

Agenda Item 4.2: Preparations for MOP 3

Report on Preparations for the Third Meeting of Parties to ASCOBANS

Submitted by: United Kingdom



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NOTE:
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THEIR OWN COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

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Third Meeting of the Parties to ASCOBANS
26 – 28 July 2000
Royal Swallow Hotel, Bristol, United Kingdom**

The United Kingdom is proud to be host to the third Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas. The Meeting, in conjunction with the third Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe (EUROBATS), will be held at the Royal Swallow Hotel in Bristol in the week of 24 – 28 July 2000.

The EUROBATS conference will begin proceedings, with delegates arriving from Saturday 22 July for registration from Sunday 23. The Meeting will run from Monday 24 July to midday on Wednesday 26 July. Preparations are also in hand for a EUROBATS field trip, kindly organised by the Bat Conservation Trust, on Sunday 23 July.

The Meeting of the Parties to ASCOBANS will convene on the afternoon of Wednesday 26 July and conclude on the afternoon of Friday 28 July. Registration will take place on the evening of Tuesday 25, and the following morning.

At a joint evening reception on Wednesday 26 July the Deputy Minister for the Environment, Chris Mullin MP, will officially open the Meetings. The reception will be held at Ashton Court Mansion, which dominates an attractive estate with a sweeping view over Bristol.

The Royal Swallow Hotel is Bristol's foremost conference venue with an excellent location in the lively and interesting city centre. The venue is well served by buses, and only a fifteen-minute walk from the bus station and railway station. The hotel offers free use of its leisure facilities and car parking to delegates. Within the conference suite official delegates will have access to PCs, e-mail and the Internet, fax and incoming telephone facilities.

A choice of five hotels, all within an easy walk of the conference venue, is offered by the accommodation booking service. All accommodation is convenient for a wide range of restaurants and entertainment.