

Agenda Item 5.2

Strategic and Institutional Issues

Work Plan for the Advisory Committee  
and the Secretariat

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Draft Resolution:

**Work Plan for the ASCOBANS Advisory  
Committee and Secretariat 2021-2024**

Action Requested

- Review the draft resolution
- Introduce amendments as desired
- Adopt the resolution

Submitted by

Secretariat



*Note:*

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

## Secretariat's Note

This draft resolution is based on [Resolution 8.2](#), which contains the work plan for the current period. The table contained in the Annex combines activities contained in Resolution 8.2 and issues included in the outline for a new reporting format for ASCOBANS. The structure is based on that of the Agreement's Conservation and Management Plan as far as applicable.

In Revision 1, a new Activity 26 has been added to the Work Plan to allow intersessional adoption of a revised Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea; and a new Activity 33 has been added regarding SAMBAH II -project (Spatio-temporal monitoring of harbour porpoise in the Baltic Sea and its habitat quality). In addition, references to Resolution 9.x *Ecosystem Approach* have been removed since a draft resolution was not ready in time for the meeting.

**DRAFT RESOLUTION:**

**WORK PLAN FOR THE ASCOBANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SECRETARIAT 2021-2024**

*Reaffirming* the importance of cooperating with and complementing the work of other international bodies and the desirability of drawing upon their expertise,

*Recognizing* that much progress is achieved by the commissioning of work by specialists, whether members of the Advisory Committee or otherwise,

*Recalling* CMS Resolution 10.15 (Rev.COP12) *Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans*, Resolution 11.2 (Rev.COP12) *Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023*, Resolution 11.10 (Rev.COP13) *Synergies and Partnerships*, Resolution 11.22 (Rev.COP12) *Live Captures of Cetaceans from the Wild for Commercial Purposes*, Resolution 11.23 (Rev.COP12) *Conservation Implications of Animal Culture and Social Complexity*, Resolution 11.27 (Rev.COP13) *Renewable Energy and Migratory Species*, Resolution 11.29 (Rev.COP12) *Sustainable Boat-Based Marine Wildlife Watching*, Resolution 12.14 *Adverse Impacts of Anthropogenic Noise on Cetaceans and Other Migratory Species*, Resolution 12.20 *Management of Marine Debris*, Resolution 12.21 *Climate Change and Migratory Species*, and Resolution 12.22 *Bycatch*,

*Further recalling* that 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2021-2023, appended in CMS Resolution 11.2 (Rev.COP12),

*Also recalling* United Nations General Assembly Resolution 70/1 (2015) adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and welcoming the inclusion therein of Sustainable Development Goal 14 and its commitment on the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, while recognizing also the connections between healthy and productive oceans and other Sustainable Development Goals,

*Reaffirming* that the Advisory Committee, as a body with the task of providing advice on scientific, policy-related and administrative matters, needs a balance of scientists, policy-makers and administrators to cover its role adequately,

*Stressing* that the successful work of the Advisory Committee depends on the ability of its members to allocate sufficient time to the work of the Committee and its working groups;

*Grateful* to the chairs and members of the working groups supporting the Advisory Committee in its functions,

*Acknowledging* the important role that non-governmental organizations play in the work of the Advisory Committee and its working groups,

*Noting also* the other resolutions adopted at this meeting and having a bearing on this Work Plan, in particular Resolution 8.1 (Rev.MOP9) *National Reporting*.

*The Meeting of the Parties to ASCOBANS*

1. *Decides* that, subject to sufficient resources being provided, the Advisory Committee and Secretariat should carry out the Work Plan attached as Annex 1;
2. *Instructs* the Secretariat to provide reports on its progress with the implementation of relevant parts of the Work Plan to each meeting of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Decides* that the Advisory Committee, its working groups and the Secretariat, with respect to the implementation of the activities requested of the Parties, should:

- (a) focus each year's agenda for the Advisory Committee meeting on the issues covered in the Annual National Reports on the previous year, according to the schedule outlined in Resolution 8.1 (Rev.MOP9) *National Reporting*;
  - (b) monitor general developments with respect to other issues at stake, and report if new urgencies arise, including from topic areas considered by the working groups;
  - (c) identify for each relevant activity in the Work Plan related work streams of other fora, and strengthen the cooperation and interaction in particular with the European Commission (DG Mare and DG Environment), other international organizations (e.g. ACCOBAMS, CBD, CMS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO and OSPAR), fishery and other economic sectors and non-governmental organizations;
  - (d) encourage co-operation and interaction with non-Party Range States;
4. *Calls upon* Parties to submit meaningful National Reports as outlined in Resolution 8.1 (Rev.MOP9) in order to enable the Advisory Committee to assess progress with the implementation of the Agreement and make recommendations accordingly;
5. *Reiterates* its request that Parties:
  - (a) ensure that all Advisory Committee members and their advisors can allocate time to attend Advisory Committee meetings, to intersessional work, and to participate in intersessional Advisory Committee working groups;
  - (b) continue to ensure where possible suitable expertise within delegations to the Advisory Committee;
6. *Encourages* Parties and relevant non-governmental organizations to support the activities outlined in Annex 1 by means of financial and in-kind contributions;
7. *Urges* Parties and *invites* other States, relevant multilateral bodies, intergovernmental organizations and civil society organizations working towards the conservation of migratory species to integrate the goals and targets of the Strategic Plan within relevant policy and planning instruments, and also to take action to raise awareness of the Plan; and
8. *Urges* Parties to implement the relevant actions agreed in other extant Resolutions adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to ASCOBANS as well as the Conference of the Parties to CMS.

**Annex 1: ASCOBANS Work Plan 2021-2024**

WORK PLAN ACTIVITY	LINK TO EXTANT RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY	TIMING
<b>Habitat Conservation and Management</b>			
<b>Fisheries-related Threats</b>			
<p>1. Review new information on <b>bycatch</b> and associated strandings, bycatch mitigation and monitoring measures, including remote electronic monitoring and any further new techniques as well as local initiatives, and fisheries effort. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p>9.x Baltic Proper Harbour Porpoise 8.3 Jastarnia Plan 8.4 (Rev.MOP9) Common Dolphins 8.5 (Rev.MOP9) Bycatch 8.9 Cumulative Impacts</p>	<p>AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)</p>	<p>2022</p>
<p>2. Identify pilot studies for bycatch mitigation, taking into account the outputs of the review of mitigation measures in fisheries with high bycatch within the ASCOBANS Agreement Area.</p>	<p>8.5 (Rev.MOP9) Bycatch</p>	<p>AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p>
<p>3. Review whether the following remain appropriate, bearing in mind the overall objective of the Agreement to achieve and maintain a favourable conservation status for small cetaceans, and to make recommendations to Parties as appropriate:</p> <p>(a) the current maximum annual removal rate of 1.7 per cent of the best available estimate of abundance</p> <p>(b) the current intermediate precautionary aim of reducing bycatch to less than 1 per cent of the best available estimate of abundance</p> <p>(c) the objective of restoring and/or maintaining management units or populations to 80 per cent or more of their carrying capacity</p>	<p>8.5 Bycatch (Rev.MOP9) 5.7 Research 5.5 Incidental Take 3.3 Incidental Take</p>	<p>AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)</p>	<p>2022</p>

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(d) the assessment/management units that have been proposed for regularly occurring species.			
4. Make recommendations on appropriate triggers indicating when an environmental limit (an unacceptable interaction) is at risk of being reached or exceeded.	8.5 Bycatch (Rev.MOP9)	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022
5. Review new information on <b>resource depletion</b> and its impacts on small cetacean populations. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	9.x Resource Depletion 8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022
<b>Disturbance (incl. potential physical impacts)</b>			
6. Review new information on <b>underwater noise</b> , its impacts on small cetaceans and their prey species, mitigation measures, technological developments, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.6 Ocean Energy 8.8 Munitions 8.9 Cumulative Impacts 8.11 (Rev.MOP9) Noise EIA Guidelines 6.2 Offshore Construction 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2021
7. Assess whether national navies' mitigation protocols for use of military sonar are effective. This requires Parties to request the mitigation protocols from the navies.	8.8 Munitions 8.9 Cumulative Impacts 8.11 (Rev.MOP9) Noise EIA 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Group) / Parties	2021
8. Review new information on <b>ocean energy</b> , its impacts on small cetaceans, mitigation measures, technological developments, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.6 Ocean Energy 8.9 Cumulative Impacts 6.2 Offshore Construction 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2021

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9. Review new information on the <b>cetacean watching industry</b> , impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023
10. Review new information on <b>recreational sea use</b> , impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023
11. Review new information on <b>other sources of disturbance</b> , impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023
<b>Habitat Change and Degradation (incl. potential physical impacts)</b>			
12. Review new information on <b>underwater munitions</b> , their impacts on small cetaceans and cetacean habitat, and methods for their environmentally-friendly removal. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.8 Munitions 8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2021
13. Review new information on <b>marine debris</b> (ingestion and entanglement), including microplastics, and its impacts on small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	9.x Marine Debris 8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022
14. Review new information on other forms of <b>pollution</b> and hazardous substances, and their impacts on small cetaceans and cetacean habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.7 PCBs 8.9 Cumulative Impacts 7.4 Chemical Pollution 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023
15. Review new information on <b>ship strikes</b> and their impacts on small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023
16. Review new information on <b>climate change</b> and ocean acidification, and the impacts these have on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023

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17. Review new information on <b>physical habitat change</b> , e.g. from construction, and its impacts on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023
18. Review new information on <b>any other issues</b> , including emerging issues posing a potential threat, and the impact they have on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023
<b>Management of Cumulative Impacts</b>			
19. Review best practice approaches to management of cumulative impacts on small cetaceans and their habitats, such as marine spatial planning. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2021
20. Contribute to the development [or updating] of risk maps showing the spatial and temporal (by season) distribution of activities that have an impact on cetaceans, including information provided in National Reports, taking into account the work done by other organizations (funding may be required).	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting	AC	2024
21. Investigate the drivers of distributional shifts in context of climate change effects (changes in ecosystem dynamics) to cetaceans and prey		AC	2023
<b>Area-based Conservation / Marine Protected Areas</b>			
22. Review best practice approaches to management of marine protected areas for small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2023
23. Contribute to the development [or updating] of the map of MPAs where cetaceans form part of the selection criteria, for the entire ASCOBANS Area, including information provided in National Reports, taking into account the work done by other organizations (funding may be required).	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting	AC	2024

WORK PLAN ACTIVITY	LINK TO EXTANT RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY	TIMING
<b>Species Action Plans and Regional Initiatives</b>			
24. Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan), establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan.	8.3 Jastarnia Plan 7.1 Porpoise Conservation 6.1 Jastarnia and North Sea Plans	Jastarnia Group	At each annual meeting
25. Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea, establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan.	7.1 Porpoise Conservation 6.1 Jastarnia and North Sea Plans	North Sea Group	At each annual meeting
26. Review and revise the Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea. Following national consultations, finalize the plan and circulate to the Parties for adoption.	6.1 Jastarnia and North Sea Plans	North Sea Group / AC / Parties	2022
27. Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the Western Baltic, the Belt Seas and the Kattegat, establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan.	7.1 Porpoise Conservation	Jastarnia Group	At each annual meeting
28. Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin, promote its ongoing implementation, establish further priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan.	8.4 (Rev.MOP9) Common Dolphins	Common Dolphin Group	At each meeting
29. Review progress and actions in the “Extension Area”, maintain or establish collaboration, as appropriate.	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting 7.3 Actions in Extension Area 5.3 Extension of Area	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	At each AC meeting

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<b>Surveys and Research</b>			
<b>Biological Information</b>			
30. Review new information on population size, distribution, structure, life-history parameters and causes of any changes in the ASCOBANS Area of populations of small cetaceans. Make appropriate recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities.	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022
<b>Monitoring Programmes</b>			
31. Review new information on monitoring programmes relevant for small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022
<b>Dedicated Surveys and Other Relevant Research</b>			
32. Review new information on dedicated surveys and other research relevant for small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting 5.7 Research 4.7 Populations 3.5 Population Studies	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022
33. Contribute to preparing of and support SAMBAH-II, scheduled to start in 2021, including securing funding accordingly.	5.7 Research 4.7 Populations 3.5 Population Studies	AC / Parties	Throughout the intersessional period
34. Contribute to preparing for a SCANS-IV survey and secure funding accordingly. The actual boat and aerial survey should be no later than 2022, noting that the next MSFD assessment is due in 2024.	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting 5.7 Research 4.7 Populations 3.5 Population Studies	AC / Parties	2021

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35. Contribute to the development [or updating] of maps of survey effort, including information provided in National Reports, taking into account the work done by other organizations where appropriate (funding may be required).	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting	AC	2024
<b>Project Funding</b>			
36. Issue call for project proposals when instructed to do so by the Advisory Committee, and conduct consultation on prioritization to the next meeting.		Secretariat	When instructed
37. Prepare for each meeting of the Advisory Committee an overview of approved activities requiring funding.		Secretariat	At each AC Meeting
<b>Use of Bycatches and Strandings</b>			
<b>Stranding Networks</b>			
38. Review new information on the establishment and functionality of stranding networks, especially with a view to facilitating liaison and skill-sharing. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.10 (Rev.MOP9) Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022
39. Engage actively in the ongoing work on best practice guidelines for stranding events in the frameworks of the International Whaling Commission and ACCOBAMS.	8.10 (Rev.MOP9) Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups) / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
40. Facilitate development of guidelines for responses to individual or groups of small cetaceans at risk in dangerous circumstances.	8.10 (Rev.MOP9) Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	Throughout the intersessional period
<b>Strandings</b>			
41. Review new information provided through the national reports. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting 8.10 (Rev.MOP9) Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022

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42. Promote the use of Best practice on cetacean post-mortem investigation and tissue sampling.	8.10 (Rev.MOP9) Stranding Response	AC / Secretariat / Parties	Throughout the intersessional period
43. Continue monitoring new information on the causes of strandings and mortality of cetaceans, as well as best practice guidance on stranding responses and necropsies, and to make recommendations to Parties as appropriate.	8.10 (Rev.MOP9) Stranding Response 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2022
44. Contribute to the development [or updating] of a map showing location and numbers of strandings (both dead and alive), including information provided in National Reports, taking into account the work done by other organizations where appropriate.	8.1 (Rev.MOP9) National Reporting	AC	2024
<b>Information and Education</b>			
<b>Information, Outreach and Education</b>			
45. Develop the ASCOBANS website [including the children's website] and other information material as needed, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences in the languages of the Agreement Area.	5.8 Education and Promotion	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
46. Support annual celebration of the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May.	8.3 Jastarnia Plan	Parties / Partners / Secretariat	Every year
47. Facilitate presentation of the ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award at MOP10.		Secretariat / AC	2023
48. Take advantage of attendance at other fora to give presentations or make information available on topics related to ASCOBANS.		Secretariat / Parties / Partners	Throughout the intersessional period

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49. Report on communication and outreach matters to the Advisory Committee.		Secretariat	At each AC Meeting
<b>Stakeholder Involvement</b>			
50. Work towards strengthening or establishing positive relationships with stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and European fisheries Advisory Councils.		AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
<b>Institutional Issues</b>			
<b>Meetings, Working Groups and Workshops</b>			
51. Ensure Advisory Committee Meetings are organized as scheduled, with papers circulated one month in advance of the meetings.		Secretariat	For each AC Meeting
52. Arrange for a special session dealing with a species selected by the previous meeting at each meeting of the Advisory Committee, covering issues such as population status and structure, distribution, abundance, life history, threats and pressures, the conservation status and recommendations for research and conservation actions.		AC / Secretariat	For each AC Meeting
53. Organize meetings of regional working groups (Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group, Common Dolphin Group) at intervals defined in each group's TOR.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
54. Organize workshops including at the annual conferences of the ECS on topics of priority interest to ASCOBANS, funding permitting.		Secretariat	As instructed
55. Support intersessional correspondence working groups as needed.		Secretariat	Throughout the

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			intersessional period
56. Seek to secure a host for MOP10 at least a year in advance of the meeting; otherwise arrange for it to be held in Bonn.		Secretariat	2023
<b>Budgetary and Administrative Matters</b>			
57. Report on budgetary and administrative issues to the Advisory Committee.		Secretariat	At each AC Meeting
58. Prepare draft budget options and resolutions on budgetary and administrative issues for consideration at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to MOP10.		Secretariat / AC	2023
59. Encourage Parties and partner organizations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritized by the AC or outreach initiatives.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
60. Develop funding arrangements for projects prioritized by the Advisory Committee and Meeting of Parties.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
<b>Cooperation with Other Organizations</b>			
61. Identify priorities and improve co-operation between ASCOBANS and institutions of the European Union.		AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
62. Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of the CMS Family on all issues of mutual interest.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period

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63. Seek to cooperate closely with ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS, UNEP and other relevant organizations.	9.x Marine Debris 8.6 Ocean Energy 8.7 PCBs 8.8 Munitions 8.10 (Rev.MOP9) Stranding Response 5.8 Education and Promotion	AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
64. Seek to collaborate with the ICES Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC), the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) established by the European Union, the Regional Coordination Groups, and other relevant organizations addressing bycatch.	8.5 (Rev.MOP9) Bycatch	AC	Throughout the intersessional period
65. Transmit information on the effects of PCBs on small cetaceans to UNEP, the Stockholm Convention, the CLRTAP Protocol on POPs, HELCOM and OSPAR for further consideration and possible action, and seek to engage with these processes as far as feasible.	8.7 PCBs	Secretariat / AC	Throughout the intersessional period
66. Seek to strengthen collaboration with civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations.		AC / Partners / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
67. [Compile a list of Dates of Interest and report back to each meeting of the Advisory Committee on attendance at such meetings. This requires participants at meetings identified in the list to report by email to the Secretariat after the meeting.]		Secretariat / Parties / Partners	At each AC Meeting
68. Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the Advisory Committee allow for it, ensure proper representation at meetings of other relevant organizations.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period

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<b>National Reports</b>			
69. Make full use of the information submitted in order to assess progress in the implementation of the Agreement and make recommendations to Parties.		AC	Annually
70. Tailor the agenda for each of the meetings of the Advisory Committee to reflect the topics selected for the previous year's national reports.		AC	Annually
<b>Other Matters</b>			
71. Consider output of the informal working group on large cetaceans in the Agreement Area, which summarizes information on the species and addresses aspects of their conservation.		AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	As appropriate during the intersessional period
72. Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement.		Secretariat / Parties	Throughout the intersessional period
73. Present to the Meeting of Parties a summary of, <i>inter alia</i> , progress made and difficulties encountered since the last Meeting of Parties.		Secretariat	At MOP10
74. Support Parties, Range States and Agreement bodies in implementing this Work Plan, in so far as primary responsibility does not lie with the Secretariat.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period
75. Present to Parties, each year no later than 30 June, provided all reports have been received sufficiently in advance of that date, a compilation of Annual National Reports.		Secretariat	At each AC Meeting