

CMS Marine Pollution Workshop

28 & 30 May 2025, 15:00-18:00 GMT

Provisional Agenda

The overarching aim of the workshop is to identify how CMS can most effectively engage with the effects of pollution on marine migratory species.

We hope to identify priority species, populations and habitats for immediate action, and develop recommendations for consideration by the next CMS Conference of the Parties (CMS COP15) and in accord with CMS Decision 14.42 d.

Session I: Issues and Opportunities

1. Opening of the workshop
 - Welcome and scene setting – Mark Simmonds
 - Introduction to CMS and work of CMS to date on pollution – Melanie Virtue
2. Workshop arrangements, including preparation of the workshop report and adoption of the agenda – Mark Simmonds
3. Short keynote presentations across a range of pollution issues – various speakers
4. Review of focal questions
5. Identification of migratory marine species of interest
6. Identification of forms of pollution of interest and focuses
 - Persistent chemicals
 - Chemical spills, including oil
 - Plastic debris
 - Energy – noise, light, heat, radioactivity
 - Nutrients and sediments
 - Other – pharmaceuticals etc.
7. Preliminary discussion of the interface between pollution and marine migratory species

Session II. Defining the work of CMS going forward

8. Can CMS complement or fill in any gaps in competencies of other bodies?
9. Issues that CMS might prioritize
10. Recommendations to CMS Parties
11. Other steps and closing of the workshop