> )	Brussels, Belgium	
25-27 November 2014	OSPAR	Intersessional Correspondence Group on Marine Protected Areas (ICG-MPA) ( <a href="http://www.ospar.org">www.ospar.org</a> )	Madrid, Spain	
2-4 December 2014	CBD	CBD Expert Workshop to Prepare Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Significant Adverse Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats	Baltimore, United States	Secretariat
8-9 December 2014	SAMBAH	SAMBAH conference on the abundance and distribution of porpoises in the Baltic Sea	Kolmården, Sweden	Secretariat
December 2014	OSPAR	Intersessional Correspondence Group on Biodiversity Monitoring and Assessment (ICG-COBAM) ( <a href="http://www.ospar.org">www.ospar.org</a> )	Madrid, Spain	
13-14 January 2014	OSPAR	Intersessional Correspondence Group – Protection of Species and Habitats (ICG-POSH) ( <a href="http://www.ospar.org">www.ospar.org</a> )	Gijon, Spain	Secretariat (?)
12-17 January 2015	IPBES	Third Session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES 3)	Bonn, Germany	

20-23 January 2015	UN DOALOS	3rd Meeting of the BBNJ Working Group (Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction) <a href="http://www.un.org/depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm">http://www.un.org/depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm</a>	New York, USA	
2-6 February 2015 (tbc)	ICES	Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC) <a href="http://www.ices.dk">www.ices.dk</a>	tbd	
16-19 February 2015	ICES	Working Group on Marine Mammal Ecology (WGMME) <a href="http://www.ices.dk">www.ices.dk</a>	London, United Kingdom	
2-6 March 2015	OSPAR	Biodiversity Committee (BDC) ( <a href="http://www.ospar.org">www.ospar.org</a> )	Cork, Ireland	
13-15 March 2015	WhaleFest & Planet Whale	Whale Fest 2015	Brighton, United Kingdom	
21-25 March 2015	ECS	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Cetacean Society (incl. workshops on 21-22 March) ( <a href="http://www.europeancetaceansociety.org">www.europeancetaceansociety.org</a> )	Malta	Secretariat
13-17 April 2015	OSPAR	Environmental Impact of Human Activities Committee (EIHA) <a href="http://www.ospar.org">www.ospar.org</a>	Spain	
April 2015	OSPAR	Intersessional Correspondence Group on Marine Strategy Framework Directive (ICG-MSFD) ( <a href="http://www.ospar.org">www.ospar.org</a> )	tbd	
May 2015	HELCOM	Nature Protection and Biodiversity (HABITAT 17/2015) <a href="http://www.helcom.fi">www.helcom.fi</a>	tbd	
Early June 2015	ACCOBAMS	Workshop on the Effectiveness of MPAs Containing Critical Habitats of Cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area <a href="http://www.accobams.org">www.accobams.org</a>	Djerba, Tunisia	
22-26 June 2015	OSPAR	OSPAR Commission	tbd	

Oct/Nov 2015	ACCOBAMS	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee	tbd	Secretariat
September 2015	ICES	Annual Science Conference 2015	tbd	
13-18 December 2015	Society for Marine Mammalogy	22st Biennial Conference on Marine Mammals <a href="http://www.marinemammalscience.org">www.marinemammalscience.org</a>	San Francisco, USA	
2015	IMO	68th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) ( <a href="http://www.imo.org">www.imo.org</a> )	London, United Kingdom	
2015	CITES	66 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee	tbd	