

DRAFT RESOLUTION 8.13
NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

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

Recalling Annex 2 of the Agreement on the conservation, research and management measures to be applied by Parties to achieve ACCOBAMS purpose,

Considering that national action plans, as dedicated policy documents, are aimed to support the implementation of ACCOBAMS at the national level,

Considering that such national action plans should be developed following an integrated and participatory approach involving competent authorities, managers, scientists, non-governmental organizations and other interested stakeholders,

Taking into consideration regional strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation of cetaceans, such as the ongoing ACCOBAMS Conservation Management Plan efforts,

Taking into consideration Decision IG.25/13 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention, in particular its Annex 1 on the Action Plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea,

Taking into consideration Decision IG.25/11 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention on the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO),

Taking into consideration the relevant decisions under the Bucharest Convention,

1. *Invites* each Party, in accordance with its particular conditions and capabilities, to:
 - (a) Update or develop one or more national action plans for the conservation of cetaceans, which shall integrate, *inter alia*, the measures set out in the Agreement, in particular its Annex 2,
 - (b) Adapt, for this purpose, existing national relevant programmes,
 - (c) Integrate, as far as possible and as appropriate, the conservation of cetaceans into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies;
2. *Invites* the Secretariat, the Sub-Regional Coordination Units and the Scientific Committee to provide assistance to the Parties in the development and the updating of their national action plans.