The Mediterranean Database of Cetacean Strandings
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15598 stranding records
22 species
29 countries
North Mediterranean Countries (NMC) – 12275
South Mediterranean Countries (SMC) - 870
Black Sea Countries - 2453

BIOGEOGRAPHIC APPROACHES

Balaenoptera acutorostrata

Increasing trends of this visitor species 62 records in total

Steno bredanensis

Relict species (Kerem et al., 2016) 17 records in total

CONSERVATION APPROACHES

Tursiops truncatus and Delphinus delphis

ACCOBAMS developed in 2004 a Conservation Plan for the long-beaked Common Dolphin of the Mediterranean and the bottlenose dolphin is listed in several conservation plans as a protected species

2047 records of T. truncatus of which 317 are from SMC, with the major part of them in Israel (176) and Tunisia (102)

1130 records of D. delphis of which 122 are from SMC, with a peak of 59 from Algeria

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

The contribution with new stranding records from SMC would help achieve one of the principal purposes of this database: to get a global view of the information and trends of Mediterranean cetacean species and in this way be able to apply efficient management strategies in the ACCOBAMS Area.

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