

Agenda Item 5.9

Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial
Work Plan (2007-2009)

Revised Format for the Annual National
Reports

Document 25

**Draft Revised Format for the Annual
National Reports**

Action Requested

- Take note of the suggested work plan for the Secretariat
- Comment
- Make recommendations on the Reporting Format to be forwarded to the MOP

Submitted by

Secretariat



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

Secretariat's Note

The 15th Meeting of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee (2008) instructed the Secretariat to collate the existing reporting formats and, in consultation with appropriate experts for guidance, to draft a possible improved comprehensive reporting format.

In preparing this draft revised format for the Annual National Reports under ASCOBANS, the Secretariat made use of all existing ASCOBANS questionnaires and also referred to the formats used or recommended by ACCOBAMS and ICES, as well as relevant documents by HELCOM and the IMO. The resulting draft was shared with experts for their input and subsequently revised.

The draft revised reporting format is structured following the sub-items in the ASCOBANS Conservation and Management Plan, which is part of the Agreement. This way, the activities reported on are more clearly linked to the aims and objectives of the treaty and highlight the progress in its implementation.

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 ASCOBANS Annual National Reports**

General Information

Name of Party	Period covered
	Date of report

Report submitted by:	
Name	Function
Organization	Address
Telephone / Fax	Email
Any changes in coordinating authority or appointed member of advisory committee	

List of national authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans, including contact details

NEW Measures / Action Towards Meeting the Objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan and the Resolutions of the Meeting of Parties

Please feel free to add more rows to tables if the space provided is not sufficient.

A. HABITAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

1. Direct Interaction of Small Cetaceans with Fisheries

Investigations of methods to reduce by-catch
Implementation of methods to reduce by-catch

Estimates of by-catch in set net and pelagic trawl fisheries:			
Species	Estimated number of by-caught animals	Area (ICES area or more detailed)	Notes (type of fishery, effort, seasonal variations, etc.)

In addition to filling-in this form, please attach a copy of your country's Report under EC Regulation 812/2004.

Please provide any other relevant information, including bycatch information from opportunistic sources, if not indicated under section 4.2.

2. Reduction of Disturbance to Small Cetaceans

2.1. High Speed Ferries* (new or modified)

Name / type of craft	Route (return)	No. of round trips per day	Cruising Speed	Length / tonnage	Engine power

* All types of vessels (including hovercraft) capable of travelling at speeds in excess of 30 knots

Please provide any other relevant information.

Please indicate where GIS data or AIS tracking data can be obtained (contact email / website).

2.2. Anthropogenic Noise

Source (e.g. shipping, seismic activities, pile driving, active sonar, explosions)	Location	Noise level (e.g. dB re 1 μPa^2 s at source or exposure)	Frequency (Hz / kHz)	Observed effects on cetaceans	Measures taken to minimise / mitigate noise impact

2.3. Ship Strike Incidents

Please list all known incidents and for each, provide the following information:

Date	Species	Type of injury	Fatal injury (Yes / No)	Type of vessel (length, tonnage and speed)	Location (coordinates)	More information: (Name / Email)

2.4. Pollution

Please report on main types of pollution (including source, location and observed effects on cetaceans).

Please provide information on any new measures taken to reduce pollution likely to have an impact on small cetaceans.

2.5. Major Incidents Affecting Numbers of Cetaceans

Date	Location	Type of incident	Area affected	Effects on wildlife	Mitigation measures taken

2.6. Other Forms of Disturbance

Please provide any other relevant information, e.g. relating to recreational activities affecting cetaceans.

3. Marine Protected Areas for Small Cetaceans

Please provide any relevant information on measures taken to identify, implement and manage protected areas for cetaceans, including offshore MPAs (outside 12 nm in the EEZ) designated under the Habitats Directive and MPAs planned or established within the framework of OSPAR or HELCOM.

Please indicate where GIS data of the boundaries (and zoning, if applicable) can be obtained (contact email / website).

B. SURVEYS AND RESEARCH

4.1. Overview of research on abundance, distribution, population structure and causes of mortality

	Aspects of interest	Species	Region¹	Period²	Methods³	Bibliography⁴
Population size	Density, abundance estimate, trend					
Distribution	Seasonality, movements, habitat use					
Structure	Age, recruitment, proportion of calves, genetic population structure					
Health status / Causes of mortality	Health status, reproductive status, toxin loads, bycatch, ship strikes					

¹ Area information, e.g. coordinates, km² covered, habitat characteristics

² Time period under consideration, data used from which years

³ E.g. visual or acoustic surveys, mark-recapture, telemetry, post-mortem analysis of bycatches and strandings, opportunistic sightings

⁴ Full bibliographical information of published papers, web address for download if possible

4.2. New Technological Developments

Please provide any relevant information.

C. USE OF BY-CATCHES AND STRANDINGS

5.1. Post-mortem research schemes

Contact details of research institutions / focal point	
Methodology used (reference, e.g. publication, protocol)	
Collection of samples (type, preservation method)	
Database (Number of data sets by species, years covered, software used, online access)	
Additional Information (e.g. website addresses, intellectual property rights, possibility of a central database)	

5.2. Number of necropsies carried out in reporting period:

Species	Recorded cause of death

Please provide any other relevant information on post-mortem / stranding schemes.

D. LEGISLATION

6.1. Relevant New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines

Please provide any relevant information.

E. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

7.1. Public Awareness and Education

Please report on any public awareness and education activities to implement or promote the Agreement.

POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT

Please provide any relevant information.

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