



30th MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bonn, Germany, 1–3 September 2026
Agenda Item 8.2

DRAFT LIST OF DATES OF INTEREST TO ASCOBANS IN 2026-2027

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. The Secretariat has prepared a draft list of dates of interest regarding meetings and events, covering a period from September 2026 to the end of 2027. In order to complete the list, input from the Advisory Committee is needed.

Action requested:

2. The Advisory Committee is requested to:
 - a) consider the draft list and suggest additions or deletions, if needed; and
 - b) advise on participation at relevant meetings.

Date	Organiser	Title	Venue	Participation / Report
2026				
28 Sept–3 Oct 2026	IWC	70 th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC70)	Hobart, Australia	
19–23 Oct 2026	SMM	26 th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals	San Juan, Puerto Rico	
19–30 Oct 2026	CBD	17 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP17)	Yerevan, Armenia	
27–29 Oct 2026	CIBBRINA	CIBBRiNA 2026 Fall Meeting (The Coordinated Development and Implementation of Best Practice in Bycatch Reduction in the North Atlantic, Baltic and Mediterranean Regions)	Ostend, Belgium	
9-20 Nov 2026	UNFCCC	31 st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP31)	Antalya, Türkiye	
17-20 Nov 2026	Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)	7 th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (WCMB)	Bruges, Belgium	
24-26 Nov 2026	HELCOM	Informal Consultation of Expert Group on Marine Mammals (IC EG MAMA 5-2026)	Gothenburg, Sweden	
2027				
11-22 Jan 2027	UN DOALOS	First meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement on Marine	New York, USA	CMS

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		Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement)		
12-13 Jan 2027 (tent.)	ASCOBANS	7 th Meeting of the Common Dolphin Group (CDG7)	tbc	Secretariat
6-9 April 2027 (tent.)	ASCOBANS	15 th Meeting of the North Sea Group (NSG15) and 23 rd Meeting of the Jastarnia Group (JG23)	tbc	Secretariat
13-15 April 2027	CMS	59 th Meeting of the CMS Standing Committee (StC59)	Bonn, Germany	Secretariat
19-23 April 2027	ECS	38 th Annual Conference of the European Cetacean Society	Piran, Slovenia	
Sept (tbc) 2027	ASCOBANS	31 st Meeting of the Advisory Committee	tbc	Secretariat
27-30 Sep 2027	ICES	ICES Annual Science Conference 2027	Copenhagen, Denmark	
12-15 Oct 2027	Consortium of EU-affiliated bycatch and marine-conservation projects	International Forum on Bycatch of Marine Megafauna	Santiago de Compostela, Spain	
19-22 Oct 2027 (tent.)	CMS	9 th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC9)	Bonn, Germany	Secretariat