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DOCUMENT MC/07	STRENGTHENING USER KNOWLEDGE IN NAMMCO
Submitted by	Secretariat
Action requested	Take note. Consider how NAMMCO includes user knowledge. Discuss whether any additional approaches may be worth further consideration or exploration.
Background	<p>In February 2021, the NAMMCO Secretariat participated in an online workshop on Arctic User Knowledge organised by NOROCCO (Nordic Foundation for Development and Ecology). NAMMCO was invited to give a presentation on how it brings local knowledge into its advisory and decision-making process and the plans for further strengthening the involvement of local knowledge in the organisation in the future. This document summarises the information given, including a range of options for strengthening the inclusion of user knowledge in NAMMCO.</p> <p>Considering how NAMMCO includes user knowledge and possible new pathways forward in the future is particularly pertinent this year due to the discussions in the MCC on narwhal in East Greenland and the ongoing disagreements between hunters and scientists regarding management advice in this case.</p>