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# PROGRESS REPORT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL ACTION PLAN IN ALGERIA

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## PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR ALGERIA

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The main objective is to update and finalise the National Action Plan (NAP) for Algeria that was prepared by Professor Zitouni Boutiba in 2011.

### **Background:**

Algeria ratified the ACCOBAMS Agreement in 2007, through a presidential decree (N° 07-95; JO n° 20 du 20 mars 2007). In 2011, Pr. Boutiba was mandated by National Authorities, in collaboration with the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat, to prepare a National Action Plan for cetacean conservation in Algeria., and wrote: “Algeria, to carry out a national policy of conservation of its heritage in parallel with a rational management of resources following the principles of sustainable development, will have to adopt a long-term strategy. The latter will be able to rely on a perfect knowledge of the field and will concern several points: the training, the choice of the sites to be protected, the management principles, the legal and regulatory coverage of all the conservation activities, the information programs and sensitization, the management of the needs of local populations and their integration into development programs, and finally the financing modalities. In addition, this strategy will have to be inspired by our culture and our history, but also take into account the ecological balances of the country to ensure the sustainability of our biological diversity.”

The document prepared by Pr. Boutiba presents the state of the art and of the activities in Algeria concerning cetaceans.

### **Process and Objective of the NAP:**

In order to update the document prepared by Pr. Boutiba and the actions proposed different experts in Algeria have to be contacted in order to organise consultation meetings. All national relevant stakeholders have to be contacted: experts engaged in the research on cetaceans, in the national stranding network, in education, in official representation or engaged in different programs with ACCOBAMS (ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative, MMO/PAM...) and SPA/RAC.

The different points that will be part of the NAP are:

- Legislation
- Strengthening the national stranding network
- Specially protected areas for cetaceans
- Research to support management and conservation, monitoring cetacean distribution and abundance
- Whale-watching.
- Studies of fisheries - cetaceans interaction
- Capacity building
- Education and awareness

### **Perspectives:**

Both SPA/RAC and ACCOBAMS Focal Points would be contacted in order to plan and organize a meeting with all experts during the first semester of 2020 in Algeria. The objective of this meeting will be to make all national stakeholders involved in the update process and revise the document prepared by Pr. Boutiba in 2011 with activities already undertaken and with news challenges for cetacean conservation.