

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Election of a Chair
4. Presentations by Invited Experts
5. **Jastarnia Plan**  
*Implementation of the Plan and Action Points (AP) recommended by the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Jastarnia Group, as endorsed by AC21*
  - 5.1 Bycatch Reduction
    - 5.1.1 Reduce Fishing Effort in Certain Fisheries (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 1)
      - 5.1.1.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 1, 2, 3, 4)
      - 5.1.1.2 Other related issues
    - 5.1.2 Involve stakeholders in the work of reducing bycatch of harbour porpoises (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 2)
      - 5.1.2.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 5, 6)
      - 5.1.2.2 Other related issues
    - 5.1.3 Replace fishing methods known to be associated with high porpoise bycatch (i.e. set nets) and introduce alternative gear considered less harmful (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 3)
      - 5.1.3.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 8)
      - 5.1.3.2 Other related issues
    - 5.1.4 Implement a pinger programme on a short-term basis (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 4)
  - 5.2 Research and Monitoring
    - 5.2.1 Analyze stock affinities of harbour porpoises in the “transition zone” of the south- western Baltic (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 5)
    - 5.2.2 Develop and apply new techniques (e.g. acoustic monitoring) for assessing trends in abundance (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 6)
    - 5.2.3 Develop interactive pingers or pingers using frequencies not audible to seals (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 7)
    - 5.2.4 Investigate possible detrimental effects of various types of sound and disturbance (including pinger signals, noise from vessels, wind parks or construction and seabed exploration for oil and gas) on harbour porpoises (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 8)
      - 5.2.4.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 10, 11)

- 5.2.4.2 Other related issues
- 5.2.5 Monitor bycatch in fisheries known to be harmful to harbour porpoises to be able to estimate bycatch levels (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 9)
- 5.2.6 Further develop sustainable alternative fishing gear with no bycatch of harbour porpoises (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 10)
  - 5.2.6.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 12)
  - 5.2.6.2 Other related issues
- 5.2.7 Compile data on fishing effort (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 11)
  - 5.2.7.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 25)
  - 5.2.7.2 Other related issues
- 5.2.8 Examine habitat preference for harbour porpoises (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 12)
- 5.2.9 Investigate the prevalence of derelict ("ghost") gear and the feasibility of its removal (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 13)
  - 5.2.9.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 13, 14)
  - 5.2.9.2 Other related issues
- 5.3 Marine Protected Areas
  - 5.3.1 Expand the network of protected areas in the Baltic Sea and improve its connectivity to ensure the development of appropriate harbour porpoise management plans for these areas (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 14)
    - 5.3.1.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 15, 16)
    - 5.3.1.2 Other related issues
- 5.4 Public Awareness
  - 5.4.1 Develop a comprehensive public awareness campaign (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 15)
    - 5.4.1.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 17, 18)
    - 5.4.1.2 Other related issues
- 5.5 ASCOBANS Cooperation with Other Bodies
  - 5.5.1 Strive for close consultation and cooperation between ASCOBANS and other relevant regional and international bodies (Jastarnia Plan Recommendation 16)
    - 5.5.1.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 19, 20, 21, 24)
    - 5.5.1.2 Other related issues (including CORESET II)

## 6. Cross-cutting Issues

- 6.1 Cross-cutting Action Points Adopted by JG 10 (AP 39, 40)
- 6.2 New Terms of Reference for the Jastarnia Group
  - 6.2.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 22)
- 6.3 Implementation of SAMBAH-related Action Points adopted by JG10 (AP 23)
- 6.4 ASCOBANS Workshop on the Requirements of Legislation to Address Monitoring and Mitigation of Small Cetacean Bycatch (JG10 AP 7)

**7. Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise Population in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat**

*Implementation of the Plan ("Gap Area Plan", GAP) and action points (AP) recommended by the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Jastarnia Group, as endorsed by AC21*

- 7.1 Objective a. Involvement of All Stakeholders in the Implementation of the Plan and its Evaluation
  - 7.1.1 Actively seek to involve fishermen in the implementation of the plan and mitigation measures to ensure reducing bycatch (GAP Recommendation 1)
    - 7.1.1.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 26, 27)
    - 7.1.1.2 Other related issues
  - 7.1.2 Cooperate with and inform other relevant bodies about the Conservation Plan (GAP Recommendation 2)
- 7.2 Objective b. Mitigation of Bycatch
  - 7.2.1 Protect harbour porpoises in their key habitats by minimizing bycatch as far as possible (GAP Recommendation 3)
    - 7.2.1.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 28, 29, 30, 31)
    - 7.2.1.2 Other related issues
  - 7.2.2 Implement pinger use in fisheries causing bycatch (Recommendation 4)
  - 7.2.3 Where possible replace gillnet fisheries known to be associated with high porpoise bycatch with alternative fishing gear known to be less harmful (GAP Recommendation 5)
- 7.3 Objective c. Assessment of the Bycatch Level
  - 7.3.1 Estimate total annual bycatch (GAP Recommendation 6)
    - 7.3.1.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 32)
    - 7.3.1.2 Other related issues
- 7.4 Objective d. Monitoring the Status of the Population
  - 7.4.1 Estimate trends in abundance of harbour porpoises in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat (GAP Recommendation 7)
    - 7.4.1.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 33, 34)
    - 7.4.1.2 Other related issues
  - 7.4.2 Monitor population health status, contaminant load and causes of mortality (GAP Recommendation 8)
    - 7.4.2.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 35, 36)
    - 7.4.2.2 Other related issues
- 7.5 Objective e. Ensuring Habitat Quality Favourable to the Conservation of the Harbour Porpoise
  - 7.5.1 Ensure a non-detrimental use of pingers by examining habitat exclusion and long-term effects of pingers (GAP Recommendation 9)

- 7.5.2 Include monitoring and management of important prey species in national harbour porpoise management plans (GAP Recommendation 10)
  - 7.5.2.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 37)
  - 7.5.2.2 Other related issues
- 7.5.3 Restore or maintain habitat quality (GAP Recommendation 11)
  - 7.5.3.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 38)
  - 7.5.3.2 Other related issues
  
- 8. Any other Business
  - 8.1 Implementation of relevant JG10 APs (AP 9)
  
- 9. Date and Venue of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Jastarnia Group
  
- 10. Close of Meeting