



Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area, concluded under the auspices of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

Accord sur la Conservation des Cétacés de la Mer Noire, de la Méditerranée et de la zone Atlantique adjacente, conclu sous l'égide de la Convention sur la Conservation des Espèces Migratrices appartenant à la Faune Sauvage (CMS)



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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Item I	WELCOME ADDRESSES	Timetable 05/11/19 - Morning
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Item II	ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES	Timetable 05/11/19 - Morning
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II -1	Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
The Chair will inform the Meeting that the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties will apply to this Meeting.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article XIV • Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties 	
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II-2	Granting the right to vote	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
<p>At the opening of the Meeting, because of the delay imposed by the Agreement (Article XIV), some Countries might not yet have attained the Party status, although their instrument of ratification, adherence or acceptance has already been deposited.</p> <p>In order to allow that the decision-taking process might benefit of the active participation of as many representatives as possible, it is stated in the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of Parties (Article 3, paragraph 3) that “States or regional economic integration organizations that have ratified, accepted or approved the Agreement or have signed it without reservations in respect of ratification, acceptance or approval or have acceded to it are represented at the Meetings of the Parties and exercise their voting rights, even though the Agreement has not yet entered into force for them”.</p> <p>Moreover, According to Article 14. 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, “Representatives of Parties which are three or more years behind in paying their subscriptions on the date of the opening session of the Meeting of the Parties shall not be eligible to vote. However, the Meeting of the Parties may allow such Parties to continue to exercise their right to vote if it is satisfied that the delay in payment arises from exceptional circumstances”.</p> <p>Regarding these exceptional circumstances, the representative of Italy requested during MOP6, that a legal analysis note on “granting the right to vote” be prepared by the Permanent Secretariat and submitted to the MOP7. The legal expert of ACCOBAMS will be invited to present this legal analysis note.</p>		

The Bureau, during the Fourth Meeting of the Extended Bureau (Monaco, April 2019), recommended that each Party facing exceptional circumstances may provide the Secretariat with a formal letter explaining the “exceptional circumstances” that led to the delay in payment. This document will be examined by the Meeting of the Parties in order to decide if each concerned Party will be exceptionally granted the right to vote during the MOP7.

Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note on the granting the right to vote MOP7/2019/Doc 05 • Exceptional circumstances for granting the right to vote MOP7/2019/Doc 06 → • Report of the Depositary and Status of Ratifications MOP7/2019/Doc 09Rev2 • Granting the right to vote MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article XIV • Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties
Actions	
Parties will be invited to:	
<p>a) Take into consideration the Note on the granting the right to vote,</p> <p>b) consider Countries not yet Parties which have completed the process for becoming Parties to the Agreement but not reached the first day of the third month after completion of the procedures, as full member for the MOP7,</p> <p>c) examine the document with letter by Parties explaining the “exceptional circumstances” that led to the delay in payment and decide if the Parties concerned will be exceptionally granted the right to vote during the MOP7.</p>	

II-3	Admission of observers
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
Pursuant to Article III, paragraph 4, of the Agreement, the Secretariat will present to the Parties the list of the Organisations wishing to attend the Meeting as observers.	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → • Provisional List of Observers MOP7/2019/Doc 07Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III, paragraph 4 • Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties
Actions	
Parties will be invited to admit observers.	

II-4	Election of the Bureau	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
Pursuant to Article VI of the Agreement, the Parties will be invited to elect the Bureau for 2020-2022 consisting of the Chair and Vice-Chairs.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • Article VI • Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties • Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Bureau 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to elect the Bureau and the new Chair of the Bureau.		

II-5	Adoption of the Agenda	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
The Provisional Agenda will be proposed for adoption under this item.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional Agenda MOP7/2019/Doc 01Rev1 → • Provisional Annotated Agenda MOP7/2019/Doc 02Rev5 → • List of documents MOP7/2019/Doc 03Rev4 → • Provisional Timetable MOP7/2019/Doc 04Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to review the Provisional Agenda, make any proposal and adopt the Agenda and the Timetable.		

II-6	Establishment of the Credentials Committee	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
In accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties, a Credentials Committee will be established. The Chair of the Bureau will invite the Committee to meet and to submit its conclusions at a later stage of the Meeting.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to establish a Credentials Committee.		

Item III	OPENING STATEMENTS	Timetable <i>05/11/2019 - Morning</i>
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<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
Delegates and observers will be given opportunity to make brief oral statements, if desired. They will be encouraged to consider, instead, providing only written versions of the opening statements (in English and/or in French) to be collected by the Secretariat during the Meeting and attached to the report.		

Item IV	PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE AGREEMENT	Timetable 05/11/2019 Morning & Afternoon
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IV-1	National Reports	
IV-1 /a	<i>Synthesis of the National Reports of the Parties</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat / Parties</i>		
<p>According to the Article VIII of the Agreement, each Party shall prepare for each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties, a report on its implementation of the Agreement with particular reference to the conservation measures and scientific research and monitoring it has undertaken. Taking into consideration the national reports updated through the ACCOBAMS online reporting system and the issues discussed during Regional Workshops, held in 2018, the Secretariat will present a synthesis of the implementation of the Agreement by the Parties.</p> <p>Delegates willing to provide additional information on the activities undertaken by their Countries will be invited to take the floor under this agenda item.</p>		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of implementation of ACCOBAMS by Parties MOP7/2019/Doc 08 • List of National Focal Points MOP7/2019/Inf 02 → • National Reports of ACCOBAMS Parties MOP7/2019/Inf 03Rev1 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • Article VIII • ACCOBAMS-MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.6
Actions		
Parties will be invited to evaluate the progress made as well as the difficulties encountered in implementing the Agreement.		
IV-1 /b	<i>Range States activities</i>	
<i>Presented by: States and regional economic integration Organizations that are not yet Party to the Agreement</i>		
<p>The represented Countries and regional economic integration Organizations that are not yet Party to the Agreement will be invited to report on their cooperation with the Agreement and their activities on cetacean conservation carried out during the triennium 2017-2019, as well as on the current status concerning their accession to the Agreement.</p>		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
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Actions		
Parties will be invited to:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) comment on progress made in cetacean conservation in the ACCOBAMS area, b) make proposals to strengthen the collaboration with Countries and regional economic integration Organizations that are not yet Party to the Agreement. 		

IV-2	Report of the Depositary	
<i>Presented by: The Depositary of the Agreement</i>		
The Depositary of the Agreement, the Government of the Principality of Monaco, will report on the accession of new Parties to the Agreement and on ratification status of the Amendments during the triennium 2017-2019.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Depositary and Status of Ratifications MOP7/2019/Doc 09Rev2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article XVII 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the report of the Depositary.		

IV-3	Report of the Bureau	
<i>Presented by: The former Chair of the Bureau</i>		
According to the Article VI, paragraph 3, of the Agreement, the Bureau met each year during the triennium. Pursuant to paragraph 4, the Former Chair of the Bureau will present a report on its activities and its main decisions during the triennium 2017-2019.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Bureau MOP7/2019/Doc 10 • Report of the Eleventh Meeting of the Bureau <i>Ref Document: ACCOBAMS-BU11/2017/Doc15</i> • Report of the Twelfth Meeting of the Bureau <i>Ref Document: ACCOBAMS-BU12/2018/Doc15</i> • Report of the Fourth Meeting of Extended Bureau <i>Ref Document: ACCOBAMS-BU_EXT4/2019/Doc 11</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • Article VI • Rules of Procedure of the Bureau 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the report of the Bureau.		

IV-4	Report of the Secretariat	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>According to the Article IV, paragraph 2 f), the Agreement Secretariat shall “provide to each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties a report on the work of the Agreement Secretariat, the Co-ordination Units, the Bureau, and the Scientific Committee, and on the implementation of the Agreement based on information provided by the Parties and other sources”.</p>		
<p>The Secretariat will present the activities implemented during the triennium 2017-2019, the achievements and pending issues to be addressed.</p>		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Secretariat MOP7/2019/Doc 11 • ACCOBAMS Working Groups MOP7/2019/Doc 13 • Joint cooperation strategy on spatial-based protection and management measures for marine biodiversity among the Secretariats of ACCOBAMS, GFCM, IUCN-Med and UNEP/MAP MOP7/2019/Doc 36 • Summaries of the projects selected under the 2018 ACCOBAMS call for proposals MOP7/2019/Inf 04 • The Tunisian Dolphin Project: population size and habitat use for bottlenose and common dolphins MOP7/2019/Inf 05 • Identification and initial assessment of cetacean groupings in coastal waters of the north-western Black Sea, Ukrainian sector MOP7/2019/Inf 06 • Increase the regional capacity for developing cetacean distribution and abundance studies MOP7/2019/Inf 07 • Renforcement du réseau d'échouage des cétacés des côtes marocaines, formation à leur gestion et création d'une banque de tissus MOP7/2019/Inf 08 • Taking of cetaceans, dolphinarium and quasi-dolphinarium: a legal analysis relating to ACCOBAMS Parties MOP7/2019/Inf 09 • Report of the 5 days training session on photo id and databases for experts of the ACCOBAMS Area MOP7/2019/Inf 10 • ASI progress report MOP7/2019/Inf 11 • Preparatory study for an information management system for cetacean survey data in the ACCOBAMS Agreement area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • Article IV 	

MOP7/2019/Inf 12

- ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative Data Policy

MOP7/2019/Inf 13

- Progress report regarding the implementation of a National Action Plan in Algeria

MOP7/2019/Inf 14

- Final Report of the ACCOBAMS/GFCM Project on mitigating the negative interactions between endangered marine species and fishing activities

MOP7/2019/Inf 15

- Good practice guides for the handling of animals caught incidentally in Mediterranean fisheries

MOP7/2019/Inf 16

- Reports of the pilot actions supported within the framework of the ACCOBAMS/GFCM project on interactions with fisheries

MOP7/2019/Inf 17

- GFCM manual “Monitoring the incidental catch of vulnerable species in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea: methodology for data collection”

MOP7/2019/Inf 18

- Progress report of the project “Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa bycatch of vulnerable species and testing mitigation – a collaborative approach”

MOP7/2019/Inf 19

- Progress report of the project “Towards solutions to interactions between fisheries and cetaceans in Moroccan and Tunisian waters”

MOP7/2019/Inf 20

- Report workshop “Best Practice Workshop: fostering inter-regional cooperation in underwater noise monitoring and impact assessment in waters around Europe, within the context of the European marine strategy framework directive” (ECS 2017)

MOP7/2019/Inf 21

- Progress report on the implementation of the ACCOBAMS certification for Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators

MOP7/2019/Inf22

- Report of the first training to become an “ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators”

MOP7/2019/Inf 23

- Activities report regarding Quietmed project

MOP7/2019/Inf 24

- Progress report regarding Quietmed 2 project

MOP7/2019/Inf 25

- Provisional report of the ACCOBAMS workshop on sonars and cetaceans’ interactions

MOP7/2019/Inf 26

- Pilot Actions on marine litter monitoring in Adriatic
MOP7/2019/Inf 27
- Report of the Joint ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS Workshop on harmonisation of the best practices for necropsy of cetaceans and for the development of diagnostic frameworks
MOP7/2019/Inf 28
- Report of the joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS/ECS/SPA-RAC Workshop on Marine Debris and Cetacean Stranding (ECS 2018)
MOP7/2019/Inf 29
- Report workshop “Inputs to the ACCOBAMS ongoing effort to map human threats on cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas” (ECS 2017)
MOP7/2019/Inf 30
- Towards understanding the overlap of selected threats and Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) across the Mediterranean Sea (ECS 2018)
MOP7/2019/Inf 31
- Report of the Fifth International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas (*if available before MOP7*)
MOP7/2019/Inf 32
- Report of the Fourth Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries
MOP7/2019/Inf 41
- Technical guide on the ACCOBAMS regional register for impulsive noise
MOP7/2019/Inf 42
- Identification of entities involved in cetacean strandings networks and building a searchable metadata bank on cetacean strandings in ACCOBAMS Area
MOP7/2019/Inf 43
- Searchable metadata on cetaceans’ tissue banks in ACCOBAMS Area
MOP7/2019/Inf 44
- Guidance document on the roles and responsibilities of ACCOBAMS’ National Focal Points
MOP7/2019/Inf 45
- • Report of the Joint CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Noise Working Group (Joint NWG) presented to the 23rd ASCOBANS Advisory Committee Meeting
MOP7/2019/Inf 46
- • Report from the Joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Working Group on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) to the 7th Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS
MOP7/2019/Inf 47

Actions

Parties will be invited to take note of the information documents and to comment the report of the Secretariat.

IV-5	Report of the Scientific Committee	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee</i>		
<p>According to the Article VII, paragraph 3 f), of the Agreement, the Scientific Committee shall prepare for each session of the Meeting of the Parties a report of its activities. The Chair of the Scientific Committee will present a document (i) summarizing the activities of the Scientific Committee, (ii) presenting the recommendations issued from the Twelfth Meeting of the Scientific Committee and presenting other matters of high importance for the implementation of ACCOBAMS. The preparation of the draft Resolutions on scientific matters was based on the content of these recommendations.</p>		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Chair of the Scientific Committee and recommendations MOP7/2019/Doc 12 • ACCOBAMS Working Groups MOP7/2019/Doc 13 → • ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative - Technical report of the Mediterranean and Black Sea surveys MOP7/2019/Inf 33 • Report IWC/IUCN/ACCOBAMS Workshop on ship strikes and recommendations MOP7/2019/Inf 34 • Report of the Eleventh Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee <i>Ref Document: ACCOBAMS-SC11/2017/Doc25</i> • Report of the Twelfth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee <i>Ref Document: ACCOBAMS-SC12/2018/Doc35</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • Article VII 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of and to comment the report of the Chair of the Scientific Committee.		

IV-6	Report of the Sub Regional Coordination Units	
<i>Presented by: The Sub-Regional Coordination Units</i>		
<p>Pursuant to Article V of the Agreement, the two Sub-Regional Coordination Units will report about the activities carried out during the triennium 2017-2019.</p>		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Black Sea Sub-Regional Coordination Unit including activities from Non-Parties MOP7/2019/Doc 14 • Report of the Mediterranean Sub-Regional Coordination Unit including activities from Non-Parties MOP7/2019/Doc 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • Article V 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the reports of the Sub Regional Coordination Units.		

IV-7	Report of the Follow-up Committee	
<i>Presented by: The President of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee</i>		
The Second Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee was convened in Monaco on Monday 5 th March and Tuesday 6 th March 2018. The President of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee will present the main considerations and recommendations issued from this Meeting.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee MOP7/2019/Doc 16 → • Response from Portugal regarding OceanCare submission to the ACCOBAMS Follow-Up Procedure MOP7/2019/Doc 38 • Report of the Second Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee <i>Ref Document: ACCOBAMS-FC2/2018/Doc 14</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.4 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.8 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the report of the follow-up Committee and to consider the recommendations issued from the Meeting. They will also be invited to consider next steps, where relevant:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding submission by OceanCare on the assessment and control by Portugal of petroleum exploration activities in the Algarve and Alentejo basins • Regarding submission by OceanCare on the failure by Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia to implement the ACCOBAMS Conservation Plan for Mediterranean common dolphins 		

IV-8	Report of the ACCOBAMS Partners	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
Pursuant to Point 3 of the Rules and Commitments included in Resolution 4.20, ACCOBAMS Partners will report about the activities carried out during the triennium 2017-2019.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → • Synthesis of ACCOBAMS Partners reports MOP7/2019/Doc 17Rev1 • List of ACCOBAMS Partners MOP7/2019/Inf 35 → • ACCOBAMS Partners reports MOP7/2019/Inf 36Rev1 		
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the reports.		

IV-9	Budgetary matters	
IV-9a	<i>Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2017-2019</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat will report on incomes and expenses relevant to the Trust Funds for the triennium 2017-2019.		
	Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2017-2019 MOP7/2019/Doc 18Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article IX ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.6
Actions		
Parties will be invited to review and approve the report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2017-2019.		
IV-9b	<i>Report on the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat will report on the budgetary execution relevant to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund for the triennium 2017-2019. The Secretariat will briefly present the projects funded under the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund.		
	Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund for 2017-2019 MOP7/2019/Doc 19 Summaries of the projects selected under the 2018 ACCOBAMS call for proposals MOP7/2019/Inf 04 The Tunisian Dolphin Project: population size and habitat use for bottlenose and common dolphins MOP7/2019/Inf 05 Identification and initial assessment of cetacean groupings in coastal waters of the north-western Black Sea, Ukrainian sector MOP7/2019/Inf 06 Increase the regional capacity for developing cetacean distribution and abundance studies MOP7/2019/Inf 07 Renforcement du réseau d'échouage des cétacés des côtes marocaines, formation à leur gestion et création d'une banque de tissus MOP7/2019/Inf 08 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article IX, ACCOBAMS-MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.6 ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.5 ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.6
Actions		
Parties will be invited to review and approve the accounts and take note of the reports.		

IV-9c	<i>Report by the Fund Management Controller</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat will present the report of the fund management controller for the triennium 2017-2019.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of the Fund Management Controller MOP7/2019/Doc 20Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.6 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the reports of the fund management controller for the triennium 2017-2019.		

Item V	REPORT BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	Timetable 05/11/2019 - Afternoon
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<i>Presented by: The Credentials Committee</i>		
The Credentials Committee will inform the Meeting on the conclusions of its work.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the report.		

Item VI	INSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY ARRANGEMENTS	Timetable 06/11/2019 Morning & Afternoon
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VI-1	Functional structure and Personnel of the Permanent Secretariat	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat / Chair of the Bureau</i>		
<p>The Secretariat will present relevant documents regarding the Structure and Personnel of the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat, based on the provisions of Resolution 6.3 that mandated the Executive Secretary to:</p> <p>(i) entrust a specialized consultant to carry a functional assessment of the personnel needs of the Secretariat and associated costs and</p> <p>(ii) develop a proposal on the structure of the Permanent Secretariat, based on the results and recommendations of the functional assessment and in consultation with the Host Country and the Bureau.</p> <p>The draft Resolution on the Functional Structure and Personnel of the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat was prepared based on the comments received from the various consultations with the National Focal Points, and from the Bureau Members during their 12th Meeting.</p>		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanatory note on Draft Resolution 7.2 “Structure and Personnel of the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat” MOP7/2019/Doc 21 • Executive Secretary Position profile and salary scale MOP7/2019/Doc 22 • ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat Positions profiles other than Executive Secretary and remuneration grids MOP7/2019/Doc 23 • Functional structure and Personnel of the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.2 • Report of the functional evaluation of the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat MOP7/2019/Inf 37 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article IV • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.6 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.3 	
Actions		
The Parties will be invited to:		
<p>a) Take note of the Report of the functional assessment of the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat</p> <p>b) Comment the documents regarding (i) Explanatory note on Draft Resolution 7.2 “Structure and Personnel of the ACCOBAMS”, (ii) the Executive Secretary Position profile and salary scale, (iii) the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat Positions profiles other than Executive Secretary and remuneration grids</p> <p>c) Adopt the Resolution 7.2 regarding the “Structure and Personnel of the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat”.</p>		

VI-2	Recruitment procedure of the Executive Secretary	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat / Chair of the Bureau</i>		
<p>The Secretariat will present a procedure for the recruitment of the Executive Secretary. Indeed, following the adoption of ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.3, the Parties entrusted the Bureau to address the question of the recruitment procedures for the Executive Secretary as a matter of priority and in consultation with the Host Country.</p> <p>The draft Resolution on the procedure for the recruitment of the Executive Secretary was prepared based on the comments received from the consultation with the National Focal Points, and from the Bureau Members during their 12th Meeting.</p>		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment procedure for the Executive Secretary MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.3 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article IV • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.6 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.3
Actions		
The Parties will be invited to adopt the Resolution 7.3 regarding the Recruitment procedure for the Executive Secretary.		

VI-3	ACCOBAMS Strategy	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>The Secretariat will present a draft Resolution regarding the ACCOBAMS Strategy. In accordance with the ACCOBAMS Strategy adopted in 2013 by the MOP5, the mid-term evaluation of the effectiveness of the ACCOBAMS Strategy should be carried out in 2018/2019. In this context, following a call for consultancy issued by the Permanent Secretariat, Mr. Alain Jeudy de Grissac was contracted to undertake the assessment of the level of effectiveness of the ACCOBAMS Strategy 2014-2025.</p> <p>The first report on the evaluation of the effectiveness of the ACCOBAMS Strategy 2014-2025 was circulated to all Focal Points early 2019. Looking at the gaps between the national reports' information and the Strategy requirements, it appears necessary to review the Strategy by redefining the responsibilities of each ACCOBAMS constituency elements.</p>		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → • Explanatory note on Draft Resolution 7.4 "ACCOBAMS Strategy" MOP7/2019/Doc 34Rev1 • ACCOBAMS Strategy MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.4 • Report on the evaluation of the effectiveness of the ACCOBAMS Strategy 2014-2025 MOP7/2019/Inf 38 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.1
Actions		
The Parties will be invited to:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Take note of the Report of the mid-term ACCOBAMS Strategy b) Comment the explanatory note on Draft Resolution 7.4 "ACCOBAMS Strategy" c) Adopt the Resolution 7.4 regarding the "ACCOBAMS Strategy" 		

VI-4	ACCOBAMS Funding Strategy	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>A specific objective of the 2014-2025 ACCOBAMS Strategy is to “Ensure adequate funding, in particular for conservation activities” and provides in particular the development of an ACCOBAMS Funding Strategy. After the presentation at MOP6 of an Overview of funding opportunities in the region, and as provided by the ACCOBAMS Work Programme 2017-2019 (Resolution 6.5), the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat developed a draft ACCOBAMS Funding Strategy in the view of its presentation at MOP7.</p> <p>A preliminary draft was presented at the Eleventh Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau (Monaco, 14-15 December 2017) for guidance on the format and content. After the Bureau review, the preliminary draft was also presented to the National Representatives during the Fourth Session of the ACCOBAMS Regional Workshops (Tunis, 7-12 May 2018) and was then further elaborated.</p> <p>The ACCOBAMS Funding Strategy has been developed to support the implementation of the ACCOBAMS Strategy by setting up a general framework for resources mobilization.</p>		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS Funding Strategy MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.1 	
Actions		
The Parties will be invited to comment the proposal and adopt the Resolution 7.5 on the “ACCOBAMS Funding Strategy”		

VI-5	Work Programme and Budget for the 2020-2022 triennium	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>This draft Resolution merges the budget and the Work Programme in a single Resolution as requested by Parties during MOP6 through Resolution 6.5. The ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat presented the new format proposed for the 2020-2022 Work Programme. The proposed 2020-2022 Work Programme takes into account national priorities and is based on the format approved by Parties during the regional workshops of May 2018. For each action, the Permanent Secretariat indicated the total budget. Secured funds (Ordinary Contributions, Voluntary Contributions or External Funds) and the required additional Voluntary Contributions or External Funds will be specified as well. Two budget scenarios implementing the functional structure of the Permanent Secretariat were proposed for the 2020-2022 triennium. The only change in these options is the budget dedicated to conservation actions.</p> <p>Regarding the mechanism presented under these budget scenarios, it should be noted that a new budgetary approach has been considered compared to what has been used until now, which applies percentages instead of fix amounts for the minimum Ordinary Contributions requiring periodical negotiations at Meeting of Parties. This innovative mechanism would allow a fair distribution of financial impact among Parties of any budget increase, in particular in the light of the implementation of a functional structure for the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat that includes salary scales for the personnel.</p>		

Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanatory note on the draft budget 2020-2022 MOP7/2019/Doc 24 • Work Programme and Budget for the triennium 2020-2022 MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.6Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • Article IV • Article VII
Actions	
Parties will be invited to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) take note of the Explanatory note on the draft budget 2020-2022 b) review the draft Resolution 7.6 " Work Programme and Budget for the triennium 2020-2022" and to adopt the budget and the ACCOBAMS Work Programme for the triennium 2020-2022. 	

VI-6	Scientific Committee
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat / Chair of the Bureau</i>	
<p>The Secretariat will present the draft Resolution regarding the Scientific Committee, based on the functioning of the Scientific Committee during the triennium 2017-2019. A document with experts appointed by CIESM and IUCN and representatives of the CMS, ECS and IWC for the Scientific Committee will also be presented, as well as a document with panels of regional experts for the Scientific Committee.</p> <p>During the triennium 2020-2022, the Chair of the Scientific Committee will be entrusted to a CIESM expert. The Vice-Chair will be an IUCN expert.</p>	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of experts appointed by CIESM and IUCN and representatives of the CMS, ECS and IWC for the Scientific Committee MOP7/2019/Doc 25 • Panels of the regional experts for the Scientific Committee MOP7/2019/Doc 26 • Scientific Committee MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.7Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • Article VII • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.7
Actions	
The Parties will be invited to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) welcome the experts appointed by the CIESM and by the IUCN, as well as the appointment of one of their experts to second the Secretariat in the preparation of the first Meeting of the Scientific Committee of the triennium, b) welcome the representatives from the ECS, the IWC and the Scientific Council of the CMS, c) appoint the four regional representatives, on the basis of the list of experts received by the Secretariat and criteria presented in the annex of the draft Resolution, d) comment and adopt the Resolution 7.7 regarding the Scientific Committee. 	

VI-7	ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Follow up Committee</i>		
<p>According to the procedure set forth in Art.18 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of Parties, and based on the functioning of the current Follow up Committee, the Chair of the Follow up Committee will present a document with panels of experts from Parties and from Partners, candidates to become members of the ACCOBAMS Follow up Committee.</p>		
<p>One of the members and one alternate member shall be elected by secret ballots by Parties from a list of candidates nominated, one by each Party. One of the Members and one alternate member shall be elected by secret ballots by ACCOBAMS Partner from a list of candidates nominated one by each of them. The alternate members are the candidates who immediately follow for the number of votes received the members elected by the Parties and the members elected by the ACCOBAMS Partners</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panels of experts for the Follow-up Committee MOP7/2019/Doc 27 	<p style="text-align: center;">Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.4 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.8 	
Actions		
<p>The Parties and ACCOBAMS Partners will be invited to elect by secret ballots members and alternates of the ACCOBAMS Follow up Committee, on the basis of the list of experts and curricula vitae received by the Secretariat.</p>		

VI-8	Procedure for the ACCOBAMS call for proposals submitted under the Supplementary Conservation Fund	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>In accordance with a decision of the Fourth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau, the Secretariat will present a proposal of amendments to the procedure for the ACCOBAMS call for proposals as adopted through Resolution 5.5. The proposed amendments were aimed at clarifying the procedure and at correcting some gaps and weaknesses that appeared during the last round of the call for proposals. The Secretariat will also raise the need to update the Resolution 3.6 regarding the procedure for the projects submitted for institutional support (through the provision of a letter of support from the Secretariat).</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure for the ACCOBAMS call for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.8 	<p style="text-align: center;">Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article IX • ACCOBAMS-MOP1/2002/Resolution 1.7 • ACCOBAMS-MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.4 • ACCOBAMS-MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.6 • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.5 	
Actions		
<p style="text-align: center;">The Parties will be invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) comment the proposal and adopt the Resolution 7.8 on “Procedure for the ACCOBAMS calls for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund”, b) mandate the Secretariat to prepare, in collaboration with the Scientific Committee, a proposal for amending Resolution 3.6 on the procedure for the projects submitted for institutional support, in view of its presentation to MOP8. 		

VI-9	ACCOBAMS Partners	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
The objective of the draft Resolution is to clarify the status of ACCOBAMS Partners and their commitments. The Secretariat will present the new applications of partnership.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New request for ACCOBAMS partnership MOP7/2019/Doc 37 • ACCOBAMS Partners MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.9 • List of ACCOBAMS Partners MOP7/2019/Inf 35 • ACCOBAMS Partners reports MOP7/2019/Inf 36Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS-MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.20 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to:		
a) examine the request for approval, b) adopt the Resolution 7.9 on “ACCOBAMS Partners”.		

Item VII	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT: TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ISSUES	Timetable 06/11/2019 - Afternoon 07/11/2019 Morning & Afternoon

VII-1	Cetacean population estimates and distribution	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee / The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat will present the main achievements of the 2018 and 2019 surveys carried out in the Mediterranean and Black Seas, including the questions related to the management and use of the collected data. The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce the draft Resolution aimed at (i) capitalizing on the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative and (ii) improving cetaceans’ distribution and abundance monitoring efforts in the Agreement Area.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving monitoring and assessment of cetacean population abundance and distribution in the ACCOBAMS area MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.10 • ASI progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 2: Conservation Plan • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.13 	

<p>MOP7/2019/Inf 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory study for an information management system for cetacean survey data in the ACCOBAMS Agreement area <p>MOP7/2019/Inf 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative Data Policy <p>MOP7/2019/Inf 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative - Technical reports of the Mediterranean and Black Sea surveys <p>MOP7/2019/Inf 33</p>	
Actions	
Parties will be invited to:	
<p>a) Take note of the documents,</p> <p>b) comment and adopt the Resolution 7.10 on “Improving monitoring and assessment of cetacean population abundance and distribution in the ACCOBAMS area”.</p>	

VII-2	Monitoring cetaceans' species conservation status	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee / The Secretariat</i>		
<p>During MOP6, Parties adopted a Resolution on species “Conservation Management Plans” (CMP) in order to manage human activities that affect cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea in order to maintain a favorable conservation status throughout their historical range, based on the best available scientific knowledge. In this context, the Chair of the Scientific Committee will present the progress report of four CMPs that are under development (Fin whale, Risso’s dolphin, Common dolphin and Bottlenose dolphin).</p> <p>An assessment of the IUCN conservation status of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area will be presented by the Chair of the Scientific Committee who will also introduce a document containing a re-assessment of the IUCN Status of killer whales in the Strait of Gibraltar in accordance with Resolution 6.15 that requested the Permanent Secretariat and the Scientific Committee to liaise with the initial assessors to re-assess the status of killer whales and submit such re-assessment for consideration by the appropriate evaluators.</p>		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the conservation status of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area MOP7/2019/Doc 28 • Progress report regarding species Conservation Management Plans (CMP) in ACCOBAMS MOP7/2019/Inf 39 • Re-assessment of the IUCN Status of killer whales in the Strait of Gibraltar MOP7/2019/Inf 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 2: Conservation Plan • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.21 • ACCOBAMS-MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.22 • ACCOBAMS-MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.19 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.15 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the documents.		

VII-3	Interactions between fisheries / aquaculture activities and cetaceans	
<i>Presented by: The Task Manager on Interactions with Fisheries of the Scientific Committee / The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat will inform the Meeting about the establishment of the ACCOBAMS-ASCOBANS Joint Bycatch Working Group (JBWG).		
The Secretariat and the Task Manager on Interactions with Fisheries and co-Chair of the JBWG will also introduce:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The progress on the work undertaken within the framework of the JBWG - The progress to address the issues of interactions between fisheries activities and cetaceans and some of the results achieved. 		
The Task Manager on interactions with Fisheries will introduce the draft Resolution on interactions between cetaceans and fishing/aquaculture activities, addressing the need (i) to investigate approaches for achieving significant decrease in the cetacean by-catch levels and (ii) to conduct socio-economic studies on the extent of depredation caused by cetaceans, in order to elaborate possible mitigation measures, which may help to prevent retaliation actions by fishermen. It also encourages the continuation of initiatives undertaken during the triennium 2017-2019, especially in collaboration with other relevant organizations.		
<p style="text-align: center;">Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS Working Groups MOP7/2019/Doc 13 • Review of bycatch rates of cetaceans in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea MOP7/2019/Doc 29 • Mitigation measures for protected species MOP7/2019/Doc 30 • Interactions between fisheries and cetaceans MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.11 → • Final Report of the ACCOBAMS/GFCM Project on mitigating the negative interactions between threatened marine species and fishing activities MOP7/2019/Inf 15 • Good practice guides for the handling of animals caught incidentally in Mediterranean fisheries MOP7/2019/Inf 16 → • Reports of the pilot actions supported within the framework of the ACCOBAMS/GFCM project on interactions with fisheries MOP7/2019/Inf 17 • GFCM manual “Monitoring the incidental catch of vulnerable species in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea: methodology for data collection” MOP7/2019/Inf 18 → • Progress report of the project “Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa bycatch of vulnerable species and testing mitigation – a collaborative approach” MOP7/2019/Inf 19 → • Progress report of the project “Towards solutions to interactions between fisheries and cetaceans in Moroccan and Tunisian waters” MOP7/2019/Inf 20 	<p style="text-align: center;">Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 2: Conservation Plan • ACCOBAMS-MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.12 • ACCOBAMS-MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.13 • ACCOBAMS-MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.21 • ACCOBAMS-MOP3/2007/Resolution A/3.1 • ACCOBAMS-MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.8 • ACCOBAMS-MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.9 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.16 	

Actions

Parties will be invited to:

- a) take note of the documents,
- b) comment and adopt the Resolution 7.11 on “Interactions between fisheries and cetaceans”.

VII-4	Ship strikes
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee</i>	
<p>The Chair of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee will present a draft Resolution on ship strikes. The main objective of the draft Resolution on ship strikes is to underline that the highest priority on this issue is the collection and reporting of data which can assist in the development of mitigation measures, especially in high risk areas for ship strikes in the Mediterranean Sea.</p> <p>It is also recommended (i) to undertake scientific evaluation of the efficacy of tools to prevent and mitigate ship strikes and (ii) to reinforce the collaboration of ACCOBAMS with other relevant organizations on this issue, in particular taking into consideration the recommendations from the “joint IWC-IUCN-ACCOBAMS workshop on how the data and process used to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) can assist in identifying areas of high risk for ship strikes” (6-7 April 2018, Messinia, Greece).</p>	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ship strikes MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 2: Conservation Plan • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.11 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.19
Actions	
Parties will be invited to comment and adopt the Resolution 7.12 on Ship strikes	

VII-5	Anthropogenic noise
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee / The Secretariat</i>	
<p>The Secretariat and the representative of the CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS JN WG will introduce the progress on the work undertaken within the framework of the JN WG as well as the all the work undertaken on this issue during the triennium, in particular though the involvement of ACCOBAMS in 2 EU projects: QuietMed and QuietMed2. The updated Methodological guide on underwater noise mitigation measures and an overview of the noise hot spots in the ACCOBAMS area will also be presented.</p> <p>The Chair of the Scientific Committee will then introduce a draft Resolution on Anthropogenic Noise, whose objective is to propose measures to Parties to better manage noise-producing human activities which may affect cetaceans. It will permit to pursue the works done by ACCOBAMS during the triennium 2017-2019, especially by reinforcing collaboration on this issue with other relevant International Organizations and Agreement Secretariats such as CMS Family, EC, OSPAR, ICES, the Barcelona Convention, Black Sea Commission, CBD, IWC, NATO and with relevant international NGOs. Parties are encouraged to contribute, in particular, to the ACCOBAMS regional register for impulsive noise sources in the ACCOBAMS area and to grant, in priority, permits for activities in their national area to industrial companies employing ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators.</p> <p>The ACCOBAMS workshop Report on sonars and cetaceans interactions will be presented and the Chair of the MMO working group will be invited to introduce the MMO/PAM progress report and the report of the first training to become an “ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators” organized by ACCOBAMS.</p>	

Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCOBAMS Working Groups MOP7/2019/Doc 13 • Methodological guide: guidance on underwater noise mitigation measures MOP7/2019/Doc 31Rev1 → • Overview of the noise hot spots in the ACCOBAMS area MOP7/2019/Doc 32 Not available. Will be presented at SC13 → • Anthropogenic noise MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.13Rev1 • Report of the workshop “Best Practice Workshop: fostering inter-regional cooperation in underwater noise monitoring and impact assessment in waters around Europe, within the context of the European marine strategy framework directive” (ECS 2017) MOP7/2019/Inf 21 • Progress report on the implementation of the ACCOBAMS certification for Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators MOP7/2019/Inf22 • Report of the first training to become an “ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators” MOP7/2019/Inf23 • Activities report regarding Quietmed project MOP7/2019/Inf24 • Progress report regarding Quietmed 2 project MOP7/2019/Inf25 • Provisional report of the ACCOBAMS workshop on sonars and cetaceans’ interactions MOP7/2019/Inf26 • Technical guide on the ACCOBAMS regional register for impulsive noise MOP7/2019/Inf42 • Report of the Joint CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Noise Working Group (Joint NWG) presented to the 23rd ASCOBANS Advisory Committee Meeting MOP7/2019/Inf46 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 2: Conservation Plan • ACCOBAMS-MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.10 • ACCOBAMS-MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.17 • ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.15 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.17 • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.18
Actions	
Parties will be invited to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) take note of the documents, b) comment and adopt the Resolution 7.13 on Anthropogenic noise. 	

VII-6	Functional stranding networks and responses to emergency situations	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee / The Secretariat</i>		
<p>The Chair of the Scientific Committee will then introduce a draft Resolution on best practices in monitoring and management of cetacean stranding whose objective is to endorse some standardized best practices on cetacean stranding. Indeed, the harmonization of best practices for necropsy of cetaceans and for the development of diagnostic frameworks in the ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS agreements will reinforce exchanges and collaboration between relevant experts and between stranding networks. The Secretariat will be invited to present documents on the Identification of entities involved in cetacean strandings networks and building a searchable metadata bank on cetacean strandings in ACCOBAMS Area and regarding ‘Searchable metadata on cetaceans’ tissue banks in ACCOBAMS Area.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practices on cetacean post-mortem investigation and tissue sampling resulted from the harmonization process in ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS MOP7/2019/Doc 33 → • Best practices in monitoring and management of cetacean stranding MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.14Rev1 • Report of the Joint ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS Workshop on harmonisation of the best practices for necropsy of cetaceans and for the development of diagnostic frameworks // MOP7/2019/Inf 28 • Report of the joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS/ECS/SPA-RAC Workshop on Marine Debris and Cetacean Stranding MOP7/2019/Inf 29 • Identification of entities involved in cetacean strandings networks and building a searchable metadata bank on cetacean strandings in ACCOBAMS Area MOP7/2019/Inf 43 • Searchable metadata on cetaceans’ tissue banks in ACCOBAMS Area MOP7/2019/Inf 44 	<p style="text-align: center;">Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 2: Conservation Plan • ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.22 	
Actions		
<p style="text-align: center;">Parties will be invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) take note of the documents, b) comment and adopt the Resolution 7.14 on cetacean stranding 		

VII-7	Marine debris	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee</i>		
This draft Resolution is aimed at stressing the importance of evaluating and addressing negative impacts of marine litter on cetaceans, in particular through monitoring ingested marine litter and entanglement evidences during cetaceans' necropsies following the standardized best practices included in the draft Resolution on stranding. It also encourages to reinforce cooperation on this issue with all relevant Bodies, Organizations and Initiatives at the regional scale.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing marine litter impacts on cetaceans MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.15 Pilot Actions on marine litter monitoring in Adriatic MOP7/2019/Inf 27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex 2: Conservation Plan 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to comment and adopt the Resolution 7.15 regarding "Assessing marine litter impacts on cetaceans".		

VII-8	Cetacean Watching	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee / The Secretariat</i>		
The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce the draft Resolution on Commercial cetacean-watching activities whose objective is to ensure sustainable Whale Watching activities in the ACCOBAMS area, especially by promoting the High-Quality Whale Watching® Certificate.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Cetacean-Watching activities MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex 2: Conservation Plan ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Résolution 6.20 	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to comment and adopt the Resolution 7.16 regarding Commercial Cetacean Watching activities.		

VII-9	Area-based measures for cetacean conservation	
<i>Presented by: The Task Manager on Marine Protected Areas of the Scientific Committee / The Secretariat</i>		
The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the relevant Task manager to present the progress report in revising Cetacean Critical Habitats. The objective of this ACCOBAMS initiative is to continue and strengthen cooperation with all relevant Organizations in order to capitalize on ongoing efforts undertaken for the conservation of cetacean.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in revising Cetacean Critical Habitats MOP7/2019/Doc 35 Report workshop "Inputs to the ACCOBAMS ongoing effort to map human threats on cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas" (ECS 2017) MOP7/2019/Inf 30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex 2: Conservation Plan ACCOBAMS-MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.22 ACCOBAMS-MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.15 ACCOBAMS-MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.24 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards understanding the overlap of selected threats and Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) across the Mediterranean Sea (ECS 2018) MOP7/2019/Inf 31 • Report of the Fifth International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas (if available) MOP7/2019/Inf 32 	
Actions	
Parties will be invited to take note of the document.	

VII-10	ACCOBAMS mobilization for marine biodiversity conservation beyond the 2020 biodiversity framework	
<i>Presented by: Relevant Parties</i>		
<p>The Chair of the Bureau will invite the French Delegation and co-authors to present the draft Resolution on ACCOBAMS mobilization for marine biodiversity conservation beyond the 2020 biodiversity framework. This draft Resolution was proposed by the President of the ACCOBAMS Bureau at its 12th Meeting, as an ACCOBAMS contribution to the global mobilization to fight against biodiversity erosion, through the commitment of its Parties, relying on the valorisation of robust data and significant results of the "ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative (ASI)", first evaluation at the regional Mediterranean and Black Sea scale of the abundance and distribution of megafauna but also of marine litter and anthropogenic noise. Furthermore, Parties to ACCOBAMS could also commit to transform the adopted Resolutions into legal instruments, by implementing and/or promoting the implementation of effective conservation measures, at national and regional ACCOBAMS level.</p>		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global post 2020 biodiversity framework: ACCOBAMS mobilization MOP7/2019/Draft Res 7.17 		
Actions		
Parties will be invited to comment and adopt the Resolution 7.17 on "Global post 2020 biodiversity framework: ACCOBAMS mobilization".		

Item VIII	ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS	Timetable 07/11/2019 - Afternoon
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<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
The draft Resolutions as examined by the Meeting will be distributed for formal adoption.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribute to Organisers MOP7/2019/Draft Res. 7.18 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article III
Actions		
Parties will be invited to adopt the Resolutions previously discussed.		

Item IX	OTHER BUSINESS	Timetable 07/11/2019 - Afternoon
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Item X	DATE AND VENUE OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES	Timetable 07/11/2019 - Afternoon
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Presented by: The Secretariat

The Agreement states that each session of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties shall agree on the provisional date and venue for the next Meeting. The Eighth Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS is expected to be convened in 2022.

Documents

- Date, venue and funding of the Eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties
MOP7/2019/**Draft Res 7.19**

Link with the Agreement / Resolutions

- Article III

Actions

Parties will be invited to propose to host the next MOP and to adopt the proposed Resolution 7.19.

Item XI	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING	Timetable 08/11/2019 - Afternoon
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Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau

Under this item, the Meeting will adopt its Report.

Item XII	CLOSURE OF THE MEETING	Timetable 08/11/2019 - Afternoon
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