



*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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# **REPORT ON INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES RELEVANT TO THE TRUST FUND AND EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017-2019**

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**REPORT ON INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES RELEVANT TO THE TRUST FUND  
AND EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017-2019<sup>1</sup>**

**I. GENERAL COMMENTS**

The budget for 2017-2019 was adopted by the Sixth Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS (Monaco, 22-25 November 2016) under Resolution 6.6.

The funds available for implementation of the Agreement consist of:

- 1) the Trust Fund, accrued through Parties' Ordinary Contributions,
- 2) external Voluntary Contributions granted by Parties / co-funding by other Entities for activities addressing priority conservation issues; and
- 3) the Supplementary Conservation Fund, accrued by Voluntary Contributions and some of the savings made on previous budgets.

This report presents an overview of income and expenditure for the Trust Fund for 2017, 2018 and 2019 (closed on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019) and for the activities funded by Voluntary Contributions / co-funding during the triennium 2017-2019.

Information on expenditures related to the Supplementary Conservation Fund is provided in document ACCOBAMS-MOP7/2019/Doc19.

The Permanent Secretariat is grateful for the support received from the Governments, governmental and nongovernmental Organizations and other Institutions regarding implementation of the Agreement. Special acknowledgments are due to the Principality of Monaco for its both in cash and in-kind contributions and to the Italian Government for its two significant Voluntary Contributions provided during the triennium 2017-2019.

**II. ORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUST FUND**

In 2017, 23 Countries were Parties to the Agreement and, since February 2018, 24 Countries are Party to the Agreement.

The details of each Country's contributions for each year are given in Tables 1.a, 1.b and 1.c.

The total amount of Ordinary Contributions received for the triennium is presented in Table 2.

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<sup>1</sup> On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Tables 1: Details of Ordinary Contributions received during the triennium 2017-2019 on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019****Table 1.a: Details of Ordinary Contributions received in 2017**

Country	Balance due on 31/12/2016	2017 contributions	Invoiced 2017*	Amounts received on 31/12/2017	Balance due on 31/12/2017
ALBANIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
ALGERIA**	0	4 328	4 328	4 328	0
BULGARIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
CROATIA	0	2 661	2 661	2 661	0
CYPRUS	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
EGYPT	3 073	4 086	7 159	3 073	4 086
FRANCE	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
GEORGIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
GREECE	29 264	12 662	41 926	41 926	0
ITALY	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
LEBANON	3	1 500	1 503	1 502	1
LIBYA	30 890	3 360	34 250	0	34 250
MALTA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
MONTENEGRO	0	1 500	1 500	1 477	23
MOROCCO	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
MONACO	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
PORTUGAL	0	10 538	10 538	10 538	0
ROMANIA	15 549	4 947	20 496	20 496	0
SLOVENIA	0	2 258	2 258	2 258	0
SPAIN	0	55 619	55 619	55 619	0
SYRIA	6 450	1 500	7 950	0	7 950
TUNISIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
UKRAINE	0	2 769	2 769	2 769	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85 229</b>	<b>249 266</b>	<b>334 495</b>	<b>288 185</b>	<b>46 310</b>

\*Including unpaid amounts from previous years

\*\* Algeria has paid its 2017-2018-2019 Contributions in March 2017. Only the 2017 Ordinary Contribution appears in this table, in order to reflect the actual balance due on 31/12/2017

**Table 1.b:** Details of Ordinary Contributions received in 2018

Country	Balance due on 31/12/2017	2018 contributions	Invoiced 2018*	Amounts received on 31/12/2018	Balance due on 31/12/2018
ALBANIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
ALGERIA**	0	4 328	4 328	4 328	0
BULGARIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
CROATIA	0	2 661	2 661	2 661	0
CYPRUS	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
EGYPT	4 086	4 086	8 172	0	8 172
FRANCE	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
GEORGIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
GREECE	0	12 662	12 662	12 662	0
ITALY	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
LEBANON	1	1 500	1 502	1 501	1
LIBYA	34 250	3 360	37 610	0	37 610
MALTA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
MONTENEGRO	23	1 500	1 523	1 500	23
MOROCCO	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
MONACO	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
PORTUGAL	0	10 538	10 538	10 538	0
ROMANIA	0	4 947	4 947	4 947	0
SLOVENIA	0	2 258	2 258	2 258	0
SPAIN	0	55 619	55 619	55 619	0
SYRIA	7 950	1 500	9 450	0	9 450
TUNISIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
TURKEY***	0	25 089	25 089	25 089	0
UKRAINE	0	2 769	2 769	2 769	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46 310</b>	<b>274 355</b>	<b>320 665</b>	<b>265 410</b>	<b>55 255</b>

\*Including unpaid amounts from previous years.

\*\* Algeria has paid its 2017-2018-2019 Contributions in March 2017. Only the 2018 Ordinary Contribution appears in this table, in order to reflect the actual balance due on 31/12/2018.

\*\*\* Turkey is Party to ACCOBAMS since February 2018. Its contribution was not planned in the Resolution 6.6 adopted in 2016. Since ACCOBAMS has entered into force in Turkey on 1st February 2018, the amount of the 2018 Ordinary Contribution was calculated for 11 months only.

**Table 1.c:** Details of ordinary contributions received in 2019 (as of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019)

Country	Balance due on 31/12/2018	2019 contributions	Invoiced 2019*	Amounts received on 15/07/2019	Balance due on 15/07/2019
ALBANIA	0	1 500	1 500	0	1 500
ALGERIA**	0	4 328	4 328	4 328	0
BULGARIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
CROATIA	0	2 661	2 661	2 661	0
CYPRUS	0	1 500	1 500	0	1 500
EGYPT	8 172	4 086	12 258	0	12 258
FRANCE	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
GEORGIA	0	1 500	1 500	0	1 500
GREECE	0	12 662	12 662	0	12 662
ITALY	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
LEBANON	1	1 500	1 501	0	1 501
LIBYA	37 610	3 360	40 970	0	40 970
MALTA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
MONTENEGRO	23	1 500	1 523	1 500	23
MOROCCO	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
MONACO	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
PORTUGAL	0	10 538	10 538	0	10 538
ROMANIA	0	4 947	4 947	4 947	0
SLOVENIA	0	2 258	2 258	2 258	0
SPAIN	0	55 619	55 619	0	55 619
SYRIA	9 450	1 500	10 950	0	10 950
TUNISIA	0	1 500	1 500	1 500	0
TURKEY***	0	27 370	27 370	27 370	0
UKRAINE	0	2 769	2 769	0	2 769
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55 255</b>	<b>276 636</b>	<b>331 891</b>	<b>180 102</b>	<b>151 790</b>

\*Including unpaid amounts from previous years.

\*\* Algeria has paid its 2017-2018-2019 Contributions in March 2017. Only the 2019 Ordinary Contribution appears in this table, in order to reflect the actual balance due on 15/07/2019.

\*\*\* Turkey is Party to ACCOBAMS since February 2018. In 2019, the amount of its Ordinary contribution was 27 370€.

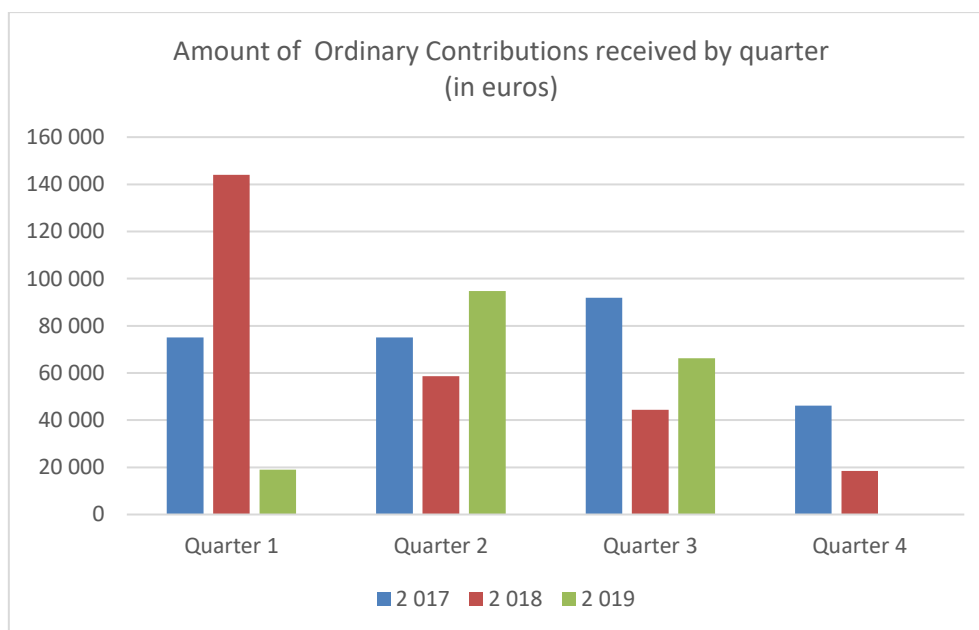
**Table 2: Statement of Ordinary Contributions received during the triennium (amounts in Euros)**

Balance due on 31/12/2016	2017 contributions	Invoiced 2017*	Amounts received in 2017	Balance due on 31.12.17*
85 229	249 266	334 495	288 185	46 310
Balance due on 31/12/2017	2018 contributions	Invoiced 2018	Amounts received in 2018	Balance due on 31.12.18*
46 311	274 355	320 666	265 410	55 256
Balance due on 31/12/2018	2019 contributions	Invoiced 2019	Amounts received on 31/08/2019	Balance due on 15.07.19*
55 256	249 266	331 892	180 102	151 790

\*Including unpaid amounts from previous years

According to Resolution 6.6, ordinary contributions should be paid during the first quarter of each year; however, several payments were received at a later period:

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017: 26 % received
- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018: 54 % received
- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019: 7 % received



Considering that the late payment of contributions may cause delays in the implementation of the activities planned in the working programme adopted by the Parties, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 6.6, the Permanent Secretariat created a secured fund, equivalent to thirty per cent of the administrative Budget. The secured fund allowed the timely implementation of activities of the first quarter of the year.

### III. OVERVIEW OF EXPENDITURE RELEVANT TO THE TRUST FUND

Available amounts relevant to the Trust Fund were used to cover expenditures in accordance with the detailed Budget adopted at MOP6. The total amounts of expenditures on the Trust Fund for each budget line are presented hereinafter for 2017, 2018 and 2019 (until 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019).

#### 1. Administration and general management

##### **Budget Line 1101: Executive Secretary allowance**

The remuneration of the Executive Secretary is composed of the salary provided by the Host Country and a complementary allowance from the Trust Fund covered by this Budget Line.

Year	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>
Expenditure (euros)	20 600	20 600	10 300

<sup>(1)</sup> on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Adopted budget for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
61 800	51 500	61 800

**Budget Line 1102: Programme Officer**

This budget line was used to cover expenditure related to the ACCOBAMS Secretariat positions of Programme Officer.

Year	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>
Expenditure (euros)	41 040	41 430	20 729

<sup>(1)</sup> on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Adopted budget for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
124 290	103 199	124 290

**Budget Line 1103: Accountant**

This budget line was used to cover expenditure related to the part-time ACCOBAMS Secretariat positions of Accountant.

Year	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>
Expenditure (euros)	11 618	11 660	6 964

<sup>(1)</sup> on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
34 910	30 242	34 978*

*\*Negative balance will be covered by co-funding*

**Budget Line 1201: Sub Regional Coordination unit**

This line is intended to assist the Sub Regional Coordination Units to develop activities related to ACCOBAMS objectives in the two sub-regions, and attendance at ACCOBAMS meetings:

The expenses relevant to the activities with the Sub Regional Coordination Units covered:

- Participation of Black Sea experts to the workshop “Inputs to the ACCOBAMS ongoing effort to map human threats on cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas” organized by ACCOBAMS in April 2017 and to the ECS Conference (April 2017, Middlefart, Denmark);
- Collaboration with UNEP/MAP-SPA/RAC, especially by participating in the Thirteenth Meeting of Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas (May 2017, Alexandria, Egypt);
- Contribution to supporting the training workshop aiming at building capacities of scientists from the Black Sea on estimating cetacean abundance and population parameters, and on spatial modelling of habitat usage and abundance (preparation of the ASI survey in the Black Sea);
- Replenishment of 4 000€ of the ACCOBAMS Supplementary conservation Funds according to BU12 decision,
- participation of representatives of the two Sub Regional Coordination Units (Black Sea Commission Permanent Secretariat and UNEP/MAP-SPA/RAC) to the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Regional workshops (May 2018) and to the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee (November 2018);
- Participation of experts from Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea to the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee;
- Organization of a joint ACCOBAMS/ BSC / TUDAV communication event, in Istanbul in March 2019, at the occasion of the implementation of the ACCOBAMS module;
- Improvement of NETCCOBAMS for a better exchange of information/ data between experts in the ACCOBAMS Area and national reporting by Focal Points.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	10 114	7 422	4 997

(1) on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>21 600</b>	23 202	33 752*

*\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding***Budget Line 1202: Translators**

The working languages of ACCOBAMS meetings are English and French. This budget line enabled the translation of documents for the Meetings of the Bureau and for the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	0	1800	0

(1) on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>3 000</b>	1 800	5 128*

*\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding***Budget Line 1204: External assistance**

In 2017, the amounts allocated to this budget line were mainly assigned to services provided by the consultant for undertaking the functional assessment of the Permanent Secretariat (Res. 6.3).

Since this activity was not planned in the work programme 2017-2019, the Bureau has approved in March 2017 the proposal of the Permanent Secretariat to transfer the remaining funds of the Budget Line "Meeting of the Parties" (15 900€ which included) to the Budget Line dedicated to "External Assistance" which is the appropriate Budget Line for the services of a specialized consultant.

In 2018 and 2019, the amounts allocated to this budget line were assigned to services provided by consultants:

- A legal expert of ACCOBAMS who advises the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat on any legal question concerning the effective implementation of the Agreement and its provisions and more particularly concerning:
  - ACCOBAMS Follow up Committee (Resolution 6.8),
  - collaborations with other relevant international bodies,
  - any accession and amendment relating to the Agreement and its Annexes,
  - Captivity issues.
- A senior expert on stranding networks to undertake an overview of all entities involved in national stranding networks in ACCOBAMS Area.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	16 703	4 500	0

(1) on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>8 300</b>	21 203	23 203*

*\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding*



**Budget Line 1301: Secretariat staff travels**

During the Triennium 2017-2019, the Permanent Secretariat attended meetings and workshops to (1) liaise with other Organizations and strengthen collaborations to implement the work programme and (2) to establish and maintain close contacts with Parties and other Riparian countries to assist them in work programme implementation.

During these meetings, the Secretariat presented the activities and the Agreement, distributed information material, investigated potential for joint activities and co-funding possibilities, worked with the competent authorities on the various means necessary to enhance ACCOBAMS implementation at a national level. The expenses related to these travels are covered by this budget line.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	15 370	8 907	7 538

(1) on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>50 000</b>	31 815	47 815

**Budget Line 140: Bank fees**

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	729	713	379

(1) on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>2 290</b>	1 821	2 290

**Budget Line 150: Hospitality**

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	485	788	108

(1) on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>1 800</b>	1 381	2 881

*\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding*

**2. Institutional Meetings****Budget Line 210: Meeting of the Parties**

The budget adopted for this budget line was intended to support the Party Countries in need of financial assistance to attend the Seventh Meeting of the Parties (5-8<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Istanbul, Turkey), to prepare working documents and to contribute to the organization of MOP7.

The Principality of Monaco has provided considerable Voluntary Contribution support for the organization of the Sixth Meeting of the Parties. This contribution, combined with the special attention paid by Permanent Secretariat to expenditures of the event, resulted in budget savings in the MOP6 Budget Line.

Some invoices related to the Meeting were paid in 2017.

In April 2017, remaining funds (15 900€) of the Budget Line "Meeting of the Parties" were transferred to the Budget Line dedicated to "External Assistance" to allow the recruitment of a specialized consultant to undertake the functional assessment of the Permanent Secretariat (as agreed by the Bureau in March 2017). Since these remaining funds corresponded to the Voluntary Contribution of the Government of Monaco for the organization of MOP6, then

agreement of Monaco was obtained prior the reallocation proposal is made by the Permanent Secretariat to the Bureau.

The budget remaining on this budget line is intended to support the Party Countries in need of financial assistance for MOP7 attendance and to prepare working documents.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	16 241	0	15 205

(1) on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>62 000</b>	31 446	78 241*

\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding

#### **Budget Line 220: Scientific Committee**

Two Scientific Committee Meetings were held during this triennium:

- The Eleventh Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee was organized on 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in Monaco;
- The Twelfth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee was organized on 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Monaco.

The savings made during these two meetings by the Secretariat enabled support provided to the Chair of the Scientific Committee to attend relevant Meetings (IWC Scientific Committee, CMS scientific Council, ICMMPA5, ...).

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	19 348	24 536	1 500

(1) on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>49 366</b>	45 384	49 184

#### **Budget Line 2300: Bureau**

The expenses of this budget line covered the organisation of three Meetings of the Bureau during the triennium 2017-2019:

- The Eleventh Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau was organized on 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Monaco;
- The Twelfth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in Monaco;
- The Fourth Meeting of the Extended Bureau was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Monaco.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	9 647	6 285	10 696

(1) on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>22 900</b>	26 628	26 628

\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding

#### **Budget Line 2400: Regional workshops**

The expenses of this budget line covered the organisation of the Fourth ACCOBAMS Session of the ACCOBAMS Regional Workshops which were held in Tunis, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Indeed, during the Sixth Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS (22-25 November 2016, Monaco), Parties reiterated their interest in pursuing the organisation of Regional workshops. The objective of these workshops is to assist the Secretariat in the preparation of the Program of Work for the coming triennium, by identifying priorities of each sub-

region, expressed by national representatives, related to improving the conservation status of cetaceans and of their habitat in the Agreement area.

This budget line was also used to assess the implementation of the ACCOBAMS Strategy in order to better identify priorities of the Parties.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	0	16 125	0

(1) on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>20 000</b>	16 125	21 125*

\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding

### Budget Line 2500: Follow up Committee Meeting

The expenses of this budget line covered the organisation of the Second Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow up Committee which was convened in Monaco on 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	0	5 200	0

(1) on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>5 000</b>	5 200	5 645*

\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding

## 3. Conservation actions

### Budget Line 51: Capacity building

The budget line was mainly used to:

- Ensure training related to the « High Quality Whale Watching ® » certificate for operators;
- Participate in the 31<sup>st</sup> ECS Conference in Middlefart, Denmark in April 2017;
- Partially support the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries (CSMC4) which was held in Oran (Algeria) from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and included a capacity building session on MMO/PAMs;
- Organize a 5 days training session for experts of the ACCOBAMS area on photo-identification and related database use, in collaboration with SPA/RAC, IUCN Med, MedPAN and Lebanese CNRS, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Lebanon;
- Partially cover the cost for updating NETCCOBAMS to provide a more modern, efficient and dynamic tool, facilitating the exchange and circulation of information, knowledge and experience among all stakeholders in cetacean conservation.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	21 513	18 659	2 000

(1) on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>35 000</b>	42 172	47 872*

\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding

**Budget Line 52: Human-cetacean interactions / Emergency situations**

The budget line was used to cover the following activities:

- Further collaborate with relevant international and regional organization in particular on the impacts of anthropogenic noise on cetaceans;
- Contribute to the Prince Albert II Foundation Initiative called « Beyond Plastic Med » by co-funding micro initiatives in the Mediterranean Sea;
- Support the joint ACCOBAMS / ASCOBANS/ SPA-RAC / ECS workshop on Marine Litters and Stranding organized on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018, (La Spezia, Italy) as part of the ECS Conference;
- Partially support the organization of the First training to become an” ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators”, in Romania, in September 2018;
- Prepare scientific documents for the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC12) in order to complete the implementation of the current ACCOBAMS work Programme and prepare relevant draft Resolutions to be submitted to the ACCOBAMS Parties during the Seventh Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Parties;
- Assist the Permanent Secretariat in the design and the implementation of regional projects (such as QuietMed, QuietMed2, CeNoBS) addressing human-cetacean interactions;
- Organize a workshop on “sonars and cetaceans’ interactions” to be held in Toulon, France on 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	8 633	25 995	4 000

(1) on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>47 000</b>	38 628	47 628*

\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding

**Budget Line 53: Habitat/ Research and monitoring**

The budget available on this budget line was used to carry out activities related to Marine Protected Areas/Cetacean Critical Habitats (CCH) and to reinforce collaboration with the various international bodies, such as SAP/RAC, ASCOBANS, ECS, MedPAN, etc...., as follows:

- Partially cover expenses regarding the organization of the ACCOBAMS experts’ workshops during the 2017 and 2018 ECS Conference.
- Pursue the ACCOBAMS threat-based approach (CCH), in particular with the organization of:
  - a workshop entitled “Inputs to the ACCOBAMS ongoing effort to map human threats on cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas”, organized on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Middelfart (Denmark), during the 31<sup>st</sup> ECS Conference,
  - a workshop entitled “Towards understanding the overlap of selected threats and Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) across the Mediterranean Sea” organized on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018, (La Spezia, Italy), during the 32<sup>nd</sup> ECS Conference, which provided the opportunity to support the ongoing ACCOBAMS effort to map specific threats to cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area;
- Participate to meetings of importance in order to further collaborate with relevant international and regional organization on the Habitats research and monitoring: IWC Scientific Committee, CMS Scientific Council, IMPAC4 and ICMMPA5, Workshop on fisheries management measures for marine Natura 2000 sites in the Mediterranean Sea;
- Contribute to the finalization of the ACCOBAMS courses in English in order to provide accredited MMO/PAMs trainers, with quality standard supports, to deliver training courses to become an” ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operator”.
- Re-assess the IUCN Status of killer whales in the Strait of Gibraltar.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	14 891	15 239	5 654

(1) on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>35 000</b>	35 784	43 784*

*\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding*

#### **Budget Line 54: Public awareness / Dissemination of information**

The budget line was used to:

- Create and disseminate communication material for public awareness and for distribution to meetings where ACCOBAMS was represented;
- Contribute to the visibility of the ACCOBAMS in relevant international fora, especially by sponsoring the ECS students award;
- Publish ACCOBAMS FINS;
- Partially cover the translation of the ACCOBAMS teaching module in Russian;
- Provide support the functioning of MEDACES.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	10 064	10 064	1 090

<sup>(1)</sup> on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>43 500</b>	35 575	53 875*

*\*Negative balance will be covered by remaining from previous years and by co-funding*

#### **Budget Line 55: Project officer**

The budget available under this line was used to cover the Project Officer costs.

Year	2017	2018	2019(1)
Expenditure (euros)	39 500	39 870	20 345

<sup>(1)</sup> on 15th July 2019

Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium
<b>120 410</b>	99 715	120 410

**Table 3: Statement of expenditure of ordinary contributions**

Budget Line		Budget adopted for the Triennium 2017-2019	Revised budget*	Total expenditure for the Triennium on 15.07.19	Expected total expenditure for the Triennium on 31.12.19**	Balance expected on 31.12.19***
1101	Executive Secretary allowance	61 800	61 800	51 500	61 800	0
1102	Programme Officer	124 290	124 290	103 199	124 290	0
1103	Accountant	34 910	34 978	30 242	34 978	0
1104	Assistant	0	0	0	0	0
1201	Coordination Units	21 600	35 297	23 202	33 752	1 545
1202	Translators	3 000	5 128	1 800	5 128	0
1203	Reviewers	0	0	0	0	0
1204	External Assistance	8 300	24 200	21 203	23 203	997
1301	Staff travel	50 000	50 000	31 815	47 815	2 185
140	Bank fees	2 290	2 290	1 821	2 290	0
150	Hospitality	1 800	3 582	1 381	2 881	701
210	Meeting of the Parties	62 000	78 241	31 446	78 241	0
220	Scientific Committee	49 000	49 366	45 384	49 184	182
230	Bureau	22 900	26 743	26 628	26 628	115
240	Regional Workshops	20 000	21 349	16 125	21 125	224
250	Follow-up Committee Meeting	5 000	5 645	5 200	5 645	0
51	Capacity building	35 000	49 692	42 172	47 872	1 820
52	Human-cetacean interactions / Emergency situations	47 000	48 046	38 628	47 628	418
53	Habitats / Research and monitoring	35 000	44 024	35 784	43 784	240
54	Public awareness / Dissemination of information	43 500	55 132	35 575	53 875	1 257
55	Project Officer	120 410	120 410	99 715	120 410	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>747 800</b>	<b>840 213</b>	<b>642 818</b>	<b>830 529</b>	<b>9 684</b>

\* Revised budget taking into account co-funding and remaining (carried forward) from previous triennium.

\*\*Corresponds to amounts committed and planned if the entire voted budget is received (planned expenditure will be adjusted to avoid overspending, taking into account the amounts actually received before closure of financial period 2019).

\*\*\* Expected balance taking into account co-funding, remaining from previous years and if the total amount of Ordinary Contributions adopted is received.

#### IV. CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

In accordance with Appendix 1 (Financial arrangements between the Government of H.S.H the Prince of Monaco and the Permanent Secretariat of ACCOBAMS) of Resolution 6.2 on the Headquarters Agreement with the Host Country, the Principality of Monaco provided the Permanent Secretariat with both in cash and in-kind contributions.

- ➔ For 2017, the amounts were: **196 000€** (in cash) and **42 239€** (in kind)  
 For 2018, the amounts were: **200 000€** (in cash) and **28 300€** (in kind)  
 On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the amounts known were: **200 000€** (in cash) and **17 471€** (in kind).

#### V. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND COFUNDINGS (excluding specific contributions/co-funding dedicated to the ASI)

##### 1- Voluntary contributions and co-funding in 2017

###### a. Voluntary contributions

**Monaco** made a voluntary contribution of **40 000€**.

This contribution was used to:

- Maintain and update NETCCOBAMS in order to provide a more modern, efficient and dynamic tool, facilitating the exchange and circulation of information, knowledge and experience among all stakeholders in cetacean conservation
- Partially support the 4th Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries (CSMC4) which was held in Oran (Algeria) from 11th to 13th November 2017.
- Create a logo for the ASI.
- Partially support the organization of 2 workshops during the ECS Conference in 2017:
  - joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS/CMS/ECS workshop entitled “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” held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Middelfart, Denmark.
  - “Inputs to the ACCOBAMS ongoing effort to map human threats on cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas”, held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Middelfart (Denmark).
- Support the implementation of the ACCOBAMS Certification for Highly Qualified Marine Mammals Observers: courses materials and pilot training workshop.
- Create and disseminate communication material in French in the framework of the Cetacean Day.

**France** made a voluntary contribution of **12 000€** in order to support, jointly with the voluntary contribution of Monaco, the pilot training workshop on MMO/PAM on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017, in Oran, Algeria, as part of the ACCOBAMS Conference for Southern Mediterranean Countries (CSMC4). This pilot training was ensured by 2 French experts, on MMO issue and on PAM issue respectively, and focussed more particularly on the use of an open source software.

**Spain** made a voluntary contribution of **18 000€** in order to ensure the functioning of MEDACES in 2017.

###### b. Unspent voluntary contributions from previous trienniums used in 2017

The unspent voluntary contributions from previous triennium were used as follows:

- The unspent 2016 voluntary contribution, provided by the **Principality of Monaco** to support the organization of MOP6, allowed a replenishment of 14 000€ of the ACCOBAMS Supplementary conservation Funds.
- The unspent voluntary contribution from the **Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Fishing (MIPAAF)** was used to support the participation of 3 Black Sea experts (2 from Georgia, and 1 from Bulgaria) to the marine mammal necropsy workshop focused on necropsy and sampling of stranded cetaceans organized in Liege from 4<sup>th</sup> to

6<sup>th</sup> July 2017. It was an opportunity to improve their knowledge and experience in anatomy and pathology of cetaceans and thus to contribute to the establishment of a national stranding network in Georgia and to the improvement of national stranding network in Bulgaria.

c. Co-funding in 2017

The co-funding obtained by the Permanent Secretariat was the following:

- **CTN Naval** from Spain provided ACCOBAMS with **20 118€** in the framework of the **QUIETMED project** - "Joint programme on noise (D11) for the implementation of the Second Cycle of the MSFD in the Mediterranean Sea". The ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat is one of the partners of the QUIETMED project which is funded by the EC DG Environment and coordinated by CTN Naval from Spain. The ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat is supported by experts to contribute to the implementation of the project and undertake specific technical activities.
- The **MAVA Foundation** financially supported:
  - A three-years project to support mitigating depredation caused by Bottlenose dolphins in fisheries in Morocco and Tunisia. In 2017, the MAVA Foundation provided **109 200€**;
  - A three-years project "Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa 'bycatch' of vulnerable species and testing mitigation - a collaborative approach". In 2017, the MAVA Foundation provided **168 188€**;
- **SPA/RAC** supported the costs related to the simultaneous translation during the CSMC4 and also supported the participation of experts from South Mediterranean Countries to the ECS2017.

2- Voluntary contributions and co-funding in 2018

a. Voluntary contributions

**Monaco** made a voluntary contribution of **40 000€**.

This contribution was used to:

- Organize the 4th Session of the ACCOBAMS Regional Workshops in order to evaluate and facilitate the implementation of the Agreement and develop the Programme of Work for the next triennium;
- Further develop cooperation with the ongoing regional initiatives on stranding and marine debris, and initiate the development of a common operational stranding protocol, in collaboration with relevant organization, in particular with the organization of the joint ACCOBAMS / ASCOBANS/ SPA-RAC / ECS workshop on Marine Litters and Stranding organized on 6th April 2018, (La Spezia, Italy) during the 2018 ECS Conference;
- Support the implementation of the ACCOBAMS Certification for Highly Qualified Marine Mammals Observers with the organization of the First training to become an "ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators" in Romania, in September 2018.

**Italy** made a voluntary contribution of **228 708 €** in order to:

- Evaluate the relevance and the feasibility of a "whale-safe from ship strikes "certificate" for shipping Companies;
- Assess the impact of plastic bags, microplastic and other plastic materials ingestion on cetaceans in cooperation with existing initiatives, such as IWC;
- Develop collaboration with MEDPOL in the Adriatic regarding ongoing regional initiatives on marine litter;
- Prepare species conservation management plans for fin whales, bottlenose dolphin, common dolphin and Risso's dolphin in Pelagos area;
- Facilitate the participation of 3 experts on training session(s) on necropsies: 12<sup>th</sup> Marine Mammal Necropsy Workshop: special issue on necropsy and samplings (University of Liege, Belgium, July 2018);
- Establish regional mailing lists of participants in the stranding networks to facilitate exchange of information and encourage data tissue exchanges through collaboration with relevant databases and tissue banks by



implementing recommendations regarding MEDACES as presented during the ACCOBAMS MOP6 and by developing NETCCOBAMS to facilitate exchange of information;

- Develop a common operational stranding protocol, in collaboration with IWC, ECS and ASCOBANS especially by contributing to the joint workshop on marine debris and cetacean stranding during the ECS 2018, in Italy, in collaboration with IWC, ASCOBANS, ECS and SPA/RAC;
- Undertake trainings on the use of photo-id, promote the use of catalogue or web-based database of photo-IDs, and organize training sessions for national experts to fill databases with the organization of the 5 days training session for ACCOBAMS experts in October 2018 (Byblos, Lebanon, 2018) aiming at standardizing the methods / tools used to share the data collected on cetaceans.

**Spain** made a voluntary contribution of **18 000 €** in order to ensure the functioning of MEDACES in 2018.

b. Unspent voluntary contributions from previous trienniums used in 2018

The unspent previous voluntary contribution, provided by the **Principality of Monaco** to support the organization of MOP6, allowed:

- The translation in Russian of the ACCOBAMS Teaching Module for implementation in the BS region,
- To pursue the ACCOBAMS threat-based approach in order to update the mapping of Cetacean Critical Habitats in the ACCOBAMS area

c. Co-funding in 2018

- **CTN Naval** from Spain provided ACCOBAMS with **20 018€** in the framework of the **QUIETMED project** - “Joint programme on noise (D11) for the implementation of the Second Cycle of the MSFD in the Mediterranean Sea”. The ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat is one of the partners of the QUIETMED project which is funded by the EC DG Environment and it is coordinated by CTN Naval from Spain. For contributing to the implementation of the project and carrying out specific technical activities, the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat is supported by experts;
- The **MAVA Foundation** financially supported a three-year project “Support mechanism for filling key knowledge gaps for vulnerable and highly mobile species impacted by fisheries in the Mediterranean”. In 2018, the MAVA Foundation provided **22 000€**;
- **IUCN Med** supported the costs:
  - related to the participation of 3 Algerian experts to the 5 days training session for ACCOBAMS experts in October 2018 (**2 122€**)
  - related to the participation of the 3 experts designated by IUCN for the 12<sup>th</sup> ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee Meeting in November 2018.
- **CIESM** supported the costs related to the participation of the 2 experts designated by CIESM for the 12<sup>th</sup> ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee Meeting in November 2018.

### 3- Voluntary contributions and co-funding in 2019 (as of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019)

a. Voluntary contributions

**Monaco** made a voluntary contribution of **40 000€**.

This contribution was used to:

- Make replenishment of 5 000€ of the ACCOBAMS Supplementary conservation Funds
- Support the development of communication tools regarding the impact of anthropogenic noise on cetaceans
- Support the implementation of the ACCOBAMS Teaching Module in Istanbul in March 2019.

b. Unspent voluntary contributions from previous trienniums used in 2019

The unspent Voluntary contributions provided by **Italy** were used in 2019 to:

- Assess the impact of plastic bags, microplastic and other plastic materials ingestion on cetaceans in cooperation with existing initiatives, such as IWC;

- Develop collaboration with MEDPOL in the Adriatic regarding ongoing regional initiatives on marine litter;
- Finalize the draft CMP on fin whale and on Risso's Dolphin;
- Facilitate the participation of 3 experts on training session(s) on necropsies: 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Mammal Necropsy Workshop: special issue on necropsy and samplings (University of Liege, Belgium, July 2019);
- Finalize a common operational stranding protocol, in collaboration with IWC, ECS and ASCOBANS especially by contributing to a technical workshop in June 2019 in Pavia;
- Allow a replenishment of 15 000€ of the ACCOBAMS Supplementary conservation Funds in order to promote and facilitate exchange of expertise;
- Encourage Parties that have already introduced the ACCOBAMS module, to disseminate the module to others universities, especially in the framework of National Action Plan.

c. Co-funding in 2019

- **CTN Naval** from Spain provided ACCOBAMS with **33 794€** in the framework of the **QUIETMED2 project** - "This project is funded by the DG Environment and aims to enhance cooperation among Member States (MS) in the Mediterranean Sea Region for achieving a GES assessment on Descriptor 11 - noise in the Mediterranean. For contributing to the implementation of the project and carrying out specific technical activities, the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat is supported by experts.
- **Mare Nostrum NGO** from Romania provided ACCOBAMS with **3 882€** in the framework of the **CeNoBS project**. This project was designed to "Support MSFD Implementation in the Black Sea through establishing a regional monitoring system of cetaceans (D1) and noise monitoring (D11) for achieving GES". In addition to pilot activities on by-catch and noise monitoring, CeNoBS will allow to conduct an aerial survey to estimate abundance and distribution of cetaceans in the Black Sea, which will complement the ASI.
- The **MAVA Foundation** financially supported a three-year project on bycatch ("Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa bycatch of vulnerable species and testing mitigation following the GFCM Methodology for data collection"). The bycatch monitoring programme (on-board observations and port questionnaires) started in the three countries targeted by the MAVA Bycatch project. On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the MAVA Foundation had provided **96 750€**;
- **SPA/RAC** provided **7 335€** early 2019, in order to share the costs of some 2018 activities:
  - Participation of experts to the 5 days training session for ACCOBAMS experts in October 2018 ;
  - Development of a common operational stranding protocol, in collaboration with IWC, ECS and ASCOBANS especially by contributing to the joint workshop on marine debris and cetacean stranding during the ECS 2018, in Italy.

## VI. REPORT ON INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES RELEVANT TO THE ACCOBAMS SURVEY INITIATIVE 2017-2019 (until the 15<sup>th</sup> July)

Officially Launched during the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties of ACCOBAMS in 2016, the ASI project started early 2017 and was financially supported as below:

Funding source	Total Amount in euro
France – Agence Française de la Biodiversité	400 000
Italy - Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare,	228 000
Italy - Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare - VC 2017	35 000
Monaco -Département des Relations Extérieures et de la Coopération – VC 2019	20 000
Spain (voluntary contribution of 2008) - Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica	300 000
Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco	100 000
MAVA Foundation	1 701 000
ACCOBAMS *	180 789*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 784 000 euros</b>

\*note: 90 000 is allocated to the ASI in the Mediterranean and 90 789 is allocated to the Black Sea Survey.

### Incomes and expenditures 2017 - 2019 (until July 15<sup>th</sup>)

Source	Available from previous years	Incomes	Expenditures	Remaining balance (15/07/2019)
Countries	300 000	503 000	653 443	149 558
ACCOBAMS	180 789	-	144 510	36 279
FPA2		60 000	65 165	- 5 165*
MAVA	1 500 000	150 000	1 478 408	171 592
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 980 789</b>	<b>713 000</b>	<b>2 341 526</b>	<b>352 263</b>

\*The FPA2 budget line is expected to receive an instalment by the end of 2019, which will result in a positive balance.


### DETAILS:

#### Incomes and expenditures in 2017

Source	Available from previous years	2017 Incomes	2017 Expenditures	Remaining balance (31/12/2017)
Countries	300 000	348 000	11 335	636 666
ACCOBAMS (for Med)	180 789	-	13 607	167182
FPA2		40 000	14 897	25103
MAVA	1 500 000	150 000	86 648	1 563 352
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 980 789</b>	<b>538 000</b>	<b>126 487</b>	<b>2 392 303</b>

**Incomes and expenditures in 2018**

Source	Available from previous years	2018 Incomes	2018 Expenditures	Remaining balance (31/12/2018)
Countries	636 666	155 000	625 351	166 315
ACCOBAMS (for Med)	167 182		23 861	143 321
FPA2	25 103		31 310	- 6 207
MAVA	1 563 352		1 290 694	272 658
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 392 303</b>	<b>155 000</b>	<b>1 971 216</b>	<b>567 087</b>

**Incomes and expenditures in 2019 (until July 15<sup>th</sup>)**


Source	Available from previous years	2019 Incomes	2019 Expenditures	Remaining balance (15/07/2019)
Countries	166 315		16 757	149 558
ACCOBAMS for Med	143 321		9 424	36 279
ACCOBAMS for CeNoBS			97 618	
FPA2	- 6 207	20 000	18 958	- 5 165
MAVA	272 658		101 066	171 592
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>567 087</b>	<b>20 000</b>	<b>242 823</b>	<b>352 263</b>

**VI. OTHER INCOMES**

During the triennium, the Permanent Secretariat received other incomes, in addition to the ordinary and voluntary contributions:

- Support for CIESM, IUCN and IWC representatives for the Scientific Committee Meetings in 2017 and 2018: contribution in kind;
- Amounts remaining from VAT refunds made on operations carried out in Monaco and in France (2017- 2019): **50 893€** (on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019)
- In accordance with the recommendations of the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat invests the available cash resources to generate interests. On the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the amount invested is: **30 687 €**. The entire fund invested is devoted to the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative.

**VII. CASH FLOW (on 15.07.19)**

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Main ACCOBAMS bank account* (remaining from previous years + ordinary contributions + voluntary contributions + other incomes)	1 071 293
Cash	130
Invested funds	30 687
Bank account of the Supplementary Conservation Fund	36 740
<b>TOTAL (15/07/2019)</b>	<b>1 138 850</b>

\* including the co-fundings for the ASI, for the MAVA projects, for CeNoBS project and for QuietMed and QuietMed2 projects.