

Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule

Time	Agenda Item	Related Work Plan Activity / AC Action Point	Documents	Expected Outcomes	
Tuesday, 17 September 2019					
8:30–9:30	Registration <i>Pre-registered participants are requested to sign for their meeting badges at the registration desk, near the meeting room.</i>				
9:30–10:30	1. Opening of the Meeting The Meeting will be opened at 9:30 at Ozeaneum, Hafenstraße 11, Stralsund. The meeting room will be signposted from the lobby.				
	1.1. Welcoming Remarks The Host will give a welcome speech, followed by introductory remarks by the Chair and the Secretariat.				
	1.2. Adoption of the Agenda The Chair will draw the Meeting’s attention to the Rules of Procedure. The Rules of Procedure adopted at the 8 th Meeting of Parties remain in force until and unless an amendment is called for and adopted. The Chair will invite the Meeting to review the Provisional Agenda, and the Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Late topics to be discussed under agenda item 12 (Any other business) may be suggested. The establishment of working groups already foreseen may be proposed.			Doc.1.2a (Provisional Agenda) Doc.1.2b (Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule) Doc.1.2c (Rules of Procedure) Inf.1.2 (List of Documents)	Agenda and schedule adopted. Working groups established (if needed).
	1.3. Opening of the Scientific Session				

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<p>2. Review of New Information on Threats to Small Cetaceans The Session Chairs will present an analysis of the national reporting data. Topics for national reporting in 2019 were designated as per Resolution 8.1. Parties may wish to add related points from their national reports. Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the topics. Taking into account the related Work Plan activities, the Session Chairs will facilitate the discussion to make recommendations.</p>														
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<p>Coffee/Tea Break (10:30–11:00)</p>														
<p>11:00–12:30</p>	<p>2.3. Pollution and hazardous substances Session Chair: Graham Pierce, Invited Expert The Session Chair will summarise the status quo on pollution and hazardous substances in the Agreement area, considering the information submitted in the national reports. The Meeting will be invited to draw up recommendations / action points on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA13 (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.)</p>	<p>NR.1-10 (National Reports) Inf.2.3 (Organochlorine Contaminants)</p>	<p>Note taken. Recommendations / Action Points suggested.</p>										

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	<p>2.4. Ship Strikes Session Chair: Meike Scheidat, the Netherlands The Session Chair will summarise the status quo on ship strikes in the Agreement area, considering the information submitted in the national reports. The Meeting will be invited to draw up recommendations / action points on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA14 (Review new information on ship strikes and their impacts on small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.)</p>	<p>NR.1-10 (National Reports)</p>	<p>Note taken. Recommendations / Action Points suggested.</p>
	<p>2.5. Climate Change Session Chair: Graham Pierce, Invited Expert The Session Chair will summarise the status quo on climate change in the Agreement area, considering the information submitted in the national reports. The Meeting will be invited to draw up recommendations / action points on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA15 (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.)</p>	<p>NR.1-10 (National Reports)</p>	<p>Note taken. Recommendations / Action Points suggested.</p>
<p>Lunch Break (12:30–13:30)</p>				
<p>13:30–15:00</p>	<p>2.6. Physical Habitat Change Session Chair: Peter Evans, Sea Watch Foundation The Session Chair will summarise the status quo on physical habitat change in the Agreement area, considering the information submitted in the national reports. The Meeting will be invited to draw up recommendations / action points on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA16 (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 Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.)</p>	<p>NR.1-10 (National Reports)</p>	<p>Note taken. Recommendations / Action Points suggested.</p>
	<p>2.7. Marine Protected Areas Session Chair: Farah Chaudry, United Kingdom The Session Chair will summarise the status quo on MPAs in the Agreement area, considering the information submitted in the national reports. The Meeting will be invited to draw up recommendations / action points on the topic.</p>	<p>WPA20 (Review best practice approaches to management of marine protected areas for small cetaceans. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.)</p>	<p>NR.1-10 (National Reports) Inf.2.7a (Caloric map of prey) Inf.2.7b (Design of SAC monitoring plan)</p>	<p>Note taken. Recommendations / Action Points suggested.</p>

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(13:30–15:00)	<p>Kelly McLeod, United Kingdom, will give a presentation on the work undertaken towards designing management and monitoring of the UK’s Southern North Sea Special Areas of Conservation.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to discuss collaboration and building transboundary approaches.</p>		<p>Inf.2.7c (Bycatch and mitigation approaches in HP SACs)</p> <p>Inf.2.7d (UNEP Guidance on MPAs)</p>	
	<p>2.8. Other sources of disturbance, any other issues Session Chair: Peter Evans, Sea Watch Foundation</p> <p>The Session Chair will summarise the status quo on other sources of disturbance and any other issues, including emerging issues, in the Agreement area, considering the information submitted in the national reports.</p> <p>Taking into account the related Work Plan activities, the Session Chair will facilitate the discussion to make recommendations.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to draw up recommendations.</p>	<p>WPA10 (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.)</p> <p>WPA17 (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.)</p>	<p>NR.1-10 (National Reports)</p>	<p>Note taken. Recommendations / Action Points suggested.</p>
Coffee/Tea Break (15:00–15:30)				
15:30–17:00	<p>3. Follow-up from AC24 on Threats to Small Cetaceans Each session follows up on items recommended for action by the 24th Meeting of the Advisory Committee.</p>			
	<p>3.1. Bycatch The Meeting will be invited to review and comment on the report from the ACCOBAMS-ASCOBANS Joint Bycatch Working Group.</p>	<p>AC24/AP9 (Agree to commission a cost-benefit analysis of available and potential monitoring tools aboard fishing vessels [...].)</p> <p>AC24/AP12 (Agree to commission a review of available mitigation methods applicable to high-risk fisheries within the ASCOBANS Agreement Area, to investigate gear- and area-specific solutions to mitigate bycatch, including alternative fishing methods. [...])</p>	<p>Inf.3.1 (Report from JBWG)</p>	<p>Note taken. Comments provided.</p>

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(15:30–17:00)		WPA2 (Develop a joint working group with ACCOBAMS on bycatch.)		
	<p>3.2. Use of bycatches and strandings</p> <p>Andrew Brownlow, Invited Expert, will present the updated European best practice on cetacean post mortem investigation and tissue sampling protocol, including a summary from the Joint ACCOBAMS-ASCOBANS Workshop on ‘harmonization of the best practices for necropsy of cetaceans and for the development of diagnostic frameworks’.</p> <p>Participants have the opportunity to provide comments and questions.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to endorse the process of harmonising cetacean strandings investigations within Europe and the resulting document outlining best practice, with the aim that the final protocol is presented for adoption next year at ASCOBANS 9th Meeting of the Parties.</p>	<p>AC24/AP28 (Recommends that Parties support a workshop in early 2019, which will bring together relevant experts from nations across the ASCOBANS and ACCOBAMS region. This workshop shall contribute to harmonizing best practice guidelines for stranding events and necropsy methodologies to ultimately facilitate the comparison of national results.)</p> <p>WPA37 (Engage actively in the ongoing work on best practice guidelines for necropsies in the frameworks of IWC, ESC and ACCOBAMS.)</p>	Inf.3.2 (European best practice on cetacean post mortem investigation and tissue sampling)	Note taken. Comments provided. Process endorsed.
	<p>3.3. Marine Debris</p> <p>In July 2019, the Secretariat circulated an email inviting AC members and experts interested in the impact of marine debris on small cetaceans to serve in the Marine Debris Working Group, and to prepare draft Recommendations for AC25.</p> <p>Mark Simmonds, Humane Society International, will present draft Recommendations elaborated by the WG.</p> <p>The draft Recommendations will be further considered after the IWC Marine Debris workshop (La Carriga, Spain) taking place on 3-5 December 2019, and ultimately presented for 9th Meeting of the Parties to ASCOBANS in 2020.</p>	<p>AC24/AP24 (Convene AC members and experts interested in the impact of marine debris on small cetaceans to prepare draft Recommendations on marine debris for AC25.)</p> <p>AC24/AP23 (Requests Mark Simmonds to report to MOP9 on the outcomes of the marine debris workshop at the 2nd World Marine Mammal Science Conference in Barcelona in December 2019.)</p>		Recommendations reviewed and endorsed.

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	<p>3.4. Resource Depletion</p> <p>In line with AC24/AP22, the Terms of Reference for the new Working Group were approved intersessionally by the Co-Chairs of the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Graham Pierce, Invited Expert, will present the Terms of Reference for the Resource Depletion Working Group and the membership of the WG.</p> <p>The Working Group shall report to 9th Meeting of the Parties in 2020.</p>	<p>AC24/AP21 (Establish a Working Group on Resource Depletion to review new information on resource depletion and its impacts on small cetacean populations and to make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action, to follow-up on Work Plan Activity 5 (2017-2020). The WG membership should include veterinary and fishery science expertise as well as cetacean ecology and conservation expertise. Additional members may be added, notably from HELCOM and ICES.)</p>	<p>Inf.3.4 (TOR for the Resource Depletion WG)</p>	<p>Note taken. Guidance given.</p>
<p>17:00– 19:00</p>	<p><i>Tour of Stralsund</i> <i>The Host will invite the meeting participants for a walking tour of the most interesting spots in Stralsund.</i></p>			
<p>19:00–</p>	<p><i>Welcome Reception</i> <i>There will be a welcome reception at the Ozeaneum kindly hosted by Germany.</i></p>			

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9:00–10:30	<p>4. Species Action Plans</p>			
	<p>4.1. Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan) Ida Carlén, Chair of the Jastarnia Group, will present an update on activities of the group and the most recent meeting (18-20 March 2019). She will also present the progress report for the Jastarnia Plan, which Parties are invited to review and add to. Baltic Parties will be invited to review the information presented and may wish to present related points from their national reports.</p>	<p>WPA22 (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 Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan.)</p>	<p>Doc.4.1 (Progress report Jastarnia Plan) Inf.4.1 (Report of JG15)</p>	<p>Note taken. Guidance given. JG15 Action Points endorsed.</p>
	<p>4.2. Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise Population in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat (WBBK Plan) Ida Carlén, Chair of the Jastarnia Group, will present the progress report for the WBBK Plan, which Parties are invited to review and add to. Belt Sea Parties will be invited to review the information presented and may wish to present related points from their national reports.</p>	<p>WPA24 (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>Doc.4.2 (Progress report WBBK Plan)</p>	<p>Note taken. Guidance given.</p>
<p>4.3. Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea (North Sea Plan) On behalf of the Chair of the North Sea Group, Ida Carlén will present an update on activities of the North Sea Group and the group's meeting that is to take place on 15 September 2019. She will further present the progress report for the North Sea Plan, which Parties are invited to review and add to.</p>	<p>WPA23 (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>Doc.4.3 (Progress report North Sea Plan) Inf.4.3 (Report of NSG7)</p>	<p>Note taken. Guidance given. Recommendations from NSG8 endorsed.</p>	
Coffee/Tea Break (10:30–11:00)				

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11:00–12:30	<p>4.4. Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin Sinéad Murphy and Vincent Ridoux, Co-chairs of the Steering Group of the Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin (Common Dolphin Group), will provide an update on the group’s work, including its first meeting that is to take place on 16 September 2019. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the draft Terms of Reference for the group.</p>	<p>AC24/AP1 (Approve and finalize the Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin and agree to circulate it to the Parties for adoption in line with Resolution 8.4.) AC24/AP2 (Reconfirm the Steering Group to support the implementation of the new Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin in close liaison with the Secretariat, with emphasis on the activities outlined in section 1.5 of the Action Plan.)</p>	<p>Doc.4.4 (Common Dolphin Group, incl. draft TOR)</p>	<p>Note taken. Guidance given. TOR adopted.</p>
5. Special Species Sessions				
	<p>5.1. Beaked Whales An Invited Expert (tbc) will give a presentation on the Northern Bottlenose, Sowerby’s and Cuvier’s Beaked Whales. It will cover conservation status, population status and structure, distribution, life history, threats and pressures affecting the above-mentioned Beaked Whales. The Meeting will be invited to review recommendations for research and conservation actions.</p>	<p>WPA49 (Arrange for a special session dealing with a species selected by the previous meeting at each meeting of the Advisory Committee, covering issues such as population status and structure, distribution, abundance, life history, threats and pressures, the conservation status and recommendations for research and conservation actions.) AC24/AP5 (Hold special species sessions on Beaked Whales and Bottlenose Dolphins at AC25.)</p>	<p>Inf.5.1 (Future Directions in Research on Beaked Whales)</p>	<p>Note taken. Guidance given. Recommendations for research and conservation actions agreed.</p>
	<p>5.2. Bottlenose Dolphin <i>This species session will be postponed to AC26, scheduled for 2021.</i></p>			
Lunch Break (12:30–13:30)				

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13:30–15:00	<p>5.3. White-beaked Dolphin – follow-up from AC24 Special Species Sessions</p> <p>In July 2019, Parties were requested to report on six research questions as instructed by AC24: a. Studies of life history parameters (ages, lengths, at sexual maturity, reproductive rates, life spans) from stranded and bycaught animals; b. Better abundance estimates in the northern North Atlantic; c. Further investigations of population structure; d. Studies of diet through stomach contents, stable isotope and fatty acid analyses; e. More contaminant studies; f. Studies of likely effects of climate change.</p> <p>Based on the responses, Andrew Brownlow, Invited Expert, will present the update with emphasis given to inventory of necropsy and other samples held by each country. The Meeting will be requested to consider formalising the research questions and to agree on a way forward.</p>	<p>AC24/AP4 (ASCOBANS Parties are encouraged to address the following six research questions presented in the review of the Conservation Status of White-beaked Dolphin at AC23, updated at AC24: [...] To facilitate joint analyses, a high priority should be an inventory of necropsy and other samples held by each country. Andrew Brownlow is tasked to intersessionally liaise with other stranding networks regarding samples and to report back to AC25.)</p>		<p>Research questions answered. Note taken. Guidance given. Way forward agreed.</p>
	<p>5.4. Atlantic White-sided Dolphin – follow-up from AC24 Special Species Session</p> <p>Research questions regarding Atlantic White-sided Dolphin were presented at AC24. There was general agreement that these were of great importance to improve conservation status of the species. However, recommendations were missed from the AC24 Action Points. This session will seek for recommendations to be recorded in the AC25 Action Points.</p>	<p>Presentation A24/4.1 (The Atlantic White-sided Dolphin in Europe: Research & Conservation)</p>		<p>Recommendations included in the Action Points. Way forward agreed.</p>
	<p>6. Relevant EU Policy matters</p> <p>From the European Commission Vedran Nikolic, DG Environment, and Katarzyna Janiak, DG MARE, will present an update on the implementation and development of the EU nature, marine and fisheries policies and projects relevant to ASCOBANS.</p>	<p>WPA58 (Identify priorities and improve co-operation between ASCOBANS and institutions of the European Union.) WPA62 (Seek to collaborate with the ICES Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC), the</p>	<p>Doc.6 (Update on EU Policies) Inf.6a (STECF EWG-19-07 Report)</p>	<p>Note taken. New developments on implementation of the MSFD and</p>

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(13:30–15:00)	<p>Parties are requested to report in a <i>tour-de-table</i> on any new developments in the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and the Habitat Directive with respect to protection of small cetaceans. Countries are specifically invited to share any plans for submitting to the Commission the Joint Recommendations under Article 11 of Regulation 1380/2013 of EU common fisheries policy concerning fisheries management measures for Natura 2000 sites and other MPAs under the MSFD, and Joint Recommendations under the new Technical Measures Regulation (COM/2016/0134 final, adopted in June 2019), where these will be of relevance to small cetaceans (e.g. preventing bycatch).</p> <p>Countries are also invited to update on the inclusion of monitoring of small cetacean bycatch in their DCF work plans under the EU Data Collection Framework (Regulation (EU) 2017/1004).</p>	<p>Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) established by the European Union, the Regional Coordination Groups, and other relevant organizations addressing bycatch.</p>		<p>Habitat Directive reported.</p> <p>Plans for Joint Recommendations shared.</p> <p>Updates on the inclusion of monitoring of small cetacean bycatch in DCF work plans shared.</p>
Coffee/Tea Break (15:00–15:30)				
15:30–18:00	7. Cooperation with other Bodies			
	<p>7.1. Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners</p> <p>The Secretariat will highlight key areas of collaboration with partners during the past year. Partners are invited to present their reports, taking into account any relevant Work Plan (2017-2020) activities.</p> <hr/> <p>Melanie Virtue, CMS Secretariat, will present CMS COP13 (February 2020) agenda items and documents that are relevant to ASCOBANS, and highlight recent developments.</p>	<p>WPA47 (Work towards strengthening or establishing positive relationships with stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and European fisheries Advisory Councils.)</p> <p>WPA59 (Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of the CMS Family on all issues of mutual interest.)</p> <p>WPA61 (Seek to cooperate closely with CBD, ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC,</p>	<p>Doc.7.1 (Reports from Relevant Meetings)</p> <p>Inf.7.1a (IWC workshop on Bycatch)</p> <p>Inf.7.1b (IWC Scientific Committee 68A)</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Comments made.</p> <p>Guidance given.</p> <p>Topics for ECS Workshop(s) for 2020 proposed.</p>

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(15:30–18:00)		NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS, UNEP and other relevant organizations.		
	<p>7.2. Dates of Interest 2019/2020</p> <p>The Secretariat will seek comments on the draft list of Dates of Interest. The Meeting will be requested to inform about (at least tentative) attendance at relevant meetings.</p>	<p>WPA65 (Compile a list of Dates of Interest and report back to each meeting of the Advisory Committee on attendance at such meetings.)</p> <p>WPA66 (Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the Advisory Committee allow for it, ensure proper representation at meetings of other relevant organizations.)</p>	<p>Doc.7.2 (Dates of Interest)</p>	<p>Comments made.</p>
8. Publicity and Outreach				
	<p>8.1. Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to review the Secretariat's outreach report.</p> <p>Parties will be invited to present related points from their national reports.</p> <p>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</p>	<p>WPA40 (Make efforts to implement the existing (and possible future) Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan.)</p> <p>WPA42 (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.)</p> <p>WPA46 (Report on outreach and communication issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee.)</p>	<p>Doc.8.1 (Secretariat's Outreach Report)</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Comments made.</p> <p>Guidance given.</p>
	<p>8.2. ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award 2020</p> <p>The Secretariat will inform the meeting of the process for the presentation of the Award. The Meeting will be invited to form a jury to select the winner. Nominations can for candidates for the Award can be made until 31 January 2020.</p>	<p>WPA44 (Facilitate presentation of the ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award at MOP9.)</p>	<p>Doc.8.2 (Outreach and Education Award)</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Jury formed.</p>

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9:00–10:30	9. Funded Projects and Activities			
	9.1. Progress of Projects/Activities Supported by ASCOBANS The Meeting will be invited to review the report from Zoological Society London on the web-accessed database for marine mammal stranding and necropsy data.		Inf.9.1 (Report from ZSL)	Note taken.
	9.2. Coordination of Harbour Porpoise Action Plans Ida Carlén will provide a summary report on behalf of Coalition Clean Baltic on what they have been able to do under the small-scale funding agreement to date, what have been the challenges, and what are the priorities for the remaining contract period.		Inf.9.2 (Report from CCB)	Note taken.
	9.3. Prioritization of Activities Requiring Funding The Secretariat will invite the Meeting to prioritise a list of activities, agreed by the Advisory Committee, that require funding. The Meeting will be requested to decide on potential future calls for projects.	WPA31 (Issue call for project proposals when instructed to do so by the Advisory Committee, and conduct consultation on prioritization to the next meeting.) WPA32 (Prepare for each meeting of the Advisory Committee an overview of approved activities requiring funding.)	Doc.9.3 (Activities Requiring Funding)	Priority order for activities agreed. Decision on calls for projects in 2020 made.
	10. Work Plan: Overview of implementation The Secretariat will present an overview of progress made on implementation of the ASCOBANS Work Plan (2017-2020). The Meeting is invited to review the document and provide additional updates in case missed by the Secretariat.		Doc.10 (Overview of Work Plan implementation)	Note taken. Guidance given.

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	<p>11. Draft Resolutions for 9th Meeting of the Parties The Meeting is requested to suggest topics for potential draft Resolutions to be submitted to the 9th Meeting of the Parties (MOP9), scheduled to be held in 2020. It should be noted that deadline for draft Resolutions to be posted online is 90 days prior start of the MOP.</p>		<p>Inf.11 (List of Extant ASCOBANS Resolutions)</p>	<p>Topics for draft Resolutions considered.</p>
	<p>12. Any other business Any topics flagged for discussion during agenda item 1.2. will be addressed.</p>			
Coffee/Tea Break (10:30–11:00)				
11:00–12:30	<p>13. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Scientific Session The Secretariat will present a draft list of Action Points and Decisions, generated at the meeting, for approval.</p>		<p>CRP13 (In-session document: AC25 List of Action Points of the Scientific Session)</p>	<p>List of Action Points adopted.</p>
	<p>14. Close of the Scientific Session</p>			
	<p>15. Opening of the Institutional Session Late items and topics to be discussed under agenda item 21 may be suggested.</p>			
	<p>16. Accession and Agreement Amendment The Secretariat will present the status of accession and acceptance of the amendment to the meeting. Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment (Belgium, Lithuania) will be called on to inform the meeting on the progress made. Parties will be given opportunity to report on any efforts to promote accession of Non-Parties.</p>	<p>WPA72 (Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement.)</p>	<p>Inf.16 (Status of Accession)</p>	<p>Note taken. Comments made. Guidance given.</p>
<p>17. National Reporting Form</p>				

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<p>(11:00–12:30)</p>	<p>17.1. Report back from the Intersessional WG on National Reporting Meike Scheidat, Chair of the Intersessional Working Group on National Reporting, will outline the development of the current National reporting form. Parties will be requested to provide comments on the reporting form, which is due to be used again in 2020.</p>	<p>WPA67 (Develop the sections of the reporting format one by one, starting with those to be considered in each report and at the first Advisory Committee Meeting after MOP8.) WPA68 (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.) WPA70 (Tailor the agenda for each of the meetings of the Advisory Committee to reflect the topics selected for the previous year’s national reports.)</p>	<p>Doc.17 (National Reporting form)</p>	<p>Comments made on the form distributed to AC25.</p>
	<p>17.2. Development of the National Reporting Form for 9th Meeting of Parties The Meeting is invited agree on the process for developing the 2020 reporting format. Options include keeping the same questions used in 2017-2019, amending them, or developing a new set of questions. In 2020, national reporting will cover all topics listed in Resolution 8.1.</p>	<p>WPA67 WPA68</p>		<p>Process for refining the complete form for national reporting in 2020 agreed.</p>
<p>Lunch Break (12:30–13:30)</p>				
<p>13:30–15:00</p>	<p>18. Financial and Administrative Issues</p>			
	<p>18.1. Administrative Issues The Secretariat will present its report to the Meeting.</p>	<p>WPA54 (Report on budgetary and administrative issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee.)</p>	<p>Doc.18.1 (Report on Admin Issues 2018-2019)</p>	<p>Note taken. Comments made.</p>

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(13:30–15:00)	<p>18.2. Accounts for 2018 and 2019 The Secretariat will present its reports to the Meeting.</p>	<p>WPA54 (Report on budgetary and administrative issues to each meeting of the Advisory Committee.)</p>	<p>Doc.18.2a (End-of Term Budget 2018) Doc.18.2b (Mid-Term Budget 2019)</p>	<p>Note taken. Comments made.</p>
	<p>19. Assignment of Funds to Prioritised Activities The Secretariat will inform the Meeting about the financial requirements for the implementation of activities agreed or suggested by the Advisory Committee. The Meeting will be requested to consider assigning or pledging funds to the prioritised activities.</p>	<p>WPA56 (Encourage Parties and partner organizations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritized by the AC or outreach initiatives.) WPA57 (Develop funding arrangements for projects prioritized by the Advisory Committee and Meeting of Parties.)</p>	<p>Doc.9.3 (Activities Requiring Funding)</p>	<p>Funding assigned to prioritised activities.</p>
	<p>20. Options for future meetings of the Advisory Committee As requested by AC24, the Secretariat will present options looking at the periodicity and content of AC meetings, and other approaches to working. The Meeting will be requested to consider the options and to advise the Secretariat on what the AC would like prepared for presentation at MOP9.</p>	<p>AC24/AP31 (Request the Secretariat to prepare an options paper for AC25 looking at the periodicity and content of AC meetings and other approaches to working (e.g. Working Groups), in order to determine if annual meetings covering both scientific and institutional issues are the most effective way to proceed.)</p>	<p>Doc.20 (Options for Future Meeting of the AC)</p>	<p>Options considered. Advice on what to present to MOP9 given.</p>
	<p>21. Any other Institutional Issues Any items flagged for discussion during item 15 will be addressed.</p>			
Coffee/Tea Break (15:00–15:30)				
15:30–18:00	<p>22. Date and Venue of the 9th Meeting of the Parties and the 26th Meeting of the Advisory Committee Parties will be invited to make offers for hosting MOP9 in 2020 and AC26 in 2021. The Meeting will be invited to give guidance on suitable dates.</p>			<p>Guidance given.</p>

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	<p>23. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Institutional Session The Secretariat will present a draft list of Action Points and Decisions for approval.</p>		<p>CRP23 (In-session document: AC25 List of Action Points of the Institutional Session)</p>	<p>List of Action Points adopted.</p>
	<p>24. Close of the Meeting The Meeting is expected to close by 18:00 on Thursday 19 September 2019.</p>			