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Consultancy: Analysis of Progress in the Implementation of the ASCOBANS Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea

Project Description:

At the 6th Meeting of Parties in September 2009 the Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea (accessible [here](#)) was adopted. In order to facilitate implementation, the 17th Meeting of the Advisory Committee formed a North Sea Working Group and thanks to voluntary contributions from Parties, a part-time coordinator was first contracted in 2011. Progress reports prepared by previous incumbents can be accessed as [AC17/Doc.4-05 rev.1](#), [AC18/Doc.4-06](#), [AC19/Doc.4-05](#), [AC20/Doc.2.2.1.b](#) and [AC20/Doc.2.2.1.c](#).

This contract will be offered to a relevant institution or experienced individual based in a North Sea Party to ASCOBANS.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Head of the Aquatic Species Team of the UNEP/CMS Secretariat and in close consultation with the UNEP/ASCOBANS Secretariat and ASCOBANS North Sea Group, the incumbent will carry out programme support to the unit and particularly to the team coordinating the UNEP/ASCOBANS Secretariat, as follows:

- 1) Develop progress reports on the implementation of the Conservation Plan, in particular:
 - Any updates relating to Action Points 2-9, 11 and 12, as far as not already covered in previous progress reports or in reports of ASCOBANS Working Groups
 - Provide a comprehensive overview relating to Action Point 10
- 2) Assess implementation of the action points agreed at the 4th and 5th Meetings of the North Sea Group
- 3) Make recommendations based on the findings
- 4) Participate in the 6th Meeting of the ASCOBANS North Sea Group (date and venue tbd)

Ultimate result of service

By the end of the consultancy the candidate will have produced comprehensive reports for the consideration of the 6th Meeting of the ASCOBANS North Sea Group. Reports will be delivered by [one month in advance of the meeting].

Travel Details (Including Cost)

Travel to XXX

Outputs/Work Assignment

- Comprehensive interim report on the implementation of the ASCOBANS North Sea Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises

Expected Duration

4 months

Evaluation Criteria

Skills:

- Good organisational skills
- Excellent MS Office skills
- Prior involvement in harbour porpoise conservation and/or with relevant stakeholders in the ASCOBANS region is an asset.
- Ability to work alongside a diverse team of professional and administrative internationally-recruited staff.

Academic Qualifications:

- An advanced university degree in a conservation- or policy-related subject

Experience:

- A minimum of three years of work experience in the conservation of marine species and cetaceans in particular
- A clear overview of small cetacean conservation issues, in particular of situation in the North Sea region

Language:

- Fluency in spoken and written English is essential as this is the working language of the Agreement

Candidates from a North Sea ASCOBANS Party will be given priority.