

RESOLUTION 7.6**WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2020-2022**

The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area:

Acting in accordance with the commitments of the Parties to conserve cetaceans in conformity with the Agreement, especially the fundamental obligations placed upon Parties in Article II,

Recalling Article IX, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Agreement, stating that the Parties shall determine the scale of contributions to the budget and that the Meeting of the Parties shall adopt a budget by consensus,

Taking into account the ACCOBAMS Strategy (2014-2025), as adopted under Resolution 5.1,

Commending the Permanent Secretariat, the Parties, the Non-Party Range States, the Scientific Committee, all partnering organizations and all persons involved for the successful implementation of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative campaigns,

Acknowledging the relevant work being carried out in other Organizations, in particular within the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the instruments adopted within its framework, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention), the system of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, the Bucharest Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution and the Agreement for the Establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM),

Acknowledging with appreciation:

- a. the financial support and the contributions in kind provided by the Government of H.S.H. the Prince of Monaco for the Permanent Secretariat under the Headquarters Agreement,
- b. the voluntary contributions provided by the Governments of France, Italy, Monaco, and Spain,
- c. the co-financing from SPA/RAC and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN),
- d. the financial support provided by MAVA Foundation, Prince Albert II Foundation, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and European Union (EU) through specific projects,
- e. the support from Partner Organisations for Agreement activities,

Thanking the Scientific Committee for its involvement, its work and its wise advice to Parties in setting up accurate conservation measures,

Thanking also the Sub-Regional Coordination Units and the ACCOBAMS Partners for their continuous support to the implementation of the Agreement,

Aware that scientific research in Agreement area remains essential to identify populations with the least favourable conservation status and to address the conservation priorities,

Conscious that the current heterogeneity of management and research capacity in the area covered by the Agreement must be addressed by capacity-building and public awareness,

Stressing the need to increase collaboration with other relevant International Organisations in the spirit of the ecosystem approach,

Recognizing the need to set priorities,

Taking into consideration the results of Regional Workshops organised in 2018 within ACCOBAMS, where the needs and priorities of Parties for the implementation of the Agreement have been identified,

Stressing the importance of the payment by all Parties of the contributions due to the budget of the Agreement,

Recalling that Article IX, paragraph 3, calls for voluntary contributions to increase the funds available for monitoring, research, training and projects related to conservation,

Recalling Resolutions 1.7 and 5.5, establishing and implementing a Supplementary Conservation Fund,

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of the audited accounts for the period 2017-2019 presented by the Permanent Secretariat;
2. *Agrees* to provide financial support for the participation to the ACCOBAMS Meetings of the Parties of delegates (one delegate by country) from countries with middle and low incomes, as classified by the World Bank in July 2019 and as listed in [Annex 5](#) to the present Resolution, excluding countries with arrears of more than three years of contribution to the Trust Fund;
3. *Adopts* the Budget for 2020-2022, as in [Annex 1](#) to the present Resolution;
4. *Confirms* that Parties shall contribute to the budget, in accordance with Article III, paragraph 8 (e), of the Agreement, at the scale agreed upon by the Meeting of the Parties;
5. *Agrees* to apply, for the calculation of the minimum Ordinary Contributions, a percentage of the total budget, instead of a fixed amount;
6. *Agrees* to the scale and amounts of contributions of Parties to the Agreement, as listed in [Annex 2](#) to the present Resolution, and to the application of that scale to new Parties *pro rata* of the remaining financial year;
7. *Requests* Parties, in particular those that pay the minimum contribution, to consider paying for the entire triennium in one instalment at the beginning of the period;
8. *Further requests* Parties to pay their contributions as promptly as possible, but, in any case, no later than at the end of March of the corresponding year;
9. *Asks* the Parties that have unpaid pledges to pay their pending contributions within a reasonable time, at the latest two to three months after the end of 2019, in order to close the budget for the 2017-2019 triennium as soon as possible;

10. *Invites* Parties, Range States and Organisations to consider the feasibility of providing personnel for the Permanent Secretariat;
11. *Also invites* States that are not Parties to the Agreement, as well as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental Organizations and other possible donors, to consider contributing to the implementation of the Agreement on a voluntary basis;
12. *Encourages* Parties and Range States, when allocating funds for ACCOBAMS-related research, to take into account the priorities of the ACCOBAMS Work Programme and *asks*, as appropriate, for the advice of the Scientific Committee in identifying activities that:
 - a. are most directly in accordance with the conservation priorities identified in Resolutions adopted by the Parties, in particular the Work Programme, and
 - b. will directly assist the Scientific Committee in its priority work;
13. *Approves* the terms of reference for administration of the Agreement Budget for the period 2020-2022, as set out in [Annex 3](#) to the present Resolution, as well as the guidelines for the acceptance of financial contributions, as set out in [Annex 4](#), provided that no voluntary contribution shall entail any present or future financial liability for the Agreement Trust Fund without the prior consent of the Parties or the Bureau;
14. *Entrusts* the Permanent Secretariat with the task of exploring the availability of appropriate external funds to support the implementation of the Agreement;
15. *Decides* to establish an intersessional working group composed of Parties to ACCOBAMS, on a voluntary basis, whose mandate shall be to elaborate a proposal of revision of the budgetary provisions, such as, but not limited to, the methodology for the calculation of Ordinary Contributions, the modalities of eligibility for funding to attend ACCOBAMS institutional meetings and the different kinds of funds. The main objective of the proposal shall be to ensure the Agreement viability and a more balanced financial effort among all Parties. The Permanent Secretariat shall coordinate the Working Group;
16. *Adopts* the Programme of Work for 2020 – 2022, as presented in [Annex 6](#) to the present Resolution;
17. *Urges* Parties to support projects and activities in line with the Work Programme by means of financial and in-kind contributions and to report thereon to the Eight Meeting of the Parties;
18. *Urges* Parties to fully commit themselves in the ACCOBAMS Meeting of National Representatives, which should be organized in 2021, by having a representative attending the Meeting;
19. *Recommends* Parties, in order to prepare this ACCOBAMS Meeting of National Representatives, to organize through ACCOBAMS Focal Points a half-day national meeting to collect all the relevant data prior the Meeting;
20. *Urges* Parties and specialized International Organizations to develop international cooperative projects for implementation of the Work Programme and to keep the Permanent Secretariat fully informed of progress;
21. *Further urges* Parties and *encourages* other donors to provide financial assistance to Countries in need of capacity-building to support the implementation of the Agreement and of the Work Programme, directly or through the financial mechanisms of the Agreement, in particular through the Supplementary Conservation Fund;

22. *Asks* Parties, non-Parties, Partners, all relevant Organizations and experts to share with the Permanent Secretariat all relevant information regarding their activities in NETCCOBAMS;
23. *Calls on* the Scientific Committee, the Permanent Secretariat, the Bureau, the Sub-Regional Coordinating Units, ACCOBAMS Partners and international and national non-governmental Organizations to promote the actions necessary to facilitate implementation of the Work Programme, bearing in mind the Resolutions adopted by the Meetings of the Parties;
24. *Calls on* the Scientific Committee to further promote cooperation with scientific Institutions of the ACCOBAMS area;
25. *Requests* the Permanent Secretariat to strengthen co-operation and develop activities with other relevant bodies;
26. *Instructs* the Permanent Secretariat to:
 - a. disseminate the Work Programme for priority actions for 2020-2022, collaborate closely in its implementation with the Secretariats of other relevant Conventions, international Organizations and ACCOBAMS Partners and seek appropriate donors;
 - b. inform in time the National Focal Points of workshops and meetings, as well as of the establishment of working groups within the ACCOBAMS framework.

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ANNEX 1
BUDGET 2020 - 2022

		2020	2021	2022
General Management and Administrative support				
General Management				
110	Administrative staff			
1 101	Executive Secretary Housing Allowance	10 000*	12 000	12 000
1 102	Programme & Project Officer 1	44 500	44 500	44 500
1 103	Programme & Project Officer 2	44 500	44 500	44 500
1 104	Accounting and Programme Assistant (50%)	20 000	20 000	20 000
1 105	<i>Executive Secretary**</i>	<i>120 823</i>	<i>120 823</i>	<i>120 823</i>
1 106	<i>Assistant to the Executive Secretary**</i>	<i>60 462</i>	<i>60 462</i>	<i>60 462</i>
120	Administrative Assistance			
1 201	Translators	1 000	1 000	1 000
1 202	Fund management controller	2 000	2 000	2 000
1 203	External Assistance	2 000	2 000	1 300
130	Bank fees	800	800	800
140	Hospitality	500	500	500
	Total General Management	125 300	127 300	126 600
Administrative support				
1 501	Coordination Units – MA1a & CA3a	7 200	7 200	7 200
1 502	Secretariat staff travels – MA1a	18 000	17 000	15 000
	Total Administrative support	25 200	24 200	22 200
Total General Management and Administrative support		150 500	151 500	148 800
Total General Management and Administrative support for the triennium 2020 - 2022		450 800		
<i>Host Country contributions under Headquarters Agreement (HQA) ***</i>		<i>720 000</i>		
TOTAL cost General Management and Administrative support including Host Country contributions under HQA		1 170 800		

* 10 months for 2020 (entry on duty of the new Executive Secretary planned for 1st March 2020)

** Indicative amounts provided by the Host Country as per the provisions of 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 Amendment to the Headquarters Agreement with the Host Country.

*** Indicative amount representing both in cash (including Executive Secretary and Assistant salaries) and in-kind contributions (Permanent Secretariat premises in Monaco, two apartments...).

		2020	2021	2022
Institutional Meetings				
210	Meeting of the Parties – MA1a	0	3 000	58 000
220	Scientific Committee – MA1a	20 000	29 000	-
230	Bureau – MA1a	14 000****	7 000	11 000
240	Meeting of National Representatives – MA1a	-	21 000	-
250	Follow-up Committee Meeting – MA3a	0	5 000	-
Total institutional Meetings		34 000	65 000	69 000
Total institutional Meetings for the triennium 2020 – 2022		168 000		

**** Including the extraordinary Bureau Meeting as Recruitment Committee for the Executive Secretary position

		2020	2021	2022
Support to Conservation actions				
52	Human-cetacean interactions / Emergency situations	10 000	22 000	19 000
	Interactions with fisheries / aquaculture - CA2a			
	Anthropogenic underwater noise - CA2b			
	Ship strikes - CA2c			
	Cetacean watching - CA2d			
	Marine debris - CA2e			
	Chemical & biological pollution - CA2f			
	Climate change - CA2g			
	Captivity related issues - CA2h			
53	Habitats / Research and monitoring	45 000	53 000	35 000
	Cetacean population estimates and distribution - CA1a			
	Population Structure - CA1b			
	Monitoring cetaceans status, including Species conservation plans - CA1c			
	Functional stranding networks and responses to emergency situation - CA1d			
	Area-based measures for cetacean conservation – CA3a			
54	Information/ Communication/Public awareness	25 000	15 000	21 000
	Communication Strategy – CA4d			
	CSMC– CA4d			
	Citizen Science – CA4d			
	Databases & website management – CA4d			
	Public awareness – CA4d			
	Production of materials – CA4d			
	ACCOBAMS Module – CA4d			
Total conservation actions		80 000	90 000	75 000
Total conservation actions for the triennium 2020 - 2022		245 000		

	2020	2021	2022
Total administration, meetings and conservation	264 500	306 500	292 800
Total budget for the triennium 2020 - 2022	863 800€ (287 933 €/year)		
Total budget for the triennium including Host Country contributions under HQA*****	1 583 800€		

***** *The indicative value of the contributions of the Principality of Monaco for the triennium, under the Headquarters Agreement with the host Country is 720 000 €.*

ANNEX 2
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF PARTIES TO THE TRUST FUND OF ACCOBAMS

	UN scale 2019-2021	ACCOBAMS Key	2020-2022
Albania	0,008	0,80	2 304
Algeria	0,138	1,50	4 328
Bulgaria	0,046	0,80	2 304
Croatia	0,077	0,92	2 661
Cyprus	0,036	0,80	2 304
Egypt	0,186	1,42	4 086
France	4,427	23,16	66 712
Georgia	0,008	0,80	2 304
Greece	0,366	4,40	12 662
Italy	3,307	22,49	64 769
Lebanon	0,047	0,80	2 304
Libya	0,03	1,17	3 360
Malta	0,017	0,80	2 304
Monaco	0,011	0,80	2 304
Montenegro	0,004	0,80	2 304
Morocco	0,055	0,80	2 304
Portugal	0,35	3,66	10 538
Romania	0,198	1,72	4 947
Slovenia	0,076	0,80	2 304
Spain	2,146	19,70	56 732
Syrian Arab Republic	0,011	0,80	2 304
Tunisia	0,025	0,80	2 304
Turkey	1,371	9,50	27 370
Ukraine	0,057	0,96	2 769
TOTAL		100	288 582

ANNEX 3
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUDGET

1. The terms of reference for administration of the budget of ACCOBAMS shall refer to the financial years beginning 1st January 2020 and ending 31st December 2022.
2. The budget shall be administered by the Executive Secretary.
3. The budget shall be administered according to these Terms of reference.
4. The financial resources of the budget shall be derived from:
 - (a) Contributions from the Parties according to Annex 2, as well as contributions from new Parties, and
 - (b) Voluntary contributions from Parties, contributions from States not Party to the Agreement, other governmental, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organisations and other sources.
5. All contributions to the budget shall be paid in Euros.
6. With regard to contributions from States that become Parties after the beginning of the financial period, the initial contribution (from the first day of the third month after the deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession, until the end of the financial period) shall be determined *pro rata* on the basis of the contributions of other Parties according to the adopted scale of assessments and depending on the remaining annual financial exercise.
7. Contributions by all Parties throughout the triennium 2020-2022 are calculated on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessments applicable for 2019, with the modifications needed to adapt it to the ACCOBAMS Parties.
8. The contributions are due on 1st January 2020, 1st January 2021 and 1st January 2022. Contributions shall be paid into the following account:

<i>Account holder</i>	<i>Swift code</i>	<i>IBAN code</i>
ACCOBAMS	CFMOMCMX	MC 02 1273 9000 7001 0702 3000 M76

9. For the convenience of the Parties, the Executive Secretary shall notify as soon as possible the Parties to the Agreement of their assessed contributions for each of the years of the financial period.
10. Voluntary Contributions received into the budget and not immediately required for financing activities shall be invested at the discretion of the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, and any generated income shall be used to implement the Agreement.
11. The budget shall be audited by a fund management controller.
12. The budget estimates of income and expenditures for each calendar year of the financial period shall be prepared in Euros and submitted to the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement.
13. The estimates for each calendar year covered by the financial period shall be divided into sections and objectives of expenditure, be specified according to budget lines, be consistent with the programmes of work to which they relate, and be accompanied by information as may be required by or on behalf of the contributors.

14. The proposed budget, including all the necessary information, shall be dispatched by the Permanent Secretariat to all Parties at least 90 days before the date established for the opening of the Meeting of the Parties.
15. The budget shall be adopted by consensus at the Meeting of the Parties.
16. The Permanent Secretariat can, if needed, transfer funds up to 20% from one budget line of the approved budget, to another budget line within the same budget section. If the needed transfer of funds within the same budget section is more than 20% of the budget line from which the transfer is made, the Secretariat shall request the authorization of the Bureau.
17. Should the Permanent Secretariat anticipate a shortfall in resources over the financial period, the Permanent Secretariat shall consult the Bureau about its priorities for expenditure.
18. Commitments against the resources of the budget may be made only if they are covered by sufficient income.
19. No transfer of funds shall be authorized from the Ordinary Contribution of the Trust Fund to the Supplementary Conservation Fund.
20. A secured fund is created, equivalent to thirty per cent of the administrative budget.
21. At the end of each calendar year of the financial period, the Permanent Secretariat shall submit the accounts of the year to the Bureau. These shall include details of actual expenditures and comparisons with the original provisions for each budget line.
22. The Permanent Secretariat shall give the Bureau an estimate of proposed expenditures for the coming year simultaneously with, or as soon as possible after, the communication of the accounts and reports referred to in the preceding paragraphs.
23. The Permanent Secretariat shall present the audited accounts for the financial exercises to the Meeting of the Parties.
24. The present terms of reference shall be implemented by the Executive Secretary.

ANNEX 4
GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

1. General Rules

No voluntary contribution, gift or donation for a specific purpose may be accepted if incompatible with the policies and aims of the Agreement or the UNEP/CMS.

2. Approval of donors

2.1 Donors who are not Governmental Institutions of Parties or Economic Integration Organizations or riparian States not Party to the Agreement, must be approved as such by the Bureau before their contributions are accepted by the Permanent Secretariat.

2.2 Sources known to have been involved in interests or activities which conflict with the aims of the Agreement or the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and any Organisation or individual who has deliberately brought, or might bring, the Agreement into public disrepute, shall be excluded. The same shall apply where there is a risk that a source might try to influence the decisions of any organ of the Agreement where in the opinion of the Scientific Committee, this source has, or has had in the past, an environmentally unfriendly attitude.

3. Acceptance of Voluntary Contributions

3.1 Voluntary Contributions shall only be accepted when the purpose is consistent with the policies and aims of the Agreement.

3.2 No Voluntary Contributions shall have an immediate or ultimate financial liability for the Agreement Trust Fund without the prior consent of the Parties or the Bureau.

3.3 If indirect costs occur, in relation to administrative support of the activity implemented through a Voluntary Contribution, including financial and information resources management, and not included in the project budget targeted by the Voluntary Contribution, then the Secretariat can retain a percentage up to 4% of the dedicated Voluntary Contribution, up to 50 000€, and of 7% for the dedicated voluntary contribution of more than 50 000€. The Secretariat is asked to report on the application of this provision to the Bureau and to the Meeting of Parties.

3.4 All monetary contributions shall be paid in freely convertible currency; exceptions may, however, be made for special projects if the currency in question can effectively be used.

3.5. Voluntary Contributions in kind may be accepted, provided that they are used to cover activities approved by the Meeting of the Parties. These may include, *inter alia*, direct or indirect involvement in a joint project, free office accommodation, equipment, or the secondment of staff.

ANNEX 5
ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES TO ACCOBAMS

Based on the scale of middle and low incomes, from the World Bank in July 2019, the Permanent Secretariat is authorised to cover, upon budget availability, the travel and accommodation fees of the representatives of the following Parties for the Meetings of the Parties of ACCOBAMS (one delegate/Party):

- Albania
- Algeria
- Bulgaria
- Egypt
- Georgia
- Lebanon
- Libya (pending on settlement of unpaid pledges)
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Romania
- Syrian Arab Republic (pending on settlement of unpaid pledges)
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine

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MANAGEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT (MA)

MA1	INVOLVEMENT OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS
MA1a	Strengthen involvement of all key stakeholders in ACCOBAMS's operations

Expected outcomes	Involvement of all key stakeholders in ACCOBAMS's operations
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2019-2022	VC	EF	
<p>Establish/strengthen partnerships and collaborations with all relevant IGOs, NGOs, and international/national entities</p> <p>Strengthen involvement of all riparian Countries to encourage accession to the Agreement of all riparian states and to develop activities with non-Parties</p> <p>Strengthen involvement of national representatives in formulating actions related to cetacean conservation, according to their national priorities (regional workshops)</p> <p>Reinforce synergy between Partners and harmonize activities</p>	Core	Secretariat, Parties, Non-Party Range States, Scientific Committee Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing MoU • Participating in Coordination Meetings and relevant fora • Working through relevant Joint WG • Developing joint actions / projects • Organizing joint Workshops, in particular with Partners • Linking with relevant marine strategies • Contributing to the determination and monitoring of the GES (MSFD) and favourable conservation status (HD) • Participating in the process of fully developing the Companion Volume for the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 • Liaising with the Depositary to encourage accession to the Agreement of riparian states • Liaising with Sub Regional Coordination Units 	80 000€	50 000€ (LB 1502) 14 600 (LB 1501)				15 400€

MA2	ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING, IN PARTICULAR FOR CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES
MA2a	Mobilizing and diversifying funding sources

Expected outcomes	Additional funds mobilized for conservation actions Regional capacities in project development and fundraising increased
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Fund projects under the Supplementary Conservation Grant Fund (SCF) related to cetacean conservation	Core	Secretariat, Parties, Non-Party Range States, Scientific Committee Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launching a call for proposals for projects related to cetacean conservation 	45 000 €					45 000€
Monitor funding opportunities and develop (or support the development of) proposals for multilateral projects and co-funded activities	Core		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing information on funding opportunities Using established partnerships and collaborations with all relevant IGOs, NGOs, and international/ national entities 	30 000 €					30 000€
Monitor funding opportunities	Core		Sharing information on funding opportunities						
Support the development of capacities in project development and fundraising	Core		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing a training workshop on project development/fundraising 						
TOTAL MA2a - Mobilizing and diversifying funding sources				75 000 €	-	-	-	-	75 000€

MA3	IMPLEMENTATION OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH ACCOBAMS
MA3a	Improve the level of implementation of and compliance with ACCOBAMS Resolutions as well as the monitoring of its progress

Expected outcomes	Level of implementation and compliance with ACCOBAMS Resolutions improved
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Implement the mid-term revised ACCOBAMS Strategy	Core	Secretariat, Parties, Scientific Committee Partners, SRCUs, Non-Party Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflecting in the Work Programme the revised ACCOBAMS Strategy following the mid-term evaluation of its effectiveness 	-					
Propose remedy actions in cases of non-follow-up with ACCOBAMS Resolutions and infringements	Core	Follow up Committee, Secretariat, Parties, Scientific Committee Partners, SRCUs, Non-Party Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convening a Follow up Committee meeting Applying Follow up Procedures 	5 000€	5 000€ (LB 2500)				
TOTAL MA3a - Improve the level of implementation of and compliance with ACCOBAMS resolutions as well as the monitoring of its progress				5 000€	5 000€	-	-	-	-

MA4	ACCOBAMS EXTENSION AREA
MA4a	Ensure implementation of the ACCOBAMS's cetacean conservation standards in the adjacent areas

Expected outcomes	ACCOBAMS's cetacean conservation standards implemented in the adjacent areas
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Encourage ratification of Amendment for geographical extension of the Agreement area to the Atlantic	Core	Secretariat, Depositary		-					
TOTAL MA4a - Ensure implementation of the ACCOBAMS's cetacean conservation standards in the adjacent areas				-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL MANAGEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT (MA)	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
			OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
	342 000€	232 600€	-	-	-	109 400€

CONSERVATION ACTIONS (CA)

CA1	IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE STATUS OF CETACEANS
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CA 1 a	Cetacean population estimates and distribution
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Expected outcomes	Improved knowledge of cetacean populations in the ACCOBAMS Area Global distribution and abundance of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and Black Seas established, based on results of surveys
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Interpret and disseminate results / subsequent recommendations of the ASI in the Mediterranean and Black Seas	Core	Scientific Committee Secretariat Parties, Non-Party Range States Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing workshops dedicated to ASI data analysis/interpretation (CB) Publishing a report on the ASI results Disseminating the ASI results and experience in relevant regional/international fora 	182 000 €			134 000 € (VC to ASI Project)	48 000 € (MAVA and FPA2 ASI Project)	
Support long-term monitoring in the ACCOBAMS Area using the ASI framework (methodology, network, funding mechanism...)	High	Secretariat, Parties, Non-Party Range States, Scientific Committee Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing coordination meetings at the sub-regional level Developing a strategy to fund ASI on the long-term Supporting the development of specific collaborations among scientific entities Supporting implementation of sub regional surveys 	30 000 €				15 000 € (MAVA ASI Project)	15 000 €

Promote the use of multidisciplinary surveys (such as fisheries / acoustic surveys), innovative technologies (UAV, satellite) and of platforms of opportunity (ferries, whale watching vessels, navy vessels, etc..) to collect data on cetacean's distribution and abundance	Core	Scientific Committee Secretariat Parties, Non-Party Range States Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing guidelines / best practices on the implementation of multidisciplinary surveys and on the use of platform of opportunity and innovative technologies to collect data on cetacean's distribution and abundance • Reviewing the existing surveys/scientific efforts at the national/regional scale that could be used to collect data on distribution and abundance of cetaceans • Collaborating with relevant Organisations, such as ICCAT, to collect data on distribution and abundance of cetaceans 	32 500 €	20 000 € (LB 53)			12 500 € (MAVA ASI Project)	
Initiate the establishment of a regional repository for data on cetacean's distribution and abundance based on the conclusion of the ASI preparatory study for an information management system for cetacean survey data	High	Scientific Committee Secretariat SRCUs Parties, Non-Party Range States Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing proposal(s) for a data repository system 	10 000 €					10 000 €
TOTAL CA1a - Cetacean population estimates and distribution				254 500€	20 000€	-	134 000€	75 500€	25 000€

CA 1 b	Population Structure
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Expected outcomes	Improved knowledge on population structure in the ACCOBAMS Area and species conservation management plans completed Exchanges of samples facilitated for joint analysis Data exchanges facilitated for basin wide analysis
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Improve data collection on cetacean populations genetic in the ACCOBAMS Area	Medium	Secretariat Scientific Committee Parties, Non-Party Range States Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing regional trainings on data collection and analysis (CB) Establishing Guidelines / Best Practices 	36 000€					36 000€
Encourage better collaboration between tissue banks to facilitate exchanges of samples for joint analysis	High	Scientific Committee Secretariat Parties, Non-Party Range States Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and contacting reference laboratories in the ACCOBAMS Area Supporting the development of specific collaborations among scientific entities 	2 000€					2 000€
Improve photo ID data collection and dissemination	High	Partners, Parties, Non-Party Range States Scientific Committee Secretariat, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entering data in photo ID Catalogues Using Web based databases Organizing regional trainings on photo ID Catalogues (CB) 	20 000€					20 000€
TOTAL CA1b - Population Structure				58 000€	-	-	-	-	58 000€

CA 1 c	Monitoring cetacean's status
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Expected outcomes	<p>IUCN threat status of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area is assessed</p> <p>ACCOBAMS Status report on the State of Conservation of Cetaceans is updated and made available on IUCN and ACCOBAMS websites</p> <p>Regional conservation plan for cetaceans in the Black Sea is revised and implemented at the national level</p> <p>Conservation management plans for cetacean species are developed and implemented</p> <p>National Action Plans for cetaceans are developed and implemented</p>
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Contribute to IUCN threat status assessment of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area and update it as relevant	Core	Scientific Committee Secretariat , Parties, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaking species assessments Organising joint ACCOBAMS--IUCN experts' workshop 	10 000€	5 000€ (LB 53)				5 000€
Update ACCOBAMS Status report on the State of Conservation of Cetaceans, using ASI results	High	Scientific Committee Secretariat , Parties, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and publishing an updated ACCOBAMS Status report on the State of Conservation of Cetaceans 	20 000€				20 000 € (MAVA and FPA2 ASI Project)	-
Revise the Regional Conservation Plan for cetacean in Black Sea	Core	Secretariat, SRCUs Parties Non-Party Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaking the revision of the Regional Conservation Plan for cetacean in Black Sea, in collaboration with the BSC, taking into consideration the IWC Conservation Management Plan. 	2 000€	2 000€ (LB 53)				-

		Scientific Committee, Partners,							
Develop/ revise/ implement relevant Conservation Management Plans for cetacean species	Core	Scientific Committee Secretariat, Parties Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing ACCOBAMS-IWC-IUCN Experts Workshop(s) to develop/ revise/ conservation Management Plans for cetacean species, taking into account all national conservation plans Supporting the implementation of relevant actions of the approved Conservation Management Plans for cetacean species with emphasize of coordination actions and organization with stakeholders' workshop Organize a joint workshop on common dolphin with ASCOBANS during ECS 2021, (depending on Voluntary Contribution or Ext funds) 	45 000€	35 000 (LB 53)				10 000€
Facilitate the Development/ revision/ implementation of National or Regional Action Plans for cetaceans	High	Parties Non-Party Range States, Secretariat, SRCUs Scientific Committee, Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the revision / development of two National Action Plans for cetaceans in collaboration with SRCUs and national authorities (Algeria already identified) 	13 000€		5 000€			8 000€
TOTAL CA1c - Monitoring cetacean's status				90 000€	42 000€	5 000€	-	20 000€	23 000€

CA 1 d	Functional stranding networks and responses to emergency situation
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Expected outcomes	Official National Stranding networks are established and operating Information on stranding events regularly exchanged among national networks
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Set up /Reinforce official national stranding networks (with all national institutions concerned) as appropriate, and encourage collaborations among national networks of Parties	Core	Parties, Scientific Committee, Secretariat, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing a study on legal/institutional status of National stranding networks in order to assist experts in the establishment of official national stranding network when relevant • Organizing trainings on necropsies, live strandings and response to emergency situation in the ACCOBAMS area following the best practices on causes of death including marine litters, and on the use of relevant databases (CB) • Entering relevant national data into relevant databases, such as MEDACES • Promoting the use of a database of experts/stranding authorities • Encouraging the creation of a permanent expert panel on strandings to assist on emergencies and unusual mortality 	41 000€	17 000€ (LB53)		6 000€ (Italian voluntary contribution 2018)		18 000€
TOTAL CA1d - Functional stranding networks and responses to emergency situation				41 000€	17 000€	-	6 000€	-	18 000€

CA2	REDUCE HUMAN PRESSURES ON CETACEANS, IN PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO BYCATCH, HABITAT LOSS AND DEGRADATION (POLLUTION)
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CA 2 a	Interactions with fisheries / aquaculture
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Expected outcomes	Impacts of cetaceans' bycatch and depredation are assessed and mitigation measures are tested Regional bycatch/depredation strategy is developed Ecotourism activities (whale watching and pescaturism) are promoted as an alternative income source to fishermen impacted by depredation
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	ET	
Assess / Monitor the impacts of interactions with fisheries/ aquaculture (bycatch, depredation and prey depletion) and propose alternative best practices measures and / or technics	Core	Parties Scientific Committee, through the JBWG Secretariat, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replicating projects on interactions with fisheries Implementing on-board observers programme and port questionnaires, and testing mitigation measures in the countries supported by the MAVA funded projects Assessing /updating the extent of interactions with fisheries/ aquaculture in other countries, including through the use of stranding data Collaborating with relevant entities, in particular with GFCM and IWC BMI 	211 000€	11 000€ (LB 52)			150 000 €	50 000 € for replicating projects
Develop a regional strategy on cetaceans' bycatch and depredation	High	Scientific Committee, through the JBWG Parties Secretariat, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration of Cetaceans' bycatch and depredation issues in the strategy document to be prepared in the MedBycatch project Collaborating with relevant entities, in particular with GFCM and IWC BMI 	5 000 €				5 000 € (MAVA Medbycatch project)	-

Provide support to Parties to promote the development of ecotourism activities as an alternative income to fishermen	High	Scientific Committee, [through the WWWG] Parties Secretariat, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Guidance policy document for the development of sustainable ecotourism and whale watching activities • Supporting the identification of areas for the development of ecotourism activities as an alternative income to fishermen 	5 000 €				5 000 € (MAVA Depredation project)	-
TOTAL CA2a - Interactions with fisheries / aquaculture				221 000€	11 000€	-	-	160 000€	50 000€

CA 2 b	Anthropogenic underwater noise
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Expected outcomes	Core anthropogenic activities generating underwater noise are monitored in the ACCOBAMS Area Mitigation measures for anthropogenic activities generating underwater noise are used
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	ET	
Encourage the monitoring of anthropogenic activities generating underwater noise	Core	Scientific Committee including through the JNNG Secretariat, Parties Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs QM2 partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing trainings for national entities on noise monitoring (CB), including analyses of PAM collected data in some identified priority areas Taking into consideration work achieved and advices provided by the JNNG Revising/completing impulsive noise hotspots maps of the ACCOBAMS area using Big Data Platform Supporting monitoring programmes of impulsive noise impact indicator in particular by managing the regional impulsive noise register, proposing methodology to establish threshold values and implementing pilot studies Disseminating deliverables of the QuietMed and QuietMed2 projects on guidance for underwater noise monitoring and assessment, Supporting the development of projects to monitor continuous noise'. Revising and updating the ACCOBAMS Guidelines on underwater noise Developing cooperation on underwater noise issue with other international Organizations 	143 000€	8 000€ (LB 54) (Register)		30 000€ (Italian voluntary contribution 2018)	48 000€ (QM2 - project) 9 000€ (CeNoBS project)	<p style="text-align: center;">37 500€</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 000€ Training in PAM • 4 000€ Guidelines • 8 000€ Hotspots maps • 5 500€ Collaboration

Encourage the use of mitigation measures for anthropogenic activities generating underwater noise	Core	Scientific Committee including through the JNWG Secretariat, Parties Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the ACCOBAMS Highly qualified MMO/PAM operators' certificate • Granting the status of ACCOBAMS HQMMO Partners to entities for the implementation of the Highly qualified MMO/PAM operators' certificate • Revising and updating the ACCOBAMS "Guide for Parties to use mitigation measures " • Developing cooperation on underwater noise issues with other International Organizations 	10 000€	2 000€ (LB 54)				4 000€ promoting MMO/PAM certificate
TOTAL CA2b - Anthropogenic underwater noise				153 000€	24 500€	-	30 000€	57 000€	41 500€

CA 2 c	Ship strikes
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Expected outcomes	Occurrence of ship strikes in high risk areas is reduced
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	ET	
Monitor / assess high-risk areas for ship strikes (CCH) in the Mediterranean Sea	High	Scientific Committee Secretariat, Parties, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging the entry of ship strikes data in relevant databases Developing a protocol for investigating and documenting ship strikes injuries and mortalities Identifying high risk areas for ship strikes (CCH) Developing cooperation on ships strike issue with other International Organizations, such IWC, EMSA (EU) / REMPEC / IMO and contributing in any other relevant initiatives, projects and workshops in the ACCOBAMS Area 	24 000€	10 000 € (LB 52)				14 000€
Promote the use of mitigation measures	High	Secretariat, Scientific Committee Parties, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following up on mitigation measures implemented Promoting the use of relevant mitigation tools/measures (CB) Pursue the development of a “whale safe” certificate 	6 000€					6 000€
TOTAL CA2c - Ship strikes				30 000€	10 000€	-	-	-	20 000€

CA 2 d	Cetacean watching
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Expected outcomes	Cetacean watching activities are properly conducted in the ACCOBAMS Area
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	ET	
Maximize the chance of detecting potential adverse impacts of whale watching activities on individual cetaceans and on populations	High	Scientific Committee through the WWWG Secretariat, Parties Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering information on cetacean watching activities and identifying potential issues in order to identify the hotspots of WW activities in the ACCOBAMS area Testing the proposed common procedure (data collection system) for whale watching vessels in pilot areas and a variety of operation types (e.g. the Liguro-Provençal Basin, Gibraltar Strait, and south Portugal), in collaboration with relevant projects such as EcoStrim Revising the Guidelines for commercial cetacean-watching in the ACCOBAMS Area (in accordance, if relevant, with the guidance document to be prepared on the development of ecotourism activities as an alternative income to fishermen) Working in close cooperation with IWC and other relevant International Organizations 	17 000€	4 000€ (LB 52)		4 000€ (French voluntary contribution 2010)		<p style="text-align: center;">9 000€</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 000€ Identification of hotspots of WW activities 6 000€ Testing proposed common procedure

Support the implementation of the HQWW certificate in the ACCOBAMS area	High	Parties Partners Secretariat, Non-Party Range States, Scientific Committee SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting the implementation of the HQWW certificate by Parties and in areas -based management measures in collaboration with relevant projects such as EcoStrim Organizing Trainings on HQWW (CB Parties) Liaising with relevant tourism Organisations 	3 600 €	3 000€ (LB 54)		600€ (French voluntary contribution 2010)		-
TOTAL CA2d - Cetacean watching				20 600€	7 000€	-	4 600€	-	9 000€

CA 2 e	Marine litter
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Expected outcomes	The monitoring of marine litter in relation with cetaceans is improved
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	ET	
Monitor the impacts of marine litter (ingested marine litter / microplastics / entanglements in ghost nets) on cetaceans	Core	Scientific Committee Secretariat, Parties Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the implementation of the standardized necropsy protocol including the assessment of ingested marine litter and entanglement in ghost nets Supporting pilot monitoring activities at the sub regional level through the implementation of the standardized necropsy protocol including the assessment of ingested marine litter and entanglement in ghost nets Encouraging the report in stranding databases of marine 	65 000€	11 500€ (LB 52)		18 000€ (Italian voluntary contribution 2019)		35 500€ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 000€ Pilot monitoring activities 5 500€ Collaboration

			litters data collected during necropsies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying potential hotspot areas for cetacean entanglement and ingestion of marine litter, including through the assessment of entanglements/ingested marine litters during necropsies • Promoting/ supporting/ liaising with projects, research activities in order to evaluate and assess impact of microplastic on cetaceans using big data platform • Collaborating with relevant Organizations (MEDPOL) and projects, in particular Plastic Busters MPAs, Healthy Seas and Black Sea projects 						
TOTAL CA2e - Marine litter				65 000€	11 500€	-	18 000€	-	35 500€

CA 2 f		Chemical & biological pollution							
Expected outcomes		ACCOBAMS collaborates with relevant Organizations on this issue							
Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	ET	
Liaise with relevant other Organizations, such as IWC, to assess the impact of chemical & biological pollution (such as pathogens, invasive species) on cetaceans	Medium	Scientific Committee Secretariat, Parties Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a bibliographic review on the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans Developing Guidelines on the best practices to assess the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans with a focus on emerging contaminants Developing specific collaboration Participating in relevant Meetings and Side events 	5 000 €			5 000€ (Italian voluntary contribution 2019)		
TOTAL CA2f - Chemical & biological pollution				5 000€	-	-	5 000€	-	-

CA 2 g		Climate change							
Expected outcomes		ACCOBAMS cooperates with regional initiatives on climate change, taking into account cetacean conservation							
Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Contribute to regional initiatives on climate change	Medium	Scientific Committee Secretariat, Parties Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with relevant CMS Working Group • Participating in Meetings and side events 	2 000€			2 000€ (Italian voluntary contribution 2019)		
TOTAL CA2g - Climate change				2 000€	-	-	2 000€	-	-

CA 2 h	Captivity related issues
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Expected outcomes	All specimens held in captivity in the ACCOBAMS area are listed The identification of origin of <i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i> bred or kept in captivity is undertaken
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Identify specimens held in captivity in the ACCOBAMS area, including the case of reintroduction in accordance with the provision of the Resolution 3.20	High	Scientific Committee Parties Non-Party Range States, Secretariat Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating and completing the overview of specimens held in captivity in the ACCOBAMS area, including the case of reintroduction in accordance with the provision of the Resolution 3.20 Legal and scientific analysis // Evaluating the situation of semi-captivity in ACCOBAMS area and providing Guidelines or reference document 	6 000€					6 000€
Identify origin of cetaceans bred or kept in captivity /Genetic passport for dolphins in captivity / in order to support the implementation of the CITES decisions 17.299 to 17.301 on bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i>)	Medium	Secretariat Scientific Committee Parties Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of genetic passport in view of disseminate protocol or methodology for such cases Support the development of a genetic registry for Black Sea bottlenose dolphins by CITES 	15 000€					15 000€
TOTAL CA2h - Captivity related issues				21 000€	-	-	-	-	21 000€

CA3	ENHANCE EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION OF CETACEANS CRITICAL HABITATS
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CA 3 a	Area-based measures for cetacean conservation
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Expected outcomes	<p>Cetacean Critical Habitats are updated</p> <p>Implementation of relevant measures are initiated in some pilot Cetacean Critical Habitats</p>
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
Regularly update Cetacean Critical Habitats (CCH) including by identifying priority areas for action to mitigate the known threats (bycatch...) / area-based management measures	Core	Scientific Committee, Secretariat, Parties, Partners, Non-Party Range States, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering data, in particular through the organization of regional workshops to update CCH, considering the IMMAs and EBSAs process 	28 000€	24 000€ (LB 53) 4 000€ (LB 1501)				
Support implementation of relevant measures for adequate management in CCH	Core	Scientific Committee, Secretariat, Parties, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and promoting relevant management measures in pilot CCH, in collaboration with all stakeholders (CB) Collaborating with other Organizations, such as UNEP-MAP/RAC-SPA, BSC, IMO, IWC, and GFCM, in particular through the Strategic Alliance 	33 000€	30 000€ (LB 53) 3 000€ (LB 1501)				€
TOTAL CA3a - Area-based measures for cetacean conservation				61 000€	61 000€	-	-	-	-

CA4	ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT CETACEANS
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CA 4 a	Information /Communication / Awareness about cetaceans
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Expected outcomes	<p>All ACCOBAMS Bodies, national focal/contact points, Partners and other relevant national institutions, Organizations and experts are familiar with activities implemented by or relevant for ACCOBAMS and share information accurately</p> <p>General public and other relevant stakeholders are aware about cetaceans and need for their conservation through activities supported by or linked to ACCOBAMS</p>
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
						OC 2017/2019	VC	ET	
Maintain regular information/ communication about ongoing activities, cooperation and funding possibilities, cetacean conservation scientists and experts operating in the region and other relevant information; facilitate communication among cetacean conservation actors of the ACCOBAMS area, in particular in Southern Mediterranean countries	Core	Secretariat, Scientific Committee, Partners, SRCUs, Parties, Non-Party Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing an information/ communication strategy 	10 000€	10 000€ (LB 54)				
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing a Conference on cetacean conservation in South Mediterranean Countries - CSMC (CB) 	40 000€	15 000€ (LB 54)				25 000€
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the current citizen sciences initiatives in the ACCOBAMS area and produce basic guidelines on the use and how to gather information Evaluating the relevance of "Citizen Science" input of cetaceans' sightings in expert-supervised databases Organizing Public awareness events Developing Information material and tools Promoting cetacean conservation actions during national and international events 	30 000 €	22 000€ (LB 54)				8 000€ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 000€ Citizen sciences 5 000€ Awareness events and information material

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producing annual newsletter (FINS) Posting on ACCOBAMS Website and social media Posting on NETCCOBAMS 						
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the functioning of MEDACES 	67 500€					67 500€
Introduce in a new Country / Disseminate the ACCOBAMS Teaching Module courses	High		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing the Teaching Module in a new country and supporting its dissemination where the module has already been introduced (CB) Collaborating in relevant projects such as the realization of the Master of first level in "Conservation Medicine of Aquatic Animals" and the project "Human Oceans Professional Experts" (HOPE) 	15 000€/Country					15 000€
Enhance public awareness about cetacean's conservation in the ACCOBAMS area	Core	Secretariat, Parties SRCUs Non-Party Range States Scientific Committee, Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing the ACCOBAMS Cetacean Day Delivering a conservation Awards (ECS, Partners) Producing Press releases Posting on social media 	6 000€	1 000€ (LB 54)				5 000€ Partner Award
TOTAL CA4a - Information /Communication / Awareness about cetaceans				168 500€	48 000€	-	-	-	120 500€

TOTAL CONSERVATION ACTIONS (CA)	Total Budget (€)	OC 2020/2022	Funds secured (€)			Required additional VC/EF (€)
			OC 2017/2019	VC	EF	
			1 190 600€	252 000€	5 000€	