

Agenda Item 5.1.2: Outcome of 3rd Meeting of Jastarnia Group

**Recommendations of the Third Meeting of the Jastarnia Group
(Copenhagen, 19-21 February 2007) to the 14th Meeting of the
Advisory Committee**

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NOTE:

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

The Third Meeting of the ASCOBANS Jastarnia Group (Copenhagen, 19-21 February 2007) makes the following recommendations to the Advisory Committee:

1. Parties should urge their relevant authorities to investigate ways of limiting part-time set-net fishery.
2. Parties should involve the stakeholders and develop a collaborative approach to engaging fishers in reporting bycatch.
3. ICES should be commissioned to clarify what data is available and for which areas on types of net, size of vessels etc. and to identify what relevant information is available in EU databases.
4. Parties should support studies on alternative fishing gear and interactive pingers.
5. Membership or observer status should be requested for ASCOBANS at meetings of the Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (Baltic RAC).
6. Funding should be provided for coordination and maintenance of the international Baltic Sea Harbour Porpoise Database after 2007.
7. Denmark and Germany should be encouraged to create a joint harbour porpoise reserve in the Flensburg Fjord.
8. Guidance should be provided on how to identify sites suitable for harbour porpoise conservation.
9. Funding should be provided for translation of information material for the general public and fishers into all Baltic languages.
10. These recommendations of the Jastarnia Group should be forwarded to all relevant organisations active in the Baltic.