

Agenda Item 1

Opening of the Meeting

Opening of the Scientific Session

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**ASCOBANS Work Plan 2017-2020
Progress**

Action Requested

- Take note
- Comment

Submitted by

Secretariat



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Secretariat's Note

The Rules of Procedure adopted at the 19th Meeting of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee remain in force until and unless an amendment is called for and adopted.

ASCOBANS Work Plan 2017-2020 - Progress

Note: Related Resolutions of past Meetings of Parties are indicated for each Work Plan Activity. The colour codes for the status are:

- Done
- Partly done or ongoing activity
- No progress
- Requires action by AC23

WORK PLAN ACTIVITY	LINK TO EXTANT RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY	TIMING	STATUS (WHERE APPLICABLE)	RELATED AC23 DOCUMENTS
Habitat Conservation and Management					
Fisheries-related Threats					
1. Review new information on bycatch and associated strandings, bycatch mitigation and monitoring measures, including remote electronic monitoring and any further new techniques as well as local initiatives, and fisheries effort. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.3 Jastarnia Plan 8.4 Common Dolphins 8.5 Bycatch 8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Ongoing, workshop held in February 2017 → Terms of Reference for the 2nd Workshop on “Unacceptable Interactions” and bycatch foreseen for 2018 	Inf.6.1.a (Workshop report) Inf.7.2 (CMS COP12)
2. Develop a joint working group with ACCOBAMS on bycatch.	8.5 Bycatch	AC (incl. Bycatch Working Group) / Secretariat	As soon as possible	→ Joint Bycatch Working Group of ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS foreseen (TORs undergoing intersessional review)	Inf.6.1.a (Workshop report)
3. Review whether the following remain appropriate, bearing in mind the overall	8.5 Bycatch 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant	2018	→ Ongoing, workshop held in February 2017	Inf.6.1.a (Workshop report)

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<p>objective of the Agreement to achieve and maintain a favourable conservation status for small cetaceans, and to make recommendations to Parties as appropriate:</p> <p>(a) the current maximum annual removal rate of 1.7 per cent of the best available estimate of abundance</p> <p>(b) the current intermediate precautionary aim of reducing bycatch to less than 1 per cent of the best available estimate of abundance</p> <p>(c) the objective of restoring and/or maintaining management units or populations to 80 per cent or more of their carrying capacity</p> <p>(d) the assessment/management units that have been proposed for regularly occurring species.</p>	<p>5.5 Incidental Take 3.3 Incidental Take</p>	<p>Working Groups)</p>		<p>→ <i>Terms of Reference for the 2nd Workshop on “Unacceptable Interactions” and bycatch foreseen for 2018</i></p> <p>→ <i>Host needed for 2nd workshop in 2018</i></p>	
<p>4. Make recommendations on appropriate triggers indicating when an environmental limit (an unacceptable interaction) is at risk of being reached or exceeded.</p>	<p>8.5 Bycatch</p>	<p>AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>→ <i>Ongoing, workshop held in February 2017</i></p> <p>→ <i>Terms of Reference for the 2nd Workshop on “Unacceptable</i></p>	<p>Inf.6.1.a (Workshop report)</p>

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				<i>Interactions” and bycatch foreseen for 2018</i>	
5. Review new information on resource depletion and its impacts on small cetacean populations. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018		
Disturbance (incl. potential physical impacts)					
6. Review new information on underwater noise , its impacts on small cetaceans and their prey species, mitigation measures, technological developments, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.6 Ocean Energy 8.8 Munitions 8.9 Cumulative Impacts 8.11 Noise EIA Guidelines 6.2 Offshore Construction 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2017	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">→ 2016 National Reporting cycle done</div> <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;">→ National Reporting Format for 2020 will also address underwater noise; review of the format required</div> <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;">→ AC23 to provide recommendations</div>	Doc.15.1.a (National reporting template) Doc.15.1.b (National reporting tables) Inf.5.1.1.a (Comments Peter Tyack) Inf.5.1.1.b (ECS workshop report) Inf.15.a (Belgium) Inf.15.c (Finland) Inf.15.e (Germany) Inf.15.h (Poland) Inf.15.j (UK)

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7. Review new information on ocean energy , its impacts on small cetaceans, mitigation measures, technological developments, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.6 Ocean Energy 8.9 Cumulative Impacts 6.2 Offshore Construction 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 2016 National Reporting cycle done → National Reporting Format for 2020 will also address ocean energy; review of the format required → AC23 to provide recommendations 	Doc.15.1.a (National reporting template) Doc.15.1.b (National reporting tables) Inf.5.1.1.b (ECS workshop report) Inf.15.a (Belgium) Inf.15.c (Finland) Inf.15.e (Germany) Inf.15.h (Poland) Inf.15.j (UK)
8. Review new information on the cetacean watching industry , impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019		Inf.7.2 (CMS COP12)
9. Review new information on recreational sea use , impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019		Inf.7.2 (CMS COP12)

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10. Review new information on other sources of disturbance , impacts on small cetaceans, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019		
Habitat Change and Degradation (incl. potential physical impacts)					
11. Review new information on underwater munitions , their impacts on small cetaceans and cetacean habitat, and methods for their environmentally-friendly removal. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.8 Munitions 8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 2016 National Reporting cycle done → National Reporting Format for 2020 will also address underwater munitions; review of the format required → AC23 to provide recommendations 	<p>Doc.15.1.a (National reporting template)</p> <p>Doc.15.1.b (National reporting tables)</p> <p>Inf.15.a (Belgium) Inf.15.c (Finland) Inf.15.e (Germany) Inf.15.h (Poland) Inf.15.j (UK)</p>
12. Review new information on marine debris (ingestion and entanglement), including microplastics, and its impacts on small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018		

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13. Review new information on other forms of pollution and hazardous substances, and their impacts on small cetaceans and cetacean habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.7 PCBs 8.9 Cumulative Impacts 7.4 Chemical Pollution 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019		
14. Review new information on ship strikes and their impacts on small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts 5.4 Adverse Effects	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019		
15. Review new information on climate change and ocean acidification, and the impacts these have on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019		
16. Review new information on physical habitat change , e.g. from construction, and its impacts on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019		

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Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.					
17. Review new information on any other issues , including emerging issues posing a potential threat, and the impact they have on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019	<p>→ Ongoing</p> <p>→ AC23 to provide recommendations, as appropriate</p>	
Management of Cumulative Impacts					
18. Review best practice approaches to management of cumulative impacts on small cetaceans and their habitats, such as marine spatial planning. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.9 Cumulative Impacts	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2017	<p>→ Ongoing</p> <p>→ AC23 to provide recommendations, as appropriate</p>	
19. Contribute to the development of risk maps showing the spatial and temporal (by season) distribution of activities that have an impact on cetaceans, including information provided in National Reports, taking into account the work done by other	8.1 National Reporting	AC	2020		

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organizations (funding may be required).					
Area-based Conservation / Marine Protected Areas					
20. Review best practice approaches to management of marine protected areas for small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.1 National Reporting 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2019		
21. Contribute to the development of a map of MPAs where cetaceans form part of the selection criteria, for the entire ASCOBANS Area, including information provided in National Reports, taking into account the work done by other organizations (funding may be required).	8.1 National Reporting	AC	2020		
Species Action Plans and Regional Initiatives					
22. Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan), establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the	8.3 Jastarnia Plan 7.1 Porpoise Conservation 6.1 Jastarnia and North Sea Plans	Jastarnia Group	At each annual meeting	→ Done for AC23	Doc.2.1.a (Report JG12) Doc.2.1.b (Report JG13)

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Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan.					
23. 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.	7.1 Porpoise Conservation 6.1 Jastarnia and North Sea Plans	North Sea Group	At each annual meeting	→ Done for AC23	Doc.2.2 (Report NSG6)
24. 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.	7.1 Porpoise Conservation	Jastarnia Group	At each annual meeting	→ Done for AC23	Doc.2.1.b (Report JG13)
25. Finalize the Conservation Plan for Common Dolphins and circulate it to the Parties for adoption.	8.4 Common Dolphins	AC	2017	→ Draft Conservation Plan presented at AC23	Doc.2.4 (Draft Common Dolphin Action Plan)
26. Review progress and actions in the “Extension Area”, maintain or establish collaboration, as appropriate.	8.1 National Reporting	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	At each AC meeting	→ Ongoing, addressed partly by several agenda items at AC23	

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	7.3 Actions in Extension Area 5.3 Extension of Area				
Surveys and Research					
Biological Information					
27. Review new information on population size, distribution, structure, life-history parameters and causes of any changes in the ASCOBANS Area of populations of small cetaceans. Make appropriate recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities.	8.1 National Reporting 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018	<p>→ Ongoing</p> <p>→ AC23 to provide recommendations, as appropriate</p>	Inf.4.1.a (SCANS-III report)
Monitoring Programmes					
28. Review new information on monitoring programmes relevant for small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.1 National Reporting 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018	<p>→ Ongoing</p> <p>→ AC23 to provide recommendations, as appropriate</p>	Inf.4.1.a (SCANS-III report)
Dedicated Surveys and Other Relevant Research					

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29. Review new information on dedicated surveys and other research relevant for small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.1 National Reporting 5.7 Research 4.7 Populations 3.5 Population Studies	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018	→ Ongoing → AC23 to provide recommendations, as appropriate	Inf.4.1.a (SCANS-III report)
30. Contribute to the development of maps of survey effort, including information provided in National Reports, taking into account the work done by other organizations where appropriate (funding may be required).	8.1 National Reporting	AC	2020		
Project Funding					
31. Issue call for project proposals when instructed to do so by the Advisory Committee, and conduct consultation on prioritization to the next meeting.		Secretariat	When instructed		Doc.9.2 (Activities Requiring Funding) Doc.16.2.b (Budget mid-2017)
32. Prepare for each meeting of the Advisory Committee an overview of approved activities requiring funding.		Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	→ Done for AC23	Doc.9.2 (Activities Requiring Funding)

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Use of Bycatches and Strandings					
Stranding Networks					
33. Review new information on the establishment and functionality of stranding networks, especially with a view to facilitating liaison and skill-sharing. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.	8.10 Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018		
34. Engage actively in the ongoing work on best practice guidelines for stranding events in the frameworks of the International Whaling Commission and ACCOBAMS.	8.10 Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups) / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	
35. Facilitate development of guidelines for responses to individual or groups of small cetaceans at risk in dangerous circumstances.	8.10 Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)			
Strandings					
36. Review new information provided through the national reports. Make recommendations to Parties	8.1 National Reporting 8.10 Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018		

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and other relevant authorities for further action.					
37. Engage actively in the ongoing work on best practice guidelines for necropsies in the frameworks of the International Whaling Commission, the European Cetacean Society and ACCOBAMS.	8.10 Stranding Response	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups) / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	
38. Continue monitoring new information on the causes of strandings and mortality of cetaceans, as well as best practice guidance on stranding responses and necropsies, and to make recommendations to Parties as appropriate.	8.10 Stranding Response 5.7 Research	AC (incl. relevant Working Groups)	2018		
39. Contribute to the development of a map showing location and numbers of strandings (both dead and alive), including information provided in National Reports, taking into account the work done by other organizations where appropriate.	8.1 National Reporting	AC	2020		Inf.9.1.a (necropsy project)
Information and Education					
Information, Outreach and Education					

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40. Make efforts to implement the existing (and possible future) Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan.		Parties / Partners / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	Doc.7.1 (outreach report)
41. Review and revise, if necessary, the ASCOBANS Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan, in alignment with the Communication Strategy for Migratory Species (currently in draft).		AC / Secretariat	2019		
42. Develop the ASCOBANS website, including the children's website and other information material as needed, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences in the languages of the Agreement Area.	5.8 Education and Promotion	Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	Doc.7.1 (outreach report)
43. Support annual celebration of the International Day of the Baltic Harbour Porpoise on the 3 rd Sunday in May.	8.3 Jastarnia Plan	Parties / Partners / Secretariat	Every year	→ Done for 2017	Doc.7.1 (outreach report)
44. Facilitate presentation of the ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award at MOP9.		Secretariat / AC	2019		

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45. Take advantage of attendance at other fora to give presentations or make information available on topics related to ASCOBANS.		Secretariat / Parties / Partners	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	Doc.7.1 (outreach report)
46. Report on outreach and communication issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee.		Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	→ Done for AC23	Doc.7.1 (outreach report)
Stakeholder Involvement					
47. Work towards strengthening or establishing positive relationships with stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and European fisheries Advisory Councils.		AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	Inf.6.1.a (Workshop report)
Institutional Issues					
Meetings, Working Groups and Workshops					
48. Ensure Advisory Committee Meetings are organized as scheduled, with papers circulated one month in advance of the meetings.		Secretariat	For each AC Meeting	→ Done for AC23	Inf.1.2.b (List of documents)
49. Arrange for a special session dealing with a species selected by the previous meeting at each meeting of the Advisory Committee, covering		AC / Secretariat	For each AC Meeting	→ Done for AC23 with a special session on the white-beaked dolphin	

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issues such as population status and structure, distribution, abundance, life history, threats and pressures, the conservation status and recommendations for research and conservation actions.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → AC23 to make recommendations, as appropriate → AC23 to choose species to be considered at AC24 	
50. Organize meetings of regional working groups (Jastarnia Group, North Sea Group) at intervals defined in each group's ToR.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Done, with back-to-back meetings held in June 2017, including a half-day joint session	Doc.2.1.a (Report JG12) Doc.2.1.b (Report JG 13) Doc.2.2 (Report NSG6)
51. Organize workshops including at the annual conferences of the ECS on topics of priority interest to ASCOBANS, funding permitting.		Secretariat	As instructed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Workshop on underwater noise held at ECS 2017 → AC23 to provide guidance on proposals for ECS 2018 	Inf.5.1.1.b (ECS workshop report)
52. Support intersessional correspondence working groups as needed.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	
53. Seek to secure a host for the 9 th Meeting of Parties at least a year in advance of the meeting; otherwise arrange for it to be held in Bonn.		Secretariat	2019		
Budgetary and Administrative Matters					

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54. Report on budgetary and administrative issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee.		Secretariat	At each AC Meeting	→ Done for AC23	Doc.16.1.a (Admin report) Doc.16.2.a (Budget 2016) Doc.16.2.b (Budged mid-2017)
55. Prepare draft budget options and resolutions on budgetary and administrative issues for consideration at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to MOP9.		Secretariat / AC	2019		
56. Encourage Parties and partner organizations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritized by the AC or outreach initiatives.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing → Voluntary contributions encouraged	Doc.9.2 (Activities Requiring Funding)
57. Develop funding arrangements for projects prioritized by the Advisory Committee and Meeting of Parties.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period		Doc.9.2 (Activities Requiring Funding)
Cooperation with Other Organizations					
58. Identify priorities and improve co-operation between ASCOBANS and institutions of the European Union.		AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	Inf.6.1.a (Workshop report)

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59. Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of the CMS Family on all issues of mutual interest.		Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	Inf.7.2 (CMS COP12)
60. Seek to implement the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 (CMS Resolution 11.2) and consider the development of sub-targets.		AC	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	
61. Seek to cooperate closely with CBD, ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS, UNEP and other relevant organizations.	8.6 Ocean Energy 8.7 PCBs 8.8 Munitions 8.10 Stranding Response 5.8 Education and Promotion	AC / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	Inf.7.1.b (NAMMCO letter)
62. Seek to collaborate with the ICES Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC), the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) established by the European Union, the Regional Coordination Groups, and other relevant organizations addressing bycatch.	8.5 Bycatch	AC	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	

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63. Transmit information on the effects of PCBs on small cetaceans to UNEP, the Stockholm Convention, the CLRTAP Protocol on POPs, HELCOM and OSPAR for further consideration and possible action, and seek to engage with these processes as far as feasible.	8.7 PCBs	Secretariat / AC	2018		
64. Seek to strengthen collaboration with civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations.		AC / Partners / Secretariat	Throughout the intersessional period	→ <i>Ongoing</i>	
65. Compile a list of Dates of Interest and report back to each meeting of the Advisory Committee on attendance at such meetings.		Secretariat / Parties / Partners	At each AC Meeting	→ <i>Done for AC23</i>	Doc.7.3 (Dates of interest)
66. 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	→ <i>Attended ECS 2017</i> → <i>Attended 2nd Meeting of the CMS Scientific Council Sessional Committee</i>	
National Reports					
67. Develop the sections of the reporting format one by one, starting with those to be		AC	Annually	→ <i>Done for AC23</i> → <i>National Reporting Format for 2020 will address the</i>	Doc.15.1.a (National reporting template)

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considered in each report and at the first Advisory Committee Meeting after MOP8.				<i>same issues as 2016; review of the format required</i>	Doc.15.1.b (National reporting tables)
68. In developing the detail of each section, consult experts on the subjects in order to ensure that essential information is gathered in a form that standardizes responses and lends itself to statistical analysis as far as possible, and decide which topics should be reported on by region.		AC	Annually	→ <i>Done for AC23</i> → <i>National Reporting Format for 2020 will address the same issues as 2016; review of the format required</i>	Doc.15.1.a (National reporting template) Doc.15.1.b (National reporting tables)
69. Make full use of the information submitted in order to assess progress in the implementation of the Agreement and make recommendations to Parties.		AC	Annually	→ <i>Ongoing</i>	Inf.15.a (Belgium) Inf.15.c (Finland) Inf.15.e (Germany) Inf.15.h (Poland) Inf.15.j (UK)
70. Tailor the agenda for each of the meetings of the Advisory Committee to reflect the topics selected for the previous year's national reports.		AC	Annually	→ <i>Done for AC23</i>	Doc.1.2.a (Provisional agenda) Doc.1.2.b (Annotated agenda)
Other Matters					
71. Consider output of the informal working group on large		AC (incl. relevant	As appropriate during the	→ <i>No progress</i>	

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cetaceans in the Agreement Area, which summarizes information on the species and addresses aspects of their conservation.		Working Groups)	intersessional period	→ AC23 to provide guidance on appropriate way to handle this activity in future AC agendas	
72. Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement.		Secretariat / Parties	Throughout the intersessional period	→ Ongoing	
73. 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 MOP9		
74. 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	→ Ongoing	
75. 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	→ Not done, only 5 out of 10 national reports on 1 August 2017	Inf.15.a (Belgium) Inf.15.c (Finland) Inf.15.e (Germany) Inf.15.h (Poland) Inf.15.j (UK)