

Agenda Item 6.2

List of Projects for Funding through ASCOBANS

Selection and Prioritisation of Projects to be supported

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List of Projects for Funding

Action Requested

- Review and update the project list
- Prioritise the projects for funding
- Allocate funds to conservation projects

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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Activity	Objectives	Cost €	Priority	Mandate	Comments	Pledges
Scientific Work						
1. Analysis of risk of ship strikes	Identify high-risk areas, depending on cetacean density, species, habitat use, exact shipping lanes, vessel types, number and speed	15,500	*	WP 4	Work has commenced Cooperation options with IWC to be explored	SSFA concluded. First instalment (75%) disbursed.
2. Baltic database on opportunistic sightings, strandings and bycatch	Incorporates data from various organisations, as well as from Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Poland and Sweden	30,000 p.a.	*	WP 15	Part- or full-time post, database maintained by Germany until end of 2007 Explore cooperation / integration options with HELCOM	
3. Cooperation with HELCOM (and possibly ICES)	Examine the genetic origin, population size and structure of the Baltic harbour porpoise, distribution and migration, reproductive capacity, effects of contaminants and health status, and additional mortality owing to interactions with the commercial fisheries	tbd		WP 11, 20	Included by AC15	
4. Effects of Contaminants on Reproduction in Small Cetaceans	Identify whether contaminants have an adverse effect on individual reproductive capabilities of common dolphins and harbour porpoises	10,000 (phase 1)	*	WP 3	Ongoing Project of SMRU, CEFAS and the Institute of Zoology (London)	SSFA concluded. First instalment (75%) disbursed.
5. Historical diet preferences of Harbour porpoises	Explain changes in distribution	30,000	*	WP 7	Details to be provided by Meike Scheidat	Personnel already funded through Belgium / Netherlands

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6. Assessment of Acoustic Disturbance	Development of clear guidelines or recommendations for use of sonar, seismic surveys, pile-driving and ship-based noise	-	*	WP 4	Working Group convened by WDCCS	
7. Historic and present harbour porpoise populations in the Baltic region – geometric analysis	Results from the morphometric analysis will be evaluated in the context of other existing information on population structure of harbour porpoises to assess the historic and present status of Baltic Sea porpoises	5,000 (co-funding)	*	WP 7	Project had been selected by the Jastarnia Group for funding Draft SSFA forwarded to project leaders in February 2009	USD 5,000 from UNEP for Implementation of the Jastarnia Plan for 2009
Conservation Projects						
8. Survey of Harbour Porpoise abundance in Baltic (SAMBAH project)	Coordinated effort on static acoustic monitoring lead by Mats Amundin/Sweden	-	*	Res. 5.6, 5.7	Project proposal prepared with financial support from ASCOBANS. Submitted to EC for funding/co-funding under LIFE+ or 7 th Framework	Sweden supports study of habitat preference as well as PCL calibration
9. Bottlenose dolphin project	Identify fine-scale population structure and pattern of distribution and abundance throughout the European range Determine key bottlenose dolphin habitat, including the relationship between distribution, key environmental variables, and regional variation in prey choice Quantify and explore reasons for decreases in range and possibility of recovery	8,699 GBP	*	WP 30	Research proposal for potential EU funding to be completed Workshop held in 2006 Amendment of LoA undertaken in 2008 to allow for alternative way of preparing the funding application and later submission to the EU	Residual payment of GBP 1,500 due upon completion of the LoA between the Secretariat and JNCC

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10. Activities related to the Jastarnia Group	Small expert working group to evaluate the genetic, morphological and other biological research which has been undertaken so far; then assess what further research is required and possible for the conservation of the Baltic Sea sub-population(s)	tbd	*	WP 14	Included by AC15	
11. Coordinator for North Sea Conservation Plan	Facilitate implementation	tbd	*	WP 16, 17	Terms of reference need to be defined	
Outreach and Communications Initiatives/Activities						
12. Translation of information material	Produce information and outreach material in the languages of all ASCOBANS Range States (both Parties and non-Parties)	tbd		WP 9, 12, 13 Res. 5.8	Provisions for limited production in all languages have been made	Parties requiring large quantities in their language should consider providing additional funds
13. Update of exhibits/new panels	Develop new panels to complement the new CMS Family Exhibition, produce banner for IDBHP	tbd	*	WP 8, 12 Res. 5.8	Provisions for English version have been made German language version envisaged	
14. Development of Website	Add new web pages to the ASCOBANS website; restructure to make more appealing and interesting, keep updated, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences and including educational material	tbd	*	WP 10 Res. 5.8	Ongoing	

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15. Fishermen's Leaflet	Produce targeted information material on conservation issues facing small cetaceans in the region Develop material to distribute to fishermen, especially with respect to bycatch issues	tbd		WP 12	Consultant needed to analyse existing material and based on this develop proposal for ASCOBANS material	Informal agreement to co-fund production with DG Fish
Information Management						
16. CMS Family on-line reporting and harmonisation	Provide the ability to easily access migratory species related information across CMS family and streamline reporting obligations of the Parties in order to assess the implementation of CMS Strategic Plan and achievement of the 2010 target.	tbd			Adaptation of IOSEA's on-line reporting model to the whole CMS family. This should also include a project database. Project proposal submitted to UNEP/DELC.	CMS and AEWA parts will be implemented in phase 1, ASCOBANS can follow in phase 2
Other Projects and Proposals						
17. Request Junior Professional Officer		-			AC to advise on job description	