

Agenda Item 1.3

Opening of the Meeting

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ASCOBANS Work Plan 2013-2016
– Progress

Action Requested

- Take note
- Comment
- Give guidance where required

Submitted by

Secretariat



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ASCOBANS Work Plan 2013-2016 - Progress

Note: Related Action Points and Decisions of AC21 are indicated for each Work Plan Activity. Their status is indicated only where known or applicable. The colour codes for the status are:

- Done
- Partly done or ongoing activity
- No progress
- Requires action by AC22

WORK PLAN ACTIVITY	ACTION BY	TIMING	LINKS TO AGREEMENT, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN	AC ACTION POINT & STATUS (WHERE APPLICABLE)	RELATED AC22 DOCUMENTS
Conservation Actions					
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 relevant authorities for further action, in particular advice concerning the EU Common Fisheries Policy reform and Regulation 812/2004	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	At each AC Meeting	1. Habitat Conservation and Management 2. Surveys and Research	(AC21/AP7) The proposal to hold an expert workshop to consider how EU bycatch legislation should be revised was endorsed and Geneviève Desportes' extended contract should include her assisting with the preparation of the workshop. → Done, workshop held in January 2015 (AC21/AP8) The Terms of Reference for a workshop on the requirements of EU legislation to address monitoring and mitigation of small cetacean bycatch were agreed.	Doc.4.1.a Rev.1 (Report Bycatch WG) Doc.4.1.b (Draft Recommendations to EU) Doc.4.1.c ('Unacceptable Interactions' Next Steps) Inf.4.1.a (Legislation Workshop Report) Inf.4.1.b (WG Comments)

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				<p>→ <i>Done, workshop held in January 2015</i></p> <p>(AC21/AP9) Terms of Reference for a workshop on Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM), possibly to be held back to back with the next meeting of the Advisory Committee, were agreed.</p> <p>→ <i>Done, workshop to be held on 2 October</i></p> <p>(AC21/AP10) The Terms of Reference of the Bycatch Working Group were amended</p> <p>(AC21/AP11) Interim arrangements for Peter Evans to chair the Bycatch Working Group were agreed.</p> <p>(AC21/AP12) Defra (UK) will host a meeting in January 2015 in London to progress ASCOBANS' work on the issue of 'Further Development of Management Procedures for Defining the Thresholds of Unacceptable Interactions', to be coordinated by Jamie Rendell and Mark Simmonds.</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>

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				<p>→ <i>Done, workshop held in July 2015</i></p> <p>(AC21/AP13) ASCOBANS will try to organize a technical workshop on 'Further Development of Management Procedures for Defining the Thresholds of Unacceptable Interactions' (by invitation only) in the margins of the ECS Conference in March 2015 and terms of reference for the workshop were agreed. A Steering Committee comprising Kelly Macleod, Eunice Pinn, Jan Haelters, Mark Simmonds and Sinéad Murphy was established.</p> <p>→ <i>Workshop postponed, guidance required</i></p>	
<p>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>AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)</p>	<p>At each AC Meeting</p>	<p>1. Habitat Conservation and Management 2. Surveys and Research</p>	<p>(AC21/AP20) Parties should continue to support research on the effects of PCBs on small cetaceans in the Agreement Area.</p> <p>(AC21/AP21) Through the Secretariat, ASCOBANS should establish links with other fora such as the IWC, OSPAR,</p>	<p>Inf.4.5.a (CMS Debris Resolution) Inf.4.5.b (Reproductive Failure) Inf.4.5.c (IWC Marine Debris)</p>

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				<p>HELCOM, ACCOBAMS and CMS with regards work underway to address marine debris. At its 22nd meeting, the Advisory Committee should consider how ASCOBANS could best contribute to the body of work already under way on this issue, in particular through collaborative activities for addressing specific knowledge gaps and educational opportunities.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block;">→ <i>Partly done</i></p> <p>(AC21/AP22) At its 22nd Meeting the Advisory Committee should examine what Parties are undertaking with regard to campaigns related to raising awareness of 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>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</p>	<p>AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)</p>	<p>At each AC Meeting</p>	<p>1. Habitat Conservation and Management</p> <p>2. Surveys and Research</p>	<p>(AC21/AP14) The Advisory Committee identified its priorities for the Work Programme of the Joint Noise Working Group.</p> <p>(AC21/AP15) The Advisory Committee agreed to consider co-funding with ACCOBAMS on a case by case basis occasional</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>

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possible with initiatives by other organizations				<p>expert meetings of the Joint Noise Working Group.</p> <p>(AC21/AP18) The Joint Noise Working Group was requested to consider the recommendations from the EIA Workshop and how they could be disseminated to a wider audience.</p> <p>(AC21/AP19) With regard to ship strikes the Advisory Committee decided that ASCOBANS should seek to collaborate with the dedicated work streams at IWC.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">→ <i>Partly done</i></p> <p>(AC21/AP41) ASCOBANS work should include an educational element to raise awareness among recreational boat users on how to reduce the risk of harming and disturbing cetaceans.</p> <p style="background-color: red; text-align: center;">→ <i>No progress</i></p>	<p>Inf.4.2.c (Pile Driving)</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>Inf.8.1.c (Project Report Noise Impact Indicator)</p>
4. Develop guidelines which Parties and stakeholders may use to reduce disturbance by noise, where possible in collaboration with	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2013	1. Habitat Conservation and Management	(AC21/AP16) The Advisory Committee will consider holding further workshops on EIAs relating to underwater noise as	<p>Doc.4.2 (Report Noise WG)</p> <p>Inf.4.2.a (EIA Workshop Proceedings)</p>

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ACCOBAMS and other partners				this was a rapidly evolving, dynamic field. (AC21/AP17) Peter Evans was encouraged to publish full proceedings of the EIA Underwater Noise Workshop.	Inf.4.2.b (ToR EIA Guidelines)
5. Review knowledge about and potential adverse effects of underwater unexploded ordnance as well as methods for its environmentally-friendly removal and make appropriate recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	At each AC Meeting	1. Habitat Conservation and Management	(AC21/AP23) The Secretariat will liaise with HELCOM and OSPAR to ascertain how ASCOBANS can best support their processes regarding underwater ordnance. → <i>Partly done</i> (AC21/AP24) The Secretariat should collate the information that Parties submit to the appropriate fora in HELCOM and OSPAR relating to underwater ordnance (location, quantity and plans, methods and technologies for its safe removal) to enable the Advisory Committee to make progress with Work Plan Activity 5. → <i>Partly done</i>	Doc.4.6 (Ordnance) Inf.4.6.a (HELCOM SUBMERGED) Inf.4.6.b (HELCOM MUNI) Inf.4.6.c (OSPAR Rec. 2010/20) Inf.4.6.d (Risk Management) Inf.4.6.e (Removal Alternatives) Inf.4.6.f (Kyle of Durness MSE)

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<p>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>	<p>AC</p>	<p>At each AC Meeting</p>	<p>1. Habitat Conservation and Management 2. Surveys and Research</p>	<p>(AC21/AP30) The Secretariat will contact the Faroese Authorities with a request to provide information on recent hunts, in particular details regarding the species affected by the hunt, how sustainability is assessed, what regulations and management are in place, and how the catches are utilized.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">→ Done</p> <p>(AC21/AP31) Parties should ask the EU Presidency to write along similar lines to the Faroese Authorities, raising concerns that some of the populations affected extend into European waters.</p> <p>(AC21/AP32) The Advisory Committee shall have regular sessions dedicated to particular species starting with the Common Dolphin at the 22nd Meeting.</p> <p style="background-color: #90EE90; text-align: center;">→ Done for AC22</p> <p>(AC21/AP33) The Advisory Committee would welcome the submission of a draft conservation plan for the</p>	<p>Inf.3.1 (Common Dolphin) Inf.5.1.a (ICES WGMME) Inf.5.1.b (SCANS-III Revised Proposal) Doc.5.5.b (White-beaked Dolphin CMS) Inf.8.1.b (Project Report SCANS-III)</p>

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				<p>common dolphin and agrees to give it due consideration. This should include consideration of the area of overlap between ASCOBANS and ACCOBAMS.</p> <p>(AC21/AP34) Parties were urged to let St Andrews University have formal confirmation of any financial support for commitments for the SCANS III project by the end of the week beginning 6 October 2014.</p>	
<p>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>AC</p>	<p>At each AC Meeting</p>	<p>1. Habitat Conservation and Management 2. Surveys and Research</p>	<p>(AC21/AP27) The Secretariat will request ASCOBANS Parties nominate an expert on cetaceans and climate change to the CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Climate Change. If possible, this person should be able to represent ACCOBAMS as well.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">→ Done</p> <p>(AC21/AP28) The Advisory Committee will maintain a watching brief on emerging marine renewable energy technologies. A standing agenda item will be introduced to the</p>	<p>Inf.4.4 (CMS Renewable Energy Resolution) Doc.4.7 (Cumulative Impacts) Inf.4.7.a (CMS Live Captures Resolution) Inf.4.7.b (CMS Cetacean Culture Resolution) Inf.4.7.c (CMS Climate Change Resolution)</p>

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				<p>Advisory Committee allowing Parties to bring in new information and developments, in particular information on wave and tidal energy.</p> <p>→ Done for AC22</p> <p>(AC21/AP29) The Secretariat should arrange for a presentation on emerging marine renewable energy technologies and mitigation measures to be made to the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>→ Done for AC22</p>	<p>Inf.4.7.d (Management Cumulative Impacts)</p>
<p>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>AC</p>	<p>At each AC Meeting</p>	<p>1. Habitat Conservation and Management</p>	<p>→ No progress</p>	
<p>9. Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan), establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review</p>	<p>Jastarnia Group (supported by the Secretariat)</p>	<p>Throughout the intersessional period</p>		<p>(AC21/AP1) All Action Points agreed at the tenth meeting of the Jastarnia Group were endorsed by the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(AC21/AP2) The revised Terms of Reference of the Jastarnia Group as presented were</p>	<p>Doc.2.1 (Report JG11)</p>

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of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan				<p>endorsed by the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(AC21/AP3) Jastarnia Group members will discuss intersessionally through correspondence their positions regarding the proposed ban on drift nets in EU waters.</p> <p>(AC21/AP42) The Jastarnia Group was asked to hold an election for its Chair at its 11th meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">→ Done</p>	
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	Coordinator/ North Sea Group (supported by the Secretariat)	Throughout the intersessional period		<p>(AC21/AP5) All Action Points agreed at the fourth meeting of the North Sea Group were endorsed by the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>AC21/AP6) The Secretariat will extend the contract of Geneviève Desportes so that she can represent ASCOBANS at the STECF meeting in October.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">→ Done</p>	Doc.2.2 (Report NSG4)
11. Evaluate progress in the implementation of the	Jastarnia Group	Throughout the		(AC21/AP1) All Action Points agreed at the tenth meeting of	Doc.2.1 (Report JG11)

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<p>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>(supported by the Secretariat)</p>	<p>intersessional period</p>		<p>the Jastarnia Group were endorsed by the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(AC21/AP2) The revised Terms of Reference of the Jastarnia Group as presented were endorsed by the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(AC21/AP3) Jastarnia Group members will discuss intersessionally through correspondence their positions regarding the proposed ban on drift nets in EU waters.</p> <p>AC21/AP4) The Secretariat will seek nominations of experts for the necropsy coordination group by the 15 October deadline (see JG10/AP36).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">→ Done</p> <p>(AC21/AP42) The Jastarnia Group was asked to hold an election for its Chair at its 11th meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">→ Done</p>	
<p>12. Consider how the work of ASCOBANS should be</p>	<p>AC (incl. relevant)</p>	<p>At each AC Meeting</p>		<p>(AC21/AP43) Peter Evans was re-elected as Chair of the</p>	<p>Doc.5.5.a (Report Extension Area and</p>

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extended to take account of the new Agreement Area, including information on ship strikes	Working Groups)			Working Group on the Extension Area and of the Informal Working Group on Large Cetaceans.	Large Cetacean WGs) Doc.5.5.b (White-beaked Dolphin CMS) Inf.5.5 (Report Madeira)
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	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	As appropriate during the intersessional period		(AC21/AP43) Peter Evans was re-elected as Chair of the Working Group on the Extension Area and of the Informal Working Group on Large Cetaceans.	Doc.5.5.a (Report Extension Area and Large Cetacean WGs)
14. Review progress of bottlenose dolphin project (TURSIOPS SEAs) and advise on a way forward	AC, led by UK	At each AC Meeting			
15. Issue call for project proposals and conduct consultation on prioritization prior to each meeting of the Advisory Committee	Secretariat	At each AC Meeting		(AC21/AP61) Parties decided to suspend the annual call for external projects for one year. → <i>Guidance for 2016 required</i>	Doc.8.1 (Progress Projects)

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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	AC	During the intersessional period		<p>(AC21/AP25) The Secretariat will ask Parties to provide details of those responsible for cetacean rescue, and what laws require, allow and prohibit in each country.</p> <p>→ <i>Questionnaire sent, deadline 31 October 2015</i></p> <p>(AC21/AP26) The Secretariat will gather information from ACCOBAMS, ECS, IWC and others on work relating to responses to cetaceans facing hazards.</p> <p>→ <i>Done</i></p>	<p>Inf.5.3.a (ACCOBAMS Live Stranding)</p> <p>Inf.5.3.b (IWC Euthanasia)</p>
ASCOBANS Meetings, Working Groups and Workshops					
17. Ensure the cycle of Advisory Committee Meetings, with papers circulated one month in advance of the meetings	Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	Article 4.2	<p>(AC21/AP62) The Netherlands offered to host the 22nd Meeting of the Advisory Committee and associated meetings, probably in the week beginning 28 September 2015.</p> <p>→ <i>Host needed for 2017</i></p>	
18. Seek to secure a host for the 8 th Meeting of Parties at	Secretariat	One year before MOP8	Article 4.2	<p>→ <i>Finland to host</i></p>	

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least a year in advance of the meeting; otherwise arrange for it to be held in Bonn					
19. Organize meetings of regional working groups (Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group) at intervals defined in each group's ToR	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1, 4.2	<p>→ JG11 March 2015</p> <p>→ NSG5 September 2015</p> <p>→ Poland to host JG12 in 2016</p> <p>→ Host needed for NSG6 in 2016</p>	<p>Doc.2.1 (Report JG11)</p> <p>Doc.2.2 (Report NSG4)</p>
20. Consider revisions to the national reporting format and make recommendation to the 8 th Meeting of the Parties	AC	During the intersessional period		<p>(AC21/AP47) An Inter-sessional correspondence process was established to be assisted by the Secretariat to identify the Agreement's reporting needs and all Parties are encouraged to send the Secretariat the name of the person participating in the process by 15 November. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee and the Chairs of the Working Groups together with the North Sea Coordinator will also take part.</p> <p>→ Done</p> <p>(AC21/AP48) Parties are urged to make financial pledges before</p>	<p>Doc.8.2 (Activities Requiring Funding)</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>

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				the 22 nd Advisory Committee to enable a professional survey designer to be recruited to produce the new reporting format and the ASCOBANS Secretariat will liaise with the IWC Secretariat, which is undertaking a similar exercise to see if synergies are feasible. → <i>Partly done, no pledges received</i>	
21. Organize workshops at the annual conferences of the ECS on a topic of priority interest to ASCOBANS, funding permitting	Secretariat	At each AC Meeting		(AC21/AP49) In addition to the thresholds workshop agreed (see AP13) the Necropsy Workshop proposed by the North Sea Group should be held at the 2015 ECS Conference. → <i>Thresholds workshop postponed</i> → <i>Necropsy workshop held</i> → <i>AC22 to provide guidance for 2016</i>	
22. If feasible, hold a joint CMS Family workshop on a subject of common interest such as bycatch	Secretariat	During the intersessional period		→ <i>AC22 to provide guidance</i>	

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23. Support intersessional correspondence working groups as needed	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period		→ Done	
24. Propose priorities for the coming period	AC	AC Meeting before MOP8		→ To be addressed by AC22	Doc.9.1 (Draft Resolution Work Plan)
Budgetary and Administrative Issues					
25. Report on budgetary and administrative issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee	Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	Article 4.2	(AC21/AP54) Parties accepted all the Secretariat's reports on administrative and budgetary matters for 2013 and 2014. (AC21/AP55) The Secretariat will bring the concerns of the Parties on actual as against funded staff-time percentages to the Acting Executive Secretary and will consider ways to provide greater transparency to Parties. → Partly done	Doc.17.1.a (Draft Rules of Procedure) Doc.17.1.b (Admin Report) Doc.17.2.a (Budget 2014) Doc.17.2.b (Mid-Term Budget 2015)
26. Present a draft budget for the next financial period for consideration at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to MOP8	Secretariat / AC	AC Meeting before MOP8	Article 4.1, 4.2	→ Done	Doc.18.2.b (Budget Proposals)

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27. Prepare draft resolutions on budgetary and administrative issues for consideration at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to MOP8	Secretariat / AC	AC Meeting before MOP8	Article 4.1, 4.2	→ Done	Doc.18.1 (Draft Resolution on Expenditures) Doc.18.2.a (Draft Resolution on Budget)
28. Encourage Parties and partner organizations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritised by the AC or outreach initiatives	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1	<p>(AC21/AP58) The Secretariat will approach all Parties to ascertain their willingness to contribute towards the costs of contracting coordinators for the North Sea and Baltic Sea regions; Parties should respond by 15 November. The Netherlands (under condition that other North Sea Parties contributed their share) and Sweden indicated that they would provide some funds.</p> <p>→ Partly done</p> <p>(AC21/AP59) The United Kingdom pledged a voluntary contribution of GB£5,000 towards the cost of the North Sea Coordinator.</p> <p>→ Received</p> <p>(AC21/AP60) Parties will consider ways of ensuring</p>	Doc.8.2 (Activities Requiring Funding)

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				longer-term funding for the coordinator consultancies. → <i>AC22 to consider</i>	
29. Assist in developing funding arrangements for projects prioritized by the Advisory Committee and Meeting of Parties	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1	(AC21/AP56) Parties agreed to fund the external project allocated the highest priority in the ballot (Baltic Sea Harbour Porpoise Foraging Habitats - BALHAB). → <i>Delayed due to unforeseen circumstances</i> (AC21/AP57) Parties decided that any remaining funds would be made available for the workshops identified as priorities by the Advisory Committee. → <i>Done</i>	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)
Communication, Education and Public Awareness					
30. Report on outreach and communication issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee	Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	Article 4.2	→ <i>Done</i>	Doc.7.1 Rev.1 (Outreach Report)

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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	Secretariat / Parties and partners	Throughout the intersessional period	5. Information and education	<p>(AC21/AP37) The Secretariat should look into ways of evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach media and material.</p> <p style="background-color: red; color: black; padding: 2px;">→ No progress</p> <p>(AC21/AP38) In order to expand its social network presence and improve outreach Parties could nominate a national Facebook content manager, or provide relevant information to the Secretariat, as appropriate.</p> <p style="background-color: red; color: black; padding: 2px;">→ No progress</p> <p>(AC21/AP39) The Acting Executive Secretary is encouraged to seek out new opportunities through social media to raise the profile of ASCOBANS.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; color: black; padding: 2px;">→ Ongoing</p>	<p>Doc.7.1 Rev.1 (Outreach Report)</p> <p>Doc.8.2 (Activities Requiring Funding)</p>
32. Develop the ASCOBANS website, and other information material as needed, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences in the	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	5. Information and education	<p>(AC21/AP35) Parties and partners should send suggestions for educational websites that can be linked to the ASCOBANS Kids Website.</p> <p style="background-color: red; color: black; padding: 2px;">→ No progress</p>	<p>Doc.7.1 Rev.1 (Outreach Report)</p> <p>Doc.8.2 (Activities Requiring Funding)</p>

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languages of the Agreement Area				(AC21/AP40) Everyone was encouraged to take part in the website user satisfaction survey before 19 October 2014. → 7 respondents	
33. Support annual celebration of the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise on the 3 rd Sunday in May	Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	5. Information and education	→ Done	Doc.7.1 Rev.1 (Outreach Report)
34. Facilitate presentation of the ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award at MOP8	Secretariat / AC	AC Meeting before MOP8	5. Information and education	→ AC22 to form jury → Nominations to be submitted by 31 December 2015	Doc.7.2 (Outreach Award)
Cooperation with other Organizations					
35. Identify priorities and improve co-operation between ASCOBANS and the European Union institutions	AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1, 4.2	→ Workshop on EU Bycatch Legislation held in January 2015 → MSFD Working Group	Doc.4.1.b (Draft Recommendations to EU) Doc.6 (Report MSFD WG) Inf.4.1.a (Legislation Workshop Report)

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36. Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of CMS and other CMS Regional Agreements on all issues of mutual interest	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1, 4.2	(AC21/AP50) A decision was deferred on whether to develop sub-targets under the proposed Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 expected to be adopted at CMS COP11. → AC22 to consider	Doc.4.2 (Report Noise WG) Inf.4.2.b (ToR EIA Guidelines) Doc.6 (Report MSFD WG) Inf.16.1.a (Reports from other Meetings) Inf.16.2.a (CMS Strategic Plan Resolution) Inf.16.2.b (CMS Synergies Resolution) Inf.16.2.c (CMS Synergies Analysis)
37. Seek to cooperate closely with CBD, ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS and other relevant organizations	Secretariat / AC	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1, 4.2	→ Ongoing	Inf.16.1.a (Reports from other Meetings) Inf.16.1.b (IWC SC66a Report) Doc.16.4 Rev.1 (Dates of Interest)

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38. Work towards establishing positive relationships with other stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and Regional Advisory Councils	AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1, 4.2	<p>(AC21/AP51) The Secretariat will seek and facilitate where appropriate stronger stakeholder engagement through meetings and other fora, in order to further the conservation objectives of ASCOBANS.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">→ Ongoing, esp. with respect to workshops</p> <p>(AC21/AP52) National representatives should seek opportunities to participate in local stakeholder meetings.</p>	<p>Doc.4.1.c (Management Procedures 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>
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	Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	Article 4.1, 4.2	(AC21/AP53) The representation of ASCOBANS in meetings of other relevant organizations was decided as reflected in Annex 14.	<p>Doc.16.4 Rev.1 (Dates of Interest)</p> <p>Inf.16.1.a (Reports from other Meetings)</p>
40. Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the Advisory Committee allow for it, ensure proper representation at meetings of other relevant organizations	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1		<p>Doc.16.4 Rev.1 (Dates of Interest)</p> <p>Inf.16.1.a (Reports from other Meetings)</p>

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Institutional Issues					
41. Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement	Secretariat / Parties	Throughout the intersessional period	Article 4.1	<p>(AC21/AP35) The Secretariat will seek to facilitate attendance from Ireland of appropriate experts in meetings of the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>→ <i>Done</i></p> <p>(AC21/AP44) The Acting Executive Secretary was asked to approach non-Party Range States with a view to encourage them strongly to accede to the Agreement.</p> <p>→ <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>(AC21/AP45) Parties were urged to assist with the recruitment of non-Party Range States.</p>	Inf.14 (Accession)
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	Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	Article 4.2	<p>(AC21/AP46) The Secretariat will produce the compilation of National Reports by the end of the year.</p> <p>→ <i>2013 compilation done</i></p> <p>→ <i>2014 compilation delayed due to late submission of ANRs by Parties</i></p>	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)

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					Inf.15.1.g (Netherlands) Inf.15.1.h (Poland) Inf.15.1.i (Sweden) Inf.15.1.j (United Kingdom)
43. 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	At MOP8	Article 4.3	→ <i>Due in 2016</i>	
44. 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 intersessional period	Article 4.1	→ <i>Ongoing</i>	Doc.1.3 Rev.1 (Work Plan Progress)