



WORKING GROUP ON WHALE WATCHING

The ACCOBAMS Working Group on whale watching was not active during the 2017-2019 triennium and needs to be reactivated. Its composition and Terms of Reference will be updated during the thirteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee in 2020.

Part 1- Terms of Reference for the Working Group on whale watching (as agreed during SC9)

- Identify experts within the ACCOBAMS Parties or active in the Agreement area, which will provide valuable information on cetacean watching activities in the area, and will update the inventory of operators currently conducting these activities in the ACCOBAMS area (see ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Inf 36);
- Identify critical areas for cetacean watching activities and propose guidelines for monitoring programs aimed at maximizing the chance of detecting potential adverse impacts on individual cetaceans and on populations, taking into account the existing work on this issue elsewhere in the world;
- Collect information on different types of operator data collection systems in the ACCOBAMS area and propose a common procedure (data collection system) to be implemented in the Agreement area.

Part 2- Composition (as agreed during SC9)

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