



## ECS/ASCOBANS Workshop:

### Scoping the development of a European marine strandings database

Sunday, 16 April 2023

09:00-13:00 CEST

**Description:** The ASCOBANS region contains many long-term strandings monitoring and investigation programmes, several spanning multiple decades. Data that are collected through these programmes are routinely collated on national/local databases, and in many instances, made available through reports and/or public release of information. Currently there is no mechanism to combine and display these data at an international level or across the range-states of the species under investigation.

The objective of the workshop is to identify the possible benefits and challenges associated with developing and curating a European wide strandings database for the ASCOBANS region.

#### PROGRAMME:

08.30 Registration

09:00 Welcome and introduction to the workshop

- Andrew Brownlow and Jenny Renell: Introduction
- Rob Deaville: Overview of previous workshops
- Rachel Lennon: Feedback from the questionnaire

09:25 Overview of national strandings networks (5 mins talks)

- Kristina Lehnert: Germany
- Dylan Verheul: Netherlands and Stranding.nl
- Mariel ten Doeschate: Scotland
- Paula Mendez: France
- Katarzyna Kamińska: Poland
- Rob Deaville: England and Wales
- Aleksija Neimanis: Sweden

10:00 Summary and Discussion

10:10 Strandings data integration- Pathways and pitfalls (10 mins talks)

- Morgana Vighi: Harmonisation of stranding data and data repositories - where are we? Results from an EU JRC survey across European stranding networks
- Emma Neave-Webb: Summary of IWC strandings data and plans for IWC strandings database

- Marie Petitguyot & Andrea Fariñas Bermejo: Contribution of European stranding networks to understanding and quantifying marine mammal bycatch: key results from questionnaires analyses
- Alessio Maglio, Maylis Salivas, Thierry Jauniaux: ACCOBAMS initiatives on stranding issues
- Nikki Taylor: Overview of the process with the Joint Cetacean Data Programme in terms of initial funding, scoping, database and platform development, and long-term governance

11:00 Summary and discussion

11:15 Coffee (15 mins)

11:30 Small group dialogue (1 hour)

This will be in the 'World Café' format with participants asked to split into small groups around a table and address the following questions. Participants will get to move tables, and hence address all questions during this session

**Issue one: Why build a European strandings database**

Identify the main advantages. Who would be interested in this (IWC/ICES/ASCOBANS)

Possible outcomes: Identify the main reasons for this project, who are the beneficiaries and what data do they need? What does the database need to achieve this?

**Issue two: What data should the database contain?**

Possible outcomes: Identify the main types of data the database needs to store and potential strategies for addressing issues around this such as harmonisation, validation, and curation.

**Issue three: How should this database be built and managed**

Possible outcomes: Decide if there is a modular or phased approach to development. How should the data be managed. Who would curate this? What can we learn from other systems?

**Issue four: Funding**

Possible outcomes: Identify funding sources. Considerations for building in addition to maintenance?

12:30 Final session - Plenary discussion and identification of key points for next steps (30 mins)

13:00 Close