

MBM-AP Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 14, 2004, 13:30-17:00

Co-Chairmen: Hidehiro Kato (Japan) and William J. Sydeman (U.S.A.)

1. Welcome (H. Kato, W. Sydeman)
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of MBM-WP Workshop (W6)
4. Discussion for workshop/topic session for PICES XIV
5. Participation from the Asia mainland countries**
6. Cooperation with IWC*
7. Other matters

Notes

* *It has been concerned that no Asian region scientists other than Japanese participated to MBM/AP meeting, and then we look for ideas to overcome such status.*

** *IWC scientific committee has sent an official observer (H. Kato) to PICES meeting. How do we respond such approach?*

Terms of reference for MBM/AP

1. Provide information and scientific expertise to BIO, CCCC program, and when necessary, to other scientific and technical committees with regard to the biology and ecological roles of marine mammals and seabirds.
2. Identify important problems, scientific questions, and knowledge gaps in assessing the roles of marine mammals and seabirds in marine ecosystems.
3. Assemble relevant information on the biology of marine mammals and sea birds and disseminate it to the PICES community through scientific reports and symposia.
4. Develop strategies to improve collaborative, interdisciplinary research with marine mammal and sea birds researchers and the PICES.