Agenda Item 2.11	Review of New Information on Threats and Other Issues Relevant to Small Cetaceans Other
Document 2.11b	Overview of Current Conservation Status of Relevant Species
Action Requested	• Take note • Provide guidance
Submitted by	Intersessional Working Group on Data Deficient Taxa

Note: Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their own document copies to the meeting, if needed.

Secretariat's Note

The 9th Meeting of the Parties to ASCOBANS (MOP9, 2020) agreed to establish an intersessional working group (IWG) to identify the barriers to understanding and improving conservation status of data deficient taxa. This was to include identifying which species and populations are of particular concern and how their status might be best remedied. The working group would report back to the Advisory Committee. (MOP9 Report, p.21; ASCOBANS Work Plan 2021-2024, WPA51; AC26/AP47)

The table in this document was first presented to the 24th Meeting of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee in 2018 (AC24/Inf.9.3b) as an initial step towards making the CMS Appendix listings of the main cetacean species in the ASCOBANS range accurate. The document was authored by Fiona L. Read, Peter G.H. Evans, Nicola Hodgins, Mark P. Simmonds, Ida Carlén, and Sarah J. Dolman.

The ASCOBANS Intersessional Working Group on Data Deficient Taxa has submitted Table 12 *Overview of current conservation status of relevant species with proposed changes for CMS listing and ASCOBANS status* from the above document as a starter for discussion.

The Advisory Committee is requested to provide feedback and further instructions for the Intersessional Working Group.

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS OF RELEVANT SPECIES

with proposed changes for CMS listing and ASCOBANS status (2018)

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	EU CONSERVATION STATUS	IUCN-STATUS (EUROPE)	IUCN- STATUS ASCOBANS REGION	CMS Appendix	CURRENT CMS POPULATIONS	PROPOSE CHANGE TO RANGE	PROPOSE CHANGE TO STATUS
Harbour porpoise	*Phocoena phocoena*	Unfavourable-Inadequate	Critically endangered	Critically endangered	App. II since 1988	North and Baltic Sea	**Change range to 'Baltic Proper'**	**Include Baltic porpoise in Appendix I**
Harbour porpoise	*Phocoena phocoena*	Favourable	Vulnerable	Least concern	App. II since 1988	North and Baltic Sea	**Change range to 'North Sea and Northeast Atlantic'**	
Harbour porpoise	*Phocoena phocoena* (proposed name *Phocoena phocoena meridionalis*)	Favourable	NA	Least concern	NA	NA	**Add as a separate Iberian population**	**Include Iberian porpoise in Appendix I and II**
Long-finned pilot whale	*Globicephala melas*	Unknown	Data Deficient	Data Deficient	App. II since 1988	North and Baltic Sea	**Extend range to include Northeast Atlantic**	
Short-beaked common dolphin	*Delphinus delphis*	Unfavourable-Inadequate	Data Deficient	Least Concern	App. II since 1988	North and Baltic Sea	**Extend range to include Northeast Atlantic**	
White-beaked dolphin	*Lagenorhynchus albirostris*	Favourable	Least Concern	Least Concern	App. II since 1988	North and Baltic Sea	**Extend range to include Northeast Atlantic**	
Atlantic white-sided dolphin	*Lagenorhynchus acutus*	Favourable	Least Concern	Least Concern	App. II since 1988	North and Baltic Sea	**Extend range to include Northeast Atlantic**	
Common bottlenose dolphin	*Tursiops truncatus*	Unknown	Data Deficient	Least Concern	App. II since 1991	North and Baltic Sea	**Extend range to include Northeast Atlantic**	
Risso's dolphin	*Grampus griseus*	Unknown	Data Deficient	Data Deficient	App. II since 1988	North and Baltic Sea	**Extend range to include Northeast Atlantic**	
Striped dolphin	*Stenella coeruleoalba*	Unknown	Data Deficient	Least Concern	NE Atlantic population not on list	Not on CMS list	**Add to list - range to include NE Atlantic**	**Add to CMS Appendix II - 'Data Deficient'**

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Cuvier's beaked whale	*Ziphius cavirostris*	Unknown	Data Deficient	Data Deficient	NE Atlantic population not on list	Not on CMS list	**Add to list - range to include NE Atlantic**	**Add to CMS Appendix II - 'Data Deficient'**
Sowerby's beaked whale	*Mesoplodon bidens*	Unknown	Data Deficient	Data Deficient	NE Atlantic population not on list	Not on CMS list	**Add to list - range to include NE Atlantic**	**Add to CMS Appendix II - 'Data Deficient'**