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“Expected from the SC by SC14” are the activities to be undertaken or the outputs to be produced by Scientific Committee members before the next Scientific Committee Meeting in Autumn 2021.

Scientific Committee members will be invited to take note of the presented information and to provide their comments on the 2020-2022 activities.

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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	Expected from the SC by SC14
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the final report of the Mediterranean and Black Sea ASI/CeNoBS surveys Consider the results of the workshop on the development of conservation recommendations using the ASI results
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on the long-term Programme of Monitoring for the ACCOBAMS area
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the results of the experimentations and studies related to the use of UAV and floating drones currently being conducted (ASI UAV project and Sphyrna Odyssey project) Contribute to a study on the use of multidisciplinary surveys and platforms

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with relevant Organisations, such as ICCAT, to collect data on distribution and abundance of cetaceans 	<p>of opportunity to collect data on distribution and/or abundance of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the development of Methods & protocols / guidelines to collect data on cetacean's distribution and/or abundance using existing multidisciplinary surveys and platforms of opportunity, focusing in priority on ferries and fisheries surveys
<p>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</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Scientific Committee Secretariat SRCUs Parties, Non-Party Range States, Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing proposal(s) for a data repository system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise on the proposals

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
Improve data collection on cetacean populations genetic in the ACCOBAMS Area	<i>Medium</i>	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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to regional trainings on data collection and analysis // require additional funds • Guidelines or Best practices on data collection for genetic studies // require additional funds
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the identification of reference laboratories in the ACCOBAMS Area // no cost
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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance document on how entering data in photo ID Catalogues and preparation of matrix for future analyses

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to IUCN threat status assessment / reassessment ongoing process
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the updated ACCOBAMS Status report on the State of Conservation of Cetaceans
Revise the Regional Conservation Plan for cetacean in Black Sea	Core	Secretariat, SRCUs Parties Non-Party Range States Scientific Committee, Partners,	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the revision of the Regional Conservation Plan for cetacean in Black Sea
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the finalization of Fin Whales, Grampus, Bottlenose and common dolphin's CMP • Participation in steering committees and in the identification of relevant coordinators

			<p>coordination actions and organization with stakeholders' workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize a joint workshop on common dolphin with ASCOBANS during ECS 2021, (depending on Voluntary Contribution or Ext funds) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of relevant other species for CMP (sperm whales?)
Facilitate the Development/ revision/ implementation of National or Regional Action Plans for cetaceans	High	<p>Parties Non-Party Range States, Secretariat, SRCUs Scientific Committee, Partners</p>	<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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of SC in the preparation of the NAP in Algeria

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the organization of 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 • Contribute to the creation of a permanent expert panel on strandings to assist on emergencies and unusual mortality • Report of the permanent expert panel on strandings • Advise the project coordinator of the project funded under the ACCOBAMS Supplementary Conservation Funds in Algeria to support the establishment of a new operational stranding network • Advise the project coordinator of the project funded under the ACCOBAMS Supplementary Conservation Funds in Ukraine to support the establishment of the bank of tissue samples in Ukraine

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 pescatourism) 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	Expected from the SC by SC14
Assess / Monitor the impacts of interactions with fisheries/ aquaculture (bycatch, depredation and prey depletion) and propose alternative best practices measures and / or technics	Core	<p>Parties Scientific Committee, through the JBWG Secretariat, Non-Party Range States, Partners, SRCUs</p>	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report of the JBWG to be presented at SC14 • Follow and advise the implementation of the Medbycatch project, participate in the project Scientific Committee and consider the results of the project that will be presented at SC14 • Follow and advise the implementation of the MAVA Depredation project, participate in relevant meetings and consider the results of the project that will be presented at SC14 • Report on the data from the stranding networks on stranded cetaceans presenting bycatch evidences • Advise the project coordinator of the project funded under the ACCOBAMS Supplementary Conservation Funds in Bulgaria to monitor and mitigate cetacean bycatch and consider the results of the project that will be presented at SC14

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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the policy brief coordinated by GFCM on bycatch/depredation (whom the main elements will be included in the new GFCM mid-term Strategy)
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Guidance policy document for the development of sustainable ecotourism and whale watching activities (if available)

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
Encourage the monitoring of anthropogenic activities generating underwater noise	Core	Scientific Committee including through the JNWG 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 JNWG • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of JNWG in the organization of trainings for national entities on noise monitoring (CB), including analyses of PAM collected data in some identified priority areas // required additional funds • Progress report of the JNWG • Consider the report on noise hotspots in the ACCOBAMS area • Consider progress reports on the ongoing projects on noise including QuietMed2 on impulsive noise where the JNWG is involved
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report of the MMO WG

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the development of a protocol for investigating and documenting ship strikes injuries and mortalities based on the Resolution 7.14 // Task of the WG on ship strikes • Report on the identification of high-risk areas for ship strikes (CCH)
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on the follow-up of mitigation measures already implemented // Task of the WG on ship strikes • Contribute to the promotion of the use of relevant mitigation tools/measures • Document on the development of a “whale safe” certificate // No cost

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
Maximize the chance of detecting potential adverse impacts of whale watching activities on individual cetaceans and on populations	High	Scientific Committee through the WSWG 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report of the WSWG to be presented at SC14 • Study on the identification of WW activities in the ACCOBAMS Area to be presented at SC14 • Results of the test of the common procedure to be presented at SC14 • Updated Guidelines for commercial cetacean-watching in the ACCOBAMS Area for SC14
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 	

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
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 litters data collected during necropsies • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of the pilot monitoring activities implemented in the Adriatic area to be presented at SC14 • Report on the identification of hotspot areas of interactions between cetaceans and marine litter (entanglement and ingestion)

CA 2 f	Chemical & biological pollution
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Expected outcomes	ACCOBAMS collaborates with relevant Organizations on this issue
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Expected from the SC by SC14
Liaise with relevant other Organizations, such as IWC, to assess the impact of chemical & biological pollution (such as pathogens, invasive species) on cetaceans	<i>Medium</i>	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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the bibliographic review on the impacts of chemical pollution on cetaceans to be presented at SC14 • Guidelines on the best practices to assess the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans with a focus on emerging contaminants to be presented at SC14

CA 2 g	Climate change
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Expected outcomes	ACCOBAMS cooperates with regional initiatives on climate change, taking into account cetacean conservation
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Expected from the SC by SC14
Contribute to regional initiatives on climate change	<i>Medium</i>	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 	Reports on the activity funded by an Italian Voluntary Contribution on the evolution of some cetacean's population with environmental changes over 25 years in the North-Western Mediterranean Sea and propose monitoring system, using the ACCOBAMS Big Data analytics tools constructed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the available bibliography on the impact of climate change on cetaceans. • Cross over the information regarding evolution of some cetacean's populations with environmental changes over 25 years in the North-Western Mediterranean Sea. • Development of recommendations on monitoring system in the framework of climate change impacts assessment.

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference document on a scientific point of view of potential semi-captivity “centers” in the ACCOBAMS area
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the development of genetic passport (additional funds required) • Support in the development genetic registry for Black Sea bottlenose dolphins by CITES (additional funds required)

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	Cetacean Critical Habitats are updated Implementation of relevant measures are initiated in some pilot Cetacean Critical Habitats
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Proposed Action(s)	Priority	Action lead by and in cooperation with	Means of implementation	Expected from the SC by SC14
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on CCH updated Contribute to the development of recommendations on area-based management measures
Support implementation of relevant measures for adequate management in CCH	Core	Scientific Committee, Secretariat, Parties, Partners, Non-Party Range States, 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 Strategical Alliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on management measures implemented in pilot CCH

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	Expected from the SC by SC14
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 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing a Conference on cetacean conservation in South Mediterranean Countries - CSMC (CB) 	
			<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 Producing annual newsletter (FINS) Posting on ACCOBAMS Website and social media Posting on NETCCOBAMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the current citizen sciences initiatives in the ACCOBAMS area Report on the relevance of "Citizen Science" input of cetaceans' sightings in expert-supervised databases Contribute to the recommendations on the use and how to gather information
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)	
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 	