

Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule

Time	Agenda Item	Related Work Plan Activity	Documents	Expected Outcomes
Tuesday, 29 September				
9.30 – 10.30	1. Opening of the Meeting <i>The Meeting will be opened at 9.30 on Tuesday, 29 September 2015.</i>			
	1.1 Welcoming Remarks <i>The Host, the Chair and the Secretariat will make introductory remarks.</i>			
	1.2 Adoption of the Agenda <i>The Chair will draw the meeting's attention to the Rules of Procedure. The Rules of Procedure adopted at AC19 remain in force unless an amendment is called for. A proposed amendment relevant for AC23 onwards will be discussed under item 17.1.</i> <i>The Chair will invite the meeting to review the Provisional Agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Late items and topics to be discussed under item 10 (Any other Business) may be suggested.</i> <i>The establishment of working groups already foreseen may be proposed.</i>		Doc.1.2.a (Agenda) Doc.1.2.b Rev.1 (Annotated Agenda & Schedule) Inf.1.2.a (Rules of Procedure)	Agenda adopted Timetable endorsed Working groups established

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	<p>1.3 Opening of the Scientific Session <i>The Secretariat will introduce the overview of progress made with the implementation of the Work Plan.</i></p>		Doc.1.3 Rev.1 (Work Plan Progress)	Note taken Guidance given
	3. Special Species Session: Common Dolphin			
	<p>3.1 Introduction and Conservation Status <i>The meeting will be shown a presentation on population status, stock structure, distribution, abundance, life history, threats and pressures and the conservation status of the common dolphin.</i></p>	(WPA 6) Review and catalyse new information on small cetacean population size, distribution, structure and causes of any changes in the ASCOBANS area and make appropriate recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities	Inf.3.1 (Common Dolphin)	Note taken
	<p>3.2 Draft Conservation Plan <i>The meeting will be presented with possible objectives and recommendations of the conservation plan, incl. gaps in knowledge and research needs for monitoring purposes.</i></p>			Note taken Guidance given
Coffee/Tea Break (10.30 – 11.00)				
11.00 – 12.30	4. Review of New Information on Threats to Small Cetaceans			
	<p>4.1 Bycatch <i>The Chair of the Bycatch Working Group will present the report.</i> <i>The meeting will be requested to review the draft Recommendations of ASCOBANS on the Requirements of</i></p>	(WPA 1) Review new information on bycatch and associated strandings, bycatch mitigation and monitoring measures, including local initiatives, and fisheries effort and make recommendations to Parties and other	Doc.4.1.a Rev.1 (Report Bycatch WG) Doc.4.1.b (Draft Recommendations to EU)	Note taken Guidance given Recommendations to EU agreed

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	<p><i>Legislation to Address Monitoring and Mitigation of Small Cetacean Bycatch, consider the comments received and agree on the recommendations to be sent to the European Commission.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting will also be requested to approve the proposed revised terms of reference for the “Part II” workshop on ‘Unacceptable Interactions’ and provide guidance on the possible further steps.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p>	<p>relevant authorities for further action, in particular advice concerning the EU Common Fisheries Policy reform and Regulation 812/2004</p> <p>(WPA 23) Support intersessional correspondence working groups as needed</p> <p>(WPA 38) Work towards establishing positive relationships with other stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and Regional Advisory Councils</p>	<p>Doc.4.1.c (‘Unacceptable Interactions’ Next Steps)</p> <p>Inf.4.1.a (Legislation Workshop Report)</p> <p>Inf.4.1.b (WG Comments)</p> <p>Inf.4.1.c (‘Unacceptable Interactions’ Workshop Report)</p> <p>Inf.4.1.d (ICES WGBYC)</p> <p>Inf.4.1.e (EU Cetacean Bycatch)</p> <p>Inf.4.1.f (EU Reg.1014/2014 on EMFF)</p> <p>Inf.4.1.g (ICES Advice 2015 Bycatch)</p>	<p>ToR for ‘Unacceptable Interactions’ Part II and next steps agreed</p>
	<p>4.2 Underwater Noise</p> <p><i>A representative of the co-chairs of Joint Noise Working Group will update the meeting on its activities and recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 3) Review the extent of negative effects of sound, vessels and other forms of disturbance on small cetaceans and review relevant technological developments and best practices, working where possible with initiatives by other organizations</p> <p>(WPA 4) Develop guidelines which Parties and stakeholders may use to reduce disturbance by noise, where</p>	<p>Doc.4.2 (Report Noise WG)</p> <p>Inf.4.2.a (EIA Workshop Proceedings)</p> <p>Inf.4.2.b (ToR EIA Guidelines)</p> <p>Inf.4.2.c (Pile Driving)</p>	<p>Note taken Guidance given</p>

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Lunch Break (12.30 – 13.30)				
13.30 – 15.00	<p>4.3 Negative Effects of Vessels and Other Forms of Disturbance</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 3) Review the extent of negative effects of sound, vessels and other forms of disturbance on small cetaceans and review relevant technological developments and best practices, working where possible with initiatives by other organizations</p>	<p>Inf.4.3.a (CMS Wildlife Watching Resolution)</p> <p>Inf.4.3.b (IWC SSWG)</p> <p>Inf.4.3.c (IWC SSDC)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p>
	<p>4.4 Marine Renewable Energy Technologies</p> <p><i>The meeting will be shown a presentation on emerging marine renewable energy technologies, their potential impacts on cetaceans and mitigation measures.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 7) Review new information on emerging issues posing a potential threat to small cetaceans, such as climate change effects, where possible in collaboration with ACCOBAMS and other partners</p>	<p>Inf.4.4 (CMS Renewable Energy Resolution)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p>

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	<i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i>			
	<p>4.5 Pollution and its Effects</p> <p><i>The Pollution Working Group's chair will present the annual compilation to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports and inform the meeting about national campaigns related to raising awareness of marine debris.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 2) Review new information on pollution, including marine debris, and its effects on small cetaceans that occur in the ASCOBANS area and make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities</p>	<p>Inf.4.5.a (CMS Debris Resolution)</p> <p>Inf.4.5.b (Reproductive Failure)</p> <p>Inf.4.5.c (IWC Marine Debris)</p> <p>Inf.4.5.d (OSPAR Marine Litter Action Plan)</p> <p>Inf.4.5.e (HELCOM Marine Litter Action Plan)</p> <p>Inf.4.5.f (Research Debris Cetaceans)</p> <p>Inf.4.5.g (Monaco Declaration)</p> <p>Inf.8.1.a (Project Report Pollutant Exposure)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p>
Coffee/Tea Break (15.00 – 15.30)				
15.30 - 17.15	<p>4.6 Underwater Unexploded Ordnance</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 5) Review knowledge about and potential adverse effects of underwater unexploded ordnance as well as methods for its environmentally-friendly removal and make appropriate</p>	<p>Doc.4.6 (Ordnance)</p> <p>Inf.4.6.a (HELCOM SUBMERGED)</p> <p>Inf.4.6.b (HELCOM MUNI)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p> <p>Decision on possible draft resolution made</p>

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	<p>4.7 Emerging Issues</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	(WPA 7) Review new information on emerging issues posing a potential threat to small cetaceans, such as climate change effects, where possible in collaboration with ACCOBAMS and other partners	<p>Doc.4.7 (Cumulative Impacts)</p> <p>Inf.4.7.a (CMS Live Captures Resolution)</p> <p>Inf.4.7.b (CMS Cetacean Culture Resolution)</p> <p>Inf.4.7.c (CMS Climate Change Resolution)</p> <p>Inf.4.7.d (Management Cumulative Impacts)</p>	Note taken Guidance given Decision on possible draft resolution made
	5. Review of New Information on other Matters Relevant for Small Cetacean Conservation			
	<p>5.1 Population Size, Distribution, Structure and Causes of Any Changes</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p>	(WPA 6) Review and catalyse new information on small cetacean population size, distribution, structure and causes of any changes in the ASCOBANS area and make appropriate recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities	<p>Inf.5.1.a (ICES WGMME)</p> <p>Inf.5.1.b (SCANS-III Revised Proposal)</p>	Note taken Guidance given

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	<i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i>			
	<p>5.2 Revised Necropsy Protocol</p> <p><i>The meeting will be updated on outcomes of the workshops related to this topic held in 2015, and on the status of development of a new protocol.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 21) Organize workshops at the annual conferences of the ECS on a topic of priority interest to ASCOBANS, funding permitting</p>		<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p>
	<p>5.3 Responses to Hazards</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 16) Seek to develop improved liaison and skill-sharing across the ASCOBANS Area concerning (1) responses to individual or groups of small cetaceans at risk in dangerous circumstances (this would include but not be limited to small cetaceans entering ports and rivers and live entangled animals); and (2) associated investigations into the causes of such problems and the development of strategies to address these issues</p>	<p>Inf.5.3.a (ACCOBAMS Live Stranding)</p> <p>Inf.5.3.b (IWC Euthanasia)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p>
<p><i>Informal Dinner Hosted by the Government of the Netherlands</i> (departure from meeting venue at 17.30)</p>				

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Wednesday, 30 September				
9.00 – 10.30	<p>5.4 Management of Marine Protected Areas</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 8) Review best practice approaches to management of marine protected areas for small cetaceans and make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities</p>		<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p>
	<p>5.5 New Agreement Area</p> <p><i>The chair of the Extension Area Working Group will present the report to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Those submitting documents for this item will be given opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 12) Consider how the work of ASCOBANS should be extended to take account of the new Agreement Area, including information on ship strikes</p> <p>(WPA 23) Support intersessional correspondence working groups as needed</p>	<p>Inf.3.1 (Common Dolphin)</p> <p>Doc.5.5.a (Report Extension Area and Large Cetacean WGs)</p> <p>Doc.5.5.b (White-beaked Dolphin CMS)</p> <p>Inf.5.5 (Report Madeira)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p> <p>Decision made on providing a written statement of support on WBD listing</p>
	<p>5.6 Large Cetaceans</p> <p><i>The chair of the Extension Area Working Group will present the report to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 13) Consider output of informal working group on large cetaceans in the Agreement Area, which summarizes information on the species and addresses aspects of their conservation</p>	<p>Doc.5.5.a (Report Extension Area and Large Cetacean WGs)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p>

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	<i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i>	(WPA 23) Support intersessional correspondence working groups as needed		
	<p>6. Marine Strategy Framework Directive</p> <p><i>The Co-chair of the MSFD Working Group will update the meeting on its activities and recommendations. Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 23) Support intersessional correspondence working groups as needed</p> <p>(WPA 35) Identify priorities and improve co-operation between ASCOBANS and European Union institutions</p>	Doc.6 (Report MSFD WG)	Note taken Guidance given
Coffee/Tea Break (10.30 – 11.00)				
11.00 - 12.30	7. Publicity and Outreach			
	<p>7.1 Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will present its report to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 30) Report on outreach and communication issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee</p> <p>(WPA 31) Implement CEPA to raise awareness of issues related to cetacean conservation in the Agreement Area, with a particular focus on outreach to relevant stakeholders, and where possible in collaboration with partner organizations</p> <p>(WPA 32) Develop the ASCOBANS website, and other information material as needed, aiming to meet the needs of</p>	Doc.7.1 Rev.1 (Outreach Report)	Note taken Comments made Guidance given

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		a wide range of target audiences in the languages of the Agreement Area (WPA 33) Support annual celebration of the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise on the 3 rd Sunday in May		
	7.2 ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award 2016 <i>The Secretariat will inform the meeting of the process for the presentation of the Award.</i>	(WPA 34) Facilitate presentation of the ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award at MOP8	Doc.7.2 (Outreach Award)	Note taken Jury formed
	8. Funding of Projects and Activities			
	8.1 Progress of Projects Supported by ASCOBANS <i>The Secretariat will present its report to the meeting.</i>	(WPA 14) Review progress of bottlenose dolphin project (TURSIOPS SEAs) and advise on a way forward	Doc.8.1 (Progress Projects) Inf.8.1.a (Project Report Pollutant Exposure) Inf.8.1.b (Project Report SCANS-III) Inf.8.1.c (Project Report Noise Impact Indicator)	Note taken Guidance given
Lunch Break (12.30 – 13.30)				
13.30 – 15.00	2. Implementation of the Harbour Porpoise Action Plans			
	2.1 Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan)	(WPA 9) Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan), establish further implementation	Doc.2.1 (Report JG11)	Note taken Action Points endorsed

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	<p><i>The chair of the Jastarnia Group will update the meeting on its activities and recommendations related to the Jastarnia Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Baltic Sea Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p>	<p>priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan</p> <p>(WPA 19) Organize meetings of regional working groups (Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group) at intervals defined in each group's ToR</p>		Guidance given
	<p>2.3 Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise Population in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat</p> <p><i>The chair of the Jastarnia Group will update the meeting on its activities and recommendations related to the Jastarnia Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Parties in the WBBK range will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 11) Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the Western Baltic, the Belt Seas and the Kattegat, establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan</p> <p>(WPA 19) Organize meetings of regional working groups (Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group) at intervals defined in each group's ToR</p>	Doc.2.1 (Report JG11)	Note taken Action Points endorsed Guidance given
	<p>2.2 Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea</p> <p><i>The chair of the North Sea Group will update the meeting on its activities and recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>North Sea Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 10) Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea, establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan</p> <p>(WPA 19) Organize meetings of regional working groups (Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group) at intervals defined in each group's ToR</p>	Doc.2.2 (Report NSG4)	Note taken Action Points endorsed Guidance given

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Coffee/Tea Break (15.00 – 15.30)				
15.30 – 17.30	8.2 Prioritization of Activities Requiring Funding <i>The Secretariat will inform the meeting about the financial needs for the implementation of activities agreed by the AC.</i> <i>The meeting will be requested to decide on future calls for projects.</i>	(WPA 15) Issue call for project proposals and conduct consultation on prioritization prior to each meeting of the Advisory Committee (WPA 28) Encourage Parties and partner organizations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritized by the AC or outreach initiatives	Doc.8.2 (Activities Requiring Funding)	Note taken Priority order for activities agreed Decision on calls for projects in 2016 and 2017 made
	9. Draft Resolutions not Covered Above <i>Parties will be invited to brief the meeting about any draft resolutions they wish to submit to MOP8.</i>			Overview of draft resolutions to be developed for MOP8
	9.1 Activities of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee and Work Plan <i>The Secretariat will introduce the draft resolution.</i> <i>The meeting will be requested to provide comments and recommend the draft resolution for adoption at MOP8.</i>	(WPA 24) Propose priorities for the coming period	Doc.9.1 (Draft Resolution Work Plan)	Note taken Draft resolution finalized and recommended to MOP8 for adoption
	10. Any Other Business <i>Any items flagged for discussion during item 1.2 will be addressed.</i>			

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<i>Refreshment Break (17.30 – 18.15 – extended for production of Action Points)</i>				
18.15 – 19.00	11. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Scientific Session <i>The Secretariat will present a list of Action Points and Decisions for approval.</i>			List of Action Points adopted
	12. Close of the Session			

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Thursday, 1 October				
9.00 – 10.30	13. Opening of the Institutional Session <i>Late items and topics to be discussed under item 20 may be suggested.</i>			
	14. Accession and Agreement Amendment <i>The Secretariat will present the status of accession and acceptance of the amendment to the meeting.</i> <i>Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment will be called on to inform the meeting on the progress made.</i> <i>Parties will be given opportunity to report on any efforts to promote accession of non-Parties.</i>	(WPA 41) Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement	Inf.14 (Accession)	Note taken Comments made Guidance given
	15. National Reporting			
	15.1 Reports from Parties <i>Parties will be invited to present any points from their reports not yet discussed under previous items, including information on changes in relevant national legislation.</i>	(WPA 42) Present to Parties, each year no later than 30 June, provided all reports have been received sufficiently in advance of that date, a compilation of Annual National Reports	Inf.15.1.a (Belgium) Inf.15.1.b (Denmark) Inf.15.1.c (Finland) Inf.15.1.d (France) Inf.15.1.e (Germany) Inf.15.1.f (Lithuania) Inf.15.1.g (Netherlands) Inf.15.1.h (Poland)	Note taken Comments made

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			Inf.15.1.i (Sweden) Inf.15.1.j (United Kingdom)	
	<p>15.2 Revision to National Reporting Format</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will present its document on the subject. Parties will be requested to provide comments on the proposed outline of a reporting form and give guidance on the way forward.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 20) Consider revisions to the national reporting format and make recommendation to the 8th Meeting of the Parties</p> <p>(WPA 23) Support intersessional correspondence working groups as needed</p>	<p>Doc.15.2 (Revision ANR Format)</p> <p>Inf.15.2.a (ANR Format ASCOBANS)</p> <p>Inf.15.2.b (IWC Voluntary Reports)</p> <p>Inf.15.2.c (IWC Progress Reports)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Outline of revised national reporting form agreed</p> <p>Guidance given</p> <p>Decision on possible draft resolution made</p>
Coffee/Tea Break (10.30 – 11.00)				
11.00 – 12.30	16. Relations with Other Bodies			
	<p>16.1 Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will highlight the compilation of reports from other meetings. Contributors will be given the opportunity to highlight key points.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</i></p> <p><i>Partners will be given opportunity to present information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 36) Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of CMS and other CMS Regional Agreements on all issues of mutual interest</p> <p>(WPA 37) Seek to cooperate closely with CBD, ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS and other relevant organizations</p> <p>(WPA 40) Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the Advisory Committee allow for it, ensure proper representation at meetings of other relevant organizations</p>	<p>Inf.16.1.a (Reports from other Meetings)</p> <p>Inf.16.1.b (IWC SC66a Report)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Comments made</p> <p>Guidance given</p>

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	<p>16.2 Cooperation and Joint Initiatives with CMS</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will present outcomes of CMS COP11 to the meeting and highlight recent developments.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting will be requested to take note of progress and decide on next steps related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 22) If feasible, hold a joint CMS Family workshop on a subject of common interest such as bycatch</p> <p>(WPA 36) Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of CMS and other CMS Regional Agreements on all issues of mutual interest</p>	<p>Inf.16.2.a (CMS Strategic Plan Resolution)</p> <p>Inf.16.2.b (CMS Synergies Resolution)</p> <p>Inf.16.2.c (CMS Synergies Analysis)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Comments made</p> <p>Guidance given</p>
	<p>16.3 Cooperation with European Union Institutions and Other Stakeholders</p> <p><i>Participants will be given opportunity to present new information on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>Partners will be given opportunity to present information on the subject.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 35) Identify priorities and improve co-operation between ASCOBANS and European Union institutions</p> <p>(WPA 37) Seek to cooperate closely with CBD, ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS and other relevant organizations</p> <p>(WPA 38) Work towards establishing positive relationships with other stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and Regional Advisory Councils</p> <p>(WPA 40) Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the Advisory Committee allow for it, ensure proper representation at meetings of other relevant organizations</p>		<p>Note taken</p> <p>Guidance given</p>
	<p>16.4 Dates of Interest 2015/2016</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will seek comments on the draft list of Dates of Interest.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 39) Compile for each meeting of the Advisory Committee a report of representation of ASCOBANS at other meetings and a list of Dates of Interest</p>	<p>Doc.16.4 Rev.1 (Dates of Interest)</p>	<p>List finalized</p> <p>Persons providing reports back from key meetings identified</p>

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	<i>The meeting will be asked to decide on attendance at relevant meetings.</i>	(WPA 40) Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the Advisory Committee allow for it, ensure proper representation at meetings of other relevant organizations		
17. Financial and Administrative Issues				
	17.1 Administrative Issues <i>The Secretariat will present the proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure for the AC and its report to the meeting.</i>	(WPA 25) Report on budgetary and administrative issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee	Doc.17.1.a (Draft Rules of Procedure) Doc.17.1.b (Admin Report)	Note taken RoP adopted Guidance given
Lunch Break (12.30 – 13.30)				
13.30 – 15.00	17.2 Accounts for 2014 and 2015 <i>The Secretariat will present its reports to the meeting.</i>	(WPA 25) Report on budgetary and administrative issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee	Doc.17.2.a (Budget 2014) Doc.17.2.b (Mid-Term Budget 2015)	Note taken Guidance given
18. Draft Resolutions				
	18.1 Management of Expenditures between 2012 and 2015 <i>The Secretariat will introduce the draft resolution.</i> <i>The meeting will be requested to provide comments and recommend the draft resolution for adoption at MOP8.</i>	(WPA 27) Prepare draft resolutions on budgetary and administrative issues for consideration at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to MOP8	Doc.18.1 (Draft Resolution on Expenditures)	Note taken Draft resolution finalized and recommended to MOP8 for adoption

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	<p>18.2 Financial and Administrative Matters for the Forthcoming Financial Period</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will introduce the draft resolution.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting will be requested to provide comments and recommend the draft resolution for adoption at MOP8.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 26) Present a draft budget for the next financial period for consideration at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to MOP8</p> <p>(WPA 27) Prepare draft resolutions on budgetary and administrative issues for consideration at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to MOP8</p>	<p>Doc.18.2.a (Draft Resolution on Budget)</p> <p>Doc.18.2.b (Budget Proposals)</p>	<p>Note taken</p> <p>Draft resolution finalized and recommended to MOP8 for adoption</p> <p>Budget options to be prepared for MOP8 decided</p>
Coffee/Tea Break (15.00 – 15.30)				
15.30 – 16.45	<p>19. Project Funding</p> <p><i>Parties will be requested to decide on overall priorities for financial support, based on the priority order for activities agreed under item 8.2, as well as a list of proposals that were suggested during the meeting.</i></p>	<p>(WPA 28) Encourage Parties and partner organizations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritized by the AC or outreach initiatives</p> <p>(WPA 29) Assist in developing funding arrangements for projects prioritized by the Advisory Committee and Meeting of Parties</p>		<p>Funding assigned to priority activities</p>
	<p>20. Any other Institutional Issues</p> <p><i>Any items flagged for discussion during item 13 will be addressed.</i></p>			
	<p>21. Date and Venue of the 8th Meeting of the Parties and the 23rd Meeting of the Advisory Committee</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to make offers for hosting AC23 in 2017. The meeting will be invited to give guidance on suitable dates.</i></p>			<p>Guidance given</p>

Time	Agenda Item	Related Work Plan Activity	Documents	Expected Outcomes
<i>Refreshment Break (16.45 – 17.45 – extended for production of Action Points)</i>				
17.45 – 18.30	22. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Institutional Session <i>The Secretariat will present a list of Action Points and Decisions for approval.</i>			List of Action Points adopted
	23. Close of Meeting <i>The Meeting is expected to close by 18.30 on Thursday, 1 October 2015.</i>			