**MARINE NOISE**

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*(Prepared by Aquatic Working Group)*

DRAFT DECISIONS

**Adverse Impacts of Anthropogenic Noise on Cetaceans**

**and Other Migratory Species**

***Directed to Parties***

13.AA Parties are requested to:

1. disseminate the *CMS Family Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment for Marine Noise-generating Activities* annexed to Resolution 12.14 to all national departments involved in deciding on noise-generating activities;
2. inform the Scientific Council about experiences and lessons-learnt in the application of these guidelines, and the need for additional guidance on assessment and mitigation of marine noise.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

13.BB The Secretariat shall:

1. draw Resolution 12.14 and the annexed *CMS Family Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment for Marine Noise-generating Activities* to the attention of other relevant intergovernmental organizations and initiatives;
2. strengthen coordination with other international fora to encourage coherence in implementation of policies addressing noise impacts on marine life;
3. add the *Advisory Note: Further guidance on independent, scientific modelling of noise propagation* (UNEP/CMS/COP13/Inf.8) to the *Technical Support Information* provided online at <https://www.cms.int/en/guidelines/cms-family-guidelines-EIAs-marine-noise>;
4. request the CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Joint Noise Working Group to review the report on *Best Available Technology (BAT) and Best Environmental Practice (BEP) for Three Noise Sources: Shipping, Seismic Airgun Surveys, and Pile Driving* published as UNEP/CMS/COP13/Inf.9 and publish the resulting version as a Technical Series to make the information easily accessible to Parties;
5. prior to the last meeting of the Sessional Committee before COP14, request Parties to submit information on experiences and lessons-learnt in the application of the CMS Family Noise EIA Guidelines, and the need for additional guidance on assessment and mitigation of marine noise.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

13.CC The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:

1. review the report on *Best Available Technology (BAT) and Best Environmental Practice (BEP) for Three Noise Sources: Shipping, Seismic Airgun Surveys, and Pile Driving* after it has received input from the CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Joint Noise Working Group, and if required develop voluntary noise mitigation guidelines on these activities of concern;
2. assess the need for updating the *CMS Family Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment for Marine Noise-generating Activities* and/or its *Technical Support Information* prior to the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.