

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CMP STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

Issue: Conservation Management Plans

1. Action requested

The Scientific Committee is invited to:

- a. **consider** the draft **Terms of Reference for CMP Stakeholder Workshops**,
- b. **provide recommendations** to the Parties on this issue.

2. Background

During MOP6 and MOP8, Parties adopted Resolution 6.21 on “Species Conservation Management Plans” (CMPs) and Resolution 8.14 “Conservation Management Plans”, which are key to manage human activities affecting cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and to maintain a favourable conservation status throughout their historical range, based on the best available scientific knowledge. To date, four CMPs are under development for fin whales, Risso’s dolphins, common dolphins and bottlenose dolphins.

During the 15th Meeting of the Scientific Committee, the four CMP leaders - Simone Panigada, for fin whales, Léa David, for Risso’s dolphins, Joan Gonzalvo, for common dolphins and Guido Gnone, for bottlenose dolphins - were requested to identify relevant stakeholders to organize a dedicated workshop(s).

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Small workshop steering groups should be established asap in order to: (a) finalise the specific agenda(s) by CMP, (b) identify key stakeholders needed, based upon identified priority threats, (c) organise a suitable venue (including breakout groups, time and budget required), (d) prepare background documentation and introductory presentations for each item.

1 Introductory items

- 1.1 *Welcoming remarks and introductions*
- 1.2 *Objectives of the Workshop*
- 1.3 *Chair and rapporteurs*
- 1.4 *Adoption of Agenda*
- 1.5 *Available documents*
- 1.6 *Meeting organisation (incl. possible sub-groups)*
- 1.7 *Reporting*

2 What is a Conservation Management Plan (CMP)?

- 2.1 *The origin of CMPs in IWC and ACCOBAMS*
- 2.2 *Objectives*
- 2.3 *Structure of a CMP*
- 2.4 *Governance*
- 2.5 *Implementation*

3 The scientific and conservation background to the specific draft CMP(s) and summary of the Scientific Actions proposed

- 3.1 *Why is the CMP required?*
- 3.2 *Objectives of the CMP*
- 3.3 *Knowledge gaps (re cetaceans and human activities) and relevant Research Actions*
- 3.4 *Discussion and conclusions*

4 Focus on those Actions with an emphasis on stakeholder involvement

- 4.1 *Co-ordinating actions (one item per Action)*
 - 4.1.1 Present draft
 - 4.1.2 Discussion
 - 4.1.3 Suggestions and Conclusions
- 4.2 *Public awareness and capacity building actions (one item per Action)*
 - 4.2.1 Present draft
 - 4.2.2 Discussion
 - 4.2.3 Suggestions and Conclusions
- 4.3 *Monitoring actions with a focus on human activities (one item per Action)*
 - 4.3.1 Present draft
 - 4.3.2 Discussion
 - 4.3.3 Suggestions and Conclusions
- 4.4 *Mitigation actions (one item per Action)*
 - 4.4.1 Present draft
 - 4.4.2 Discussion
 - 4.4.3 Suggestions and Conclusions

5 Next steps

- 5.1 *Finalisation of draft for adoption*
- 5.2 *Political (IWC, ACCOBAMS, Range States)*
- 5.3 *Practical*
 - 5.3.1 Co-ordinator and Steering Committee
 - 5.3.2 Finance (general and by Action)
 - 5.3.3 Website(s)
 - 5.3.4 Regular review and updating of plans

6 Conclusions

7 Adoption of report