

Agenda Item 11.3

Preparation of MOP 6

Draft Triennial Work Plan (2010-2012)

Document 30 rev.1

**Draft Triennial Work Plan (2010-2012) –  
Tasks for the Secretariat**

**Action Requested**

- Take note of the suggested work plan for the Secretariat
- Comment
- Develop work plan for the Advisory Committee for integration in a general work plan for the Agreement

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**

This revised document contains the changes introduced by a working group during the 16<sup>th</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting. It had been circulated to the meeting participants in hardcopy with all changes indicated.

**Draft Triennium Work Plan (2010-2012) – Tasks for the Secretariat / AC**

ACTIVITY TRIENNIUM WORK PLAN 2010-2012	ACTION BY	INTERVAL / TIME LINE	LINKS TO AGREEMENT OR CMP
<b>Conservation issues</b>			<b>(Conservation and Management Plan)</b>
1. Review, on an annual basis, and as far as possible in conjunction with EU, ICES and IWC, new information on bycatch and make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action. This should include information provided by Parties and Range States on the implementation, efficacy and impacts of measures introduced to reduce bycatch, and on effort in relevant fisheries	Advisory Committee (supported by Secretariat)	Annually	
2. Continue to review, on an annual basis, new information on pollution and its effects on small cetaceans which occur in the ASCOBANS area and, on the basis of this review, provide recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities	Advisory Committee	Annually	
3. Continue to review the extent of negative effects of sound, vessels and other forms of disturbance on small cetaceans and to review relevant technological developments with a view to providing recommendations to Parties on possible ways to mitigate those negative effects	Advisory Committee (supported by Secretariat)	Annually	
4. Review new information on cetacean population size, distribution, structure, and causes of any changes in the ASCOBANS area and based on implications for conservation to make appropriate recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities	Advisory Committee	Annually	
5. Continue to implement the ASCOBANS Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan).	Jastarnia Group/Parties	Annually	

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6. Review the effectiveness of the ASCOBANS Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises in 2011. Jastarnia Group to draft revision of plan if necessary for AC preceding the MoP7.	independent reviewer (e.g. R. Reeves) / Jastarnia Group	2011	
7. Implement the conservation plan for the North Sea Harbour Porpoise, monitor progress annually and amend at MoP7 if necessary *	Parties and Advisory Committee	Annually	
8. Continue to consider how the work of ASCOBANS should be extended to take account of the new Agreement Area, which includes areas beyond national jurisdiction	Advisory Committee, Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	
9. [Consider a possible amendment of the ASCOBANS Agreement to include all cetacean species]	Advisory Committee	2012	
<b>ASCOBANS Meetings and Workshops</b>			
10. Ensure the annual cycle of Advisory Committee [and Standing Committee] Meetings, with papers circulated one month in advance of the meetings	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.2
11. Seek to secure a host for the 7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties at least a year in advance of the meeting; else arrange for it to be held in Bonn	Secretariat	2011	Article 4.2
12. Organise meetings of regional working groups (Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group) in intervals to be defined in the group's ToR *	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2

\* Activities marked with an asterisk may require additional funding for fully satisfactory follow-up.

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13. Organise a workshop, e.g. at the 2010 annual conference of the ECS, that considers criteria and best practice of management measures to be implemented in Marine Protected Areas for harbour porpoises. Find a theme that is a focus of ASCOBANS to be addressed in a workshop. *	Secretariat	2010	1. Habitat Conservation and Management
14. Determine priorities for the coming triennium (2013 – 2015)	AC / Secretariat	2012	
<b>Budgetary and Administrative Issues</b>			
15. Report on budgetary and administrative issues to each meeting of the [Advisory Committee/Standing Committee]	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.2
16. Present a draft budget for the next triennium for consideration at a [Advisory Committee/Standing Committee] meeting at least six months prior to the next Meeting of Parties	Secretariat/AC	2012	Article 4.1, 4.2
17. Prepare draft resolutions on budgetary and administrative issues for consideration at the last meeting of the [Advisory Committee/Standing Committee] prior to MoP7.	Secretariat/AC	2012	Article 4.1, 4.2
18. Encourage Parties and partner organisations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritised by the AC or outreach initiatives	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.1
19. Assist in developing funding arrangements for projects covering themes prioritised by the Advisory Committee [see task x].	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1
<b>Communication, Education and Public Awareness</b>			
20. Report on outreach and communication issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.2

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21. Implement CEPA to raise awareness of issues related to cetacean conservation in the Agreement Area	Secretariat / parties and observers	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
22. Continue to update and translate ASCOBANS information material in the languages of both Party and non-Party Range States *	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
23. Continue to develop the ASCOBANS website, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences and including educational material *	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
24. Collaborate with partner organisations to develop joint actions in educational and promotional activities, and create synergy to provide added value while avoiding duplication of effort	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
25. Assess the need for targeted information material on conservation issues facing small cetaceans in the region in consultation with Parties and appropriate other bodies, and develop material as necessary in close cooperation with these partners *	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	5. Information and education
26. [Two workshops to assist in the development of the bottlenose dolphin project [and follow-up] ]*	UK lead		
<b>Cooperation with other Organizations</b>			
27. Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats of CMS and other CMS Regional Agreements on all issues of mutual interest	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2

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28. Seek to cooperate with the HELCOM Secretariat in the creation and maintenance of a joint Baltic harbour porpoise database as part of HELCOM's online information system *	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2
29. Continue to invite intergovernmental bodies such as IWC, ICES, CMS, HELCOM, NAMMCO, OSPAR, ACCOBAMS, the European Commission and other relevant international organizations to send representatives to Advisory Committee meetings	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.1, 4.2
30. Ensure that the chairs of the Advisory Committee [and Standing Committee] receive invitations to meetings of CMS and other CMS Regional Agreements	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2
31. Explore the possibilities of further developing positive relationships with other stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and Regional Advisory Councils	Advisory Committee Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2
32. Compile for each meeting of the Advisory Committee a list of Dates of Interest	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.1, 4.2
33. Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the [Advisory Committee/Standing Committee] allow for it, ensure proper representation at an appropriate level at meetings of other relevant organizations *	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1
34. Continue and improve effective communication with non-governmental and international organizations, such as OSPAR, HELCOM, ICES, ACCOBAMS, CBD and IWC	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2
35. Explore ways in which ASCOBANS can better liaise and work with the European Commission on issues of mutual interest	Advisory Committee Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1, 4.2

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<b>Institutional Issues</b>			
36. Promote the Agreement and its aims in Parties, Range States and with other relevant players *	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1
37. Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1
38. Present to Parties, each year no later than 30 June, provided all reports have been received by that date, a compilation of Annual National Reports	Secretariat	Annually	Article 4.2
39. Present to the Meeting of Parties a summary of, <i>inter alia</i> , progress made and difficulties encountered since the last Meeting of Parties	Secretariat	2012	Article 4.3
40. Support Parties, Range States and Agreement bodies in implementing this Work Plan, in so far as primary responsibility does not lie with the Secretariat	Secretariat	Throughout the triennium	Article 4.1