

Agenda Item 1.2 / 12

Opening of the Meeting
Adoption of the Agenda

Document 1-03 rev.2

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Action Requested

- Review the provisional agenda
- Make proposals for amendment if desired
- Adopt the agenda

Submitted by

Secretariat



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

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Agenda Item	Documents	Expected Outcomes
<p>1. Opening of the Meeting</p> <p><i>The Meeting will be opened at 9.30am on Wednesday, 21 April 2010. The Secretariat will make introductory remarks. The host will be given opportunity to welcome participants. Opening Statements may be submitted in writing only in order to save time. They will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the meeting.</i></p>		
<p>1.1 Adoption of Rules of Procedure</p> <p><i>The meeting will be invited to adopt the Rules of Procedure presented in AC17/Doc.1-01. The Secretariat will explain changes proposed with respect to the RoP adopted at AC16.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.1-01	Rules of Procedure adopted
<p>1.2 Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p><i>The meeting will be invited to review the Provisional Agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Late items and topics to be discussed under item 8 may be suggested. Parties will be invited to decide whether they wish the administrative session to be generally open to observers and release the documents. The establishment of working groups already foreseen may be proposed.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.1-02 AC17/Doc.1-03 rev.1	Agenda adopted Timetable endorsed Decision on release of documents for Administrative Session made
<p>2. Annual National Reports 2009</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present highlights of their reports (five minutes maximum for each Party), including information on changes in relevant national legislation or the establishment/development of marine protected areas.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.2-01 to AC17/Doc.2-10	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA ¹ 41 defined
<p>3. Accession and Agreement Amendments</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will report on the status of accessions and acceptance of the Agreement Amendment of 2003, as well as recruitment efforts made since AC16. Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment will be given opportunity to inform the meeting on the progress made.</i></p>		Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 40 defined

¹ TWPA = Triennium Work Plan Activity (2010-2012)

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<p>4. Priorities in the Implementation of the Triennium Work Plan (2010-2012) <i>The Secretariat will introduce an update of the progress overview of the Triennium Work Plan. The meeting will be invited to review the document and make recommendations for further implementation throughout the sessions.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.4-06	Note taken and comments made
<p>4.1 ASCOBANS Baltic Recovery Plan (Jastarnia Plan)</p>		
<p>4.1.1 Implementation <i>Baltic Parties will be invited to inform the meeting about implementation measures carried out since AC 16.</i></p>		<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 5 & 6 defined</p>
<p>4.1.2 Recommendations of 6th Meeting of the Jastarnia Group <i>The Chair of the Jastarnia Group will present an oral summary of the outcomes of the 6th meeting of the Jastarnia Group and its recommendations.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.4-01 rev.1 & Addendum rev.1	<p>Recommendations endorsed Further action for TWPA 5 & 14 defined</p>
<p>4.2 ASCOBANS Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea</p>		
<p>4.2.1 Implementation <i>North Sea Parties will be invited to inform the meeting about implementation measures carried out since AC 16. The meeting will be invited to decide on the composition and terms of reference for a Steering Group.</i></p>		<p>Note taken and comments made Steering Group defined and established Further action for TWPA 8 & 14 defined</p>
<p>4.2.2 Report by the Coordinators <i>The Consultants will present their progress report to the meeting and request guidance for next steps.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.4-05	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 8 defined Guidance to consultants on further steps given</p>

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<p>4.3 Review of New Information on Bycatch <i>Parties will be requested to present new information on the subject, including reports on effort in fisheries with high risk of bycatch, implementation of EU Regulation 812/2004 and post-mortem/stranding schemes.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.4-16	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 1, 15 & 35 defined</p>
<p>4.3.1 Outcome of the Bycatch Workshop, 20 March 2010, Stralsund, Germany <i>The Convener of the workshop will be invited to present an oral summary of the outcomes of the workshop and its recommendations to ASCOBANS Parties. Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.4-07 AC17/Doc.4-09 AC17/Doc.4-10 AC17/Doc.4-13 AC17/Doc.4-14 AC17/Doc.4-15	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 16 & 35 defined</p>
<p>4.4 Review of New Information on the Extent of Negative Effects of Sound <i>The Convener of the ASCOBANS Intersessional Working Group on the Assessment of Acoustic Disturbance established at AC15 will be invited to present their final report. The Secretariat will draw the meeting's attention to the work done by the IMO MEPC. Guidance will be sought how to continue addressing this issue.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.4-08 AC17/Doc.4-11 AC17/Doc.4-12	<p>Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 3 & 15 defined</p>
<p>4.5 Publicity and Outreach</p>		
<p>4.5.1 Report of the Secretariat <i>The Secretariat will report on activities since AC16 and on plans for the 8th International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise (16 May 2010). The Consultant working on ASCOBANS information material for fishers will present the results of her research, her recommendations and the draft texts for leaflets for the fisheries sector.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.4-02 AC17/Doc.4-03 & Addendum	<p>Note taken and comments made Guidance for the implementation of the recommendations given Comments on draft fisheries leaflet given and texts endorsed Further action for TWPA 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 39 defined</p>

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4.5.2 Reports of Parties, Range States and Partners <i>Parties and Partners will be invited to report on activities since AC16 and highlight any plans they might have for upcoming events, including the 8th International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise (16 May 2010).</i>		Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 23 defined
4.5.3 Draft Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan <i>The United Kingdom as convener of the intersessional correspondence group will present the revised draft CEPA Plan.</i>	AC17/Doc.4-04	Note taken and comments made CEPA Plan endorsed Further action for TWPA 23 & 25 defined
5. Implementation of the Triennium Work Plan (2010-2012) – Other Issues	AC17/Doc.4-06	
5.1 Review of New Information on Population Size, Distribution, Structure and Causes of Any Changes <i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject. The submitters of documents for this agenda item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i>	AC17/Doc.5-01 AC17/Doc.5-02 & Addendum AC17/Doc.5-04 AC17/Doc.5-05 AC17/Doc.5-08 AC17/Doc.6-07 AC17/Doc.6-08	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 4 defined
5.1.1 Status of Coastal Bottlenose Dolphin Populations <i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject. The submitters of documents for this agenda item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i>	AC17/Doc.5-06	Note taken and comments made
5.2 Coverage of Western Baltic, Inner Danish Waters and Kattegat Areas in Harbour Porpoise Action Plans <i>The Chair of the Jastarnia Group will present the Group's recommendation on this issue. Parties will be invited to debate the options and come to a decision, as instructed by MOP6.</i>	AC17/Doc.5-07	Decision on coverage of "gap area" made Further action for TWPA 7 defined

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5.3 Review of New Information on Pollution and its Effects <i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject. The Pollutants Working Group will present its report to the meeting. The meeting will be invited to consider the implications of the results of the study co-financed through ASCOBANS, as presented in AC17/Doc.6-05.</i>	AC17/Doc.6-05	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 2 defined
5.4 Review of New Information on the Extent of Negative Effects of Vessels and Other Forms of Disturbance <i>Parties and Partners will be invited to present new information on the subject. The meeting will be invited to consider the interim results of the study financed through ASCOBANS, as presented in AC17/Doc.6-06.</i>	AC17/Doc.6-06	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 3 defined
5.5 Extension of the Work of the Agreement into the new Agreement Area, incl. Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction <i>Parties will be requested to present new information on the subject. The Secretariat will highlight initiatives of the UN General Assembly and the CBD for marine conservation in areas beyond national jurisdiction.</i>	AC17/Doc.5-03	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 9 defined
5.6 Report of the Informal Working Group on Large Cetaceans <i>The Convener of the informal working group will be given opportunity to brief the meeting on the information the group considered, the key conservation issues identified and the informal recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures.</i>		Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 10 defined
6. Project Funding through ASCOBANS		
6.1 Progress of Supported Projects <i>The Secretariat will present an overview of the progress of projects funded through the Agreement.</i>	AC17/Doc.6-01 rev.2 AC17/Doc.6-04 AC17/Doc.6-05 AC17/Doc.6-06 AC17/Doc.6-07 AC17/Doc.6-08	Note taken and comments made Further action for TWPA 11 defined

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<p>6.2 Selection and Prioritisation of Projects for Future Support <i>The Secretariat will draw the meeting's attention to proposals received for projects to be funded through the Agreement. The meeting will be asked to group the proposals in categories such as "very high priority", "high priority", "medium priority" or "not a priority / not suitable for funding".</i></p>	AC17/Doc.6-02	<p>Proposals evaluated and prioritized If necessary, maximum allocations for projects set Intersessional working group to review additional proposals established Further action for TWPA 15, 21 & 22 defined</p>
<p>6.3 Draft ASCOBANS Project Proposal Format <i>The Secretariat will present the draft format for project proposals. The meeting will be invited to propose amendments, if desired.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.6-03	Project Proposal Format endorsed
<p>7. Relations with other Bodies <i>The Secretariat will highlight cooperation with other bodies since AC16. Parties and Partners will be invited to provide information. Parties will be requested to provide guidance for collaboration with key organizations.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.7-01 rev.2 AC17/Doc.7-03 AC17/Doc.7-04	<p>Note taken and comments made Guidance for collaboration given Further action for TWPA 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38 & 39 defined</p>
<p>7.1 Dates of Interest 2010/2011 <i>The meeting will be invited to consider the draft list of Dates of Interest, propose amendments and decide on representation at relevant meetings.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.7-02 rev.1	<p>List finalised Representation at relevant meetings decided Further action for TWPA 36 & 37 defined</p>
<p>8. Any other Business <i>The Secretariat will present the draft Style Guide and request comments from the floor. The Secretariat will draw the meeting's attention to the overview of the status of Resolutions adopted since MOP1. Any other items flagged for discussion during item 1.2 will be addressed.</i></p>	AC17/Doc.8-01 AC17/Doc.8-02 AC17/Doc.8-03	<p>Style Guide adopted Comments on overview of status of Resolutions given</p>

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9. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Science and Conservation Session <i>The Secretariat will circulate a list of Points for Action and recommendations of the Science and Conservation Session for comments and approval.</i>		List of Action Points adopted
10. Close of the Session		
11. Opening of the Administrative Session		
12. Adoption of the Agenda of the Administrative Session <i>The meeting will be invited to review the Provisional Agenda and to make any proposals for amendment prior to its adoption. Late items and topics to be discussed under item 14 may be suggested. Parties will also decide which, if any, agenda items should be discussed in closed session.</i>	AC17/Doc.1-02 AC17/Doc.1-03 rev.1	Agenda adopted Decision on possible closed session made
13. Report of the Secretariat on Finance and Administrative Issues		
13.1 Administrative Issues <i>The Secretariat will present its administrative report for 2009/2010.</i>	AC17/Doc.13-01	Note taken and comments made Decision on continuation of mid-year reports made (TWPA 18)
13.2 Accounts for 2009 <i>The Secretariat will present its budget report for 2009.</i>	AC17/Doc.13-02	Note taken and comments made Decision on use of fund balance taken Further action for TWPA 18 defined
13.3 Outline of Budget for 2010 <i>The Secretariat will present its budget outline for 2010.</i>	AC17/Doc.13-03	Note taken and comments made Decision on continuation of budget outlines to AC meetings made (TWPA 18)

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14. Any other Administrative Issues <i>Parties will be invited to decide how to prepare the evaluation of the Secretariat arrangements at AC18 (as requested in MOP6 Res.5). Further, any items flagged for discussion during item 12 will be addressed.</i>	AC17/Doc.8-03	Process for evaluation of Secretariat arrangements agreed
15. Date and Venue of the 18 th Meeting of the Advisory Committee in 2011 <i>Parties will be invited to come forward with offers to host the Advisory Committee Meetings in 2011. The meeting will be invited to provide guidance on suitable dates for AC18.</i>		Host for AC18 identified Suitable dates for AC18 identified Further action for TWPA 12 defined
16. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair <i>In accordance with Rule 5 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, a chairperson and a vice-chairperson shall be elected from among the Committee Members or their advisers.</i>		Chair and Vice-Chair elected
17. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Administrative Session <i>The Secretariat will circulate a list of Points for Action and recommendations of the Administrative Session for comments and approval.</i>		List of Action Points adopted
18. Close of Meeting		