

Agenda Item 6.3: Resolutions for MOP 5

**Draft Resolution No. 10: Recovery Plan for
Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea**

Submitted by: Secretariat



NOTE:
**IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING
THEIR OWN COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

5th MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Resolution No. 10

Recovery Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea

Recalling that the 5th International Conference on the Protection of the North Sea (Bergen, Norway, 20-21 March 2002) called for a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the North Sea to be developed and adopted (Paragraph 30, Bergen Declaration);

Recalling that the declaration of the Joint Ministerial Meeting of the Helsinki and OSPAR Commissions (Bremen, Germany, 25-26 June 2003, 'Bremen Declaration') adopted the common statement "Towards an Ecosystem Approach to the Management of Human Activities (Paragraph 13) which highlights the need to develop and promote the implementation of Recovery Plans for harbour porpoises in the North Sea;

Recalling the considerable experience ASCOBANS has gained with the development of the recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the Baltic ('Jastarnia Plan');

Noting the preparations ASCOBANS has already undertaken towards the development of a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the North Sea at the 9th and 10th Meetings of the Advisory Committee in Hindås (Sweden) and Bonn (Germany) in 2002 and 2003;

Recalling the deliberations on the Recovery Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea at the 11th, 12th and 13th Meetings of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee in Jastrzębia Góra (Poland), Brest (France) and Tampere (Finland);

Recalling Resolution No. 10 on a Recovery Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea adopted by the 4th Meeting of the Parties (Esbjerg, Denmark, April 2003);

Commending Germany for its initiative for the development of a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the North Sea;

Noting the requirements of the EU treaty and its Common Fisheries Policy;

The Meeting of the Parties to ASCOBANS

Adopts the Recovery Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea annexed* to this Resolution;

Urges Parties to implement the Plan fully and in a timely manner.

* The Recovery Plan (cf. Document AC13/Doc.18(S)) will be attached to the resolution for presentation to MoP5.