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# **TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TASK MANAGERS**

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### I- General considerations

#### 1. *Which members of the Scientific Committee can be designated as Task Manager?*

Pursuant to the Resolution 7.7 relative to the Scientific Committee, at its first Meeting, the Scientific Committee shall designate four "task managers" among the following experts:

- experts appointed by CIESM,
- experts appointed by IUCN,
- regional representatives,
- representative from ECS,
- representative from IWC,
- representative from CMS.

Additional members of the Scientific Committee, designated by the Parties on a voluntary basis, cannot be designated as Task Manager.

#### 2. *Which topics will be assigned to the Task Managers?*

Pursuant to the Resolution 7.7 relative to the Scientific Committee, it is asked that at its first meeting after the Meeting of Parties, the Scientific Committee shall discuss, select and assign specific topics for each task manager, taking into account the priorities set in the Work Programme for the triennium.

In the 2020/2022 ACCOBAMS Work Programme (Resolution 7.6), Actions are divided in 3 levels of priority:

- Core
- High
- Medium

All this information is included in the document ACCOBAMS-SC13/2020/Doc05 (Work programme 2020-2022 with priorities identified by Parties at MOP7).

The priority issues of the Work Program will be shared between four task managers according to their respective fields of expertise and the conservation action priority levels. The assignment of topics will be adopted by the Scientific Committee.

As far as necessary, these appointments can be modified during the triennium upon decision of the Chair of the Scientific Committee, in consultation with the Vice-Chair and in concertation with the Executive Secretary.

Taking into account experience from the previous triennium, it is also proposed:

- to identify "vice task managers" to assist each task manager in their tasks,
- to create a supporting group for each task manager.

**II- Terms of reference for the task managers**

1. The task managers, in addition to their role as members of the Scientific Committee, will coordinate, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, the work of the Scientific Committee concerning the topics that has been assigned by the Scientific Committee.
2. The task managers, together with other members of the Scientific Committee, the Permanent Secretariat and Bureau, the Sub-Regional Coordinating Units, ACCOBAMS Partners and international and national non-governmental Organizations, will contribute to promoting the actions necessary to facilitate implementation of the Work Program, bearing in mind the Resolutions adopted by the Meetings of the Parties.
3. The task managers, together with other members of the Scientific Committee, will further contribute to promote cooperation with scientific Institutions in the ACCOBAMS area.
4. The task managers will conduct their work in close collaboration with the Chair of the Scientific Committee, with the Secretariat of the agreement and, when actions are interconnected, with the other task managers or with relevant ACCOBAMS working groups as appropriate.
5. The task managers will mainly work by email; they will try to meet other relevant experts possibly when other meetings are already scheduled (e.g. ECS, IWC, etc.).
6. The task managers may be asked to attend meetings on behalf of the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat, pertinent to their field of expertise.
7. Each task manager shall provide a report to the meetings of the Scientific Committee on the topics he or she is in charge of.
8. During the Scientific Committee meeting, each task manager will assist the Secretariat by providing a summary of relevant discussions and conclusions for inclusion in the Meeting report.