

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

<b>Item I</b>	<b>WELCOME ADDRESSES</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 29/11/22 - Morning
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<b>Item II</b>	<b>ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 29/11/22 Morning & Afternoon
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<b>II.1)</b>	<b>Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
The Chair informs on the applicable Rules of Procedure for the Meeting.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article XIV</li> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> </ul>	
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<b>II.2)</b>	<b>Granting the right to vote</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
According to Article 14. 2 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties, “Representatives of Parties which are three or more years behind in paying their subscriptions on the date of the opening session of the Meeting of the Parties shall not be eligible to vote. However, the Meeting of the Parties may allow such Parties to continue to exercise their right to vote if it is satisfied that the delay in payment arises from exceptional circumstances”. Greece and Libya provided formal letters to the Secretariat explaining the exceptional circumstances that led to the delay in payment, and the Meeting of the Parties will decide if each concerned Party will be exceptionally granted the right to vote during the MOP8.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptional circumstances for granting the right to vote MOP8/2022/<b>Doc05</b></li> <li>• Report of the Depository and Status of Ratifications MOP8/2022/<b>Doc08</b></li> <li>• Granting the right to vote MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.1</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article XIV</li> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> </ul>	
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Parties will be invited to:

- a) examine letters sent by Parties on “exceptional circumstances” justifying the delay in payment;
- b) decide if those Parties will be exceptionally granted the right to vote during MOP8.

II.3)	<b>Establishment of the Credentials Committee</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
In accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties, a Credentials Committee of no more than five representatives shall examine the credentials and report thereon to the Meeting. The Chair of the Bureau will invite the Committee to meet and submit conclusions at a later stage of the Meeting.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to establish a Credentials Committee.		

II.4)	<b>Report by the Credentials Committee</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Credentials Committee</i>		
The Credentials Committee will report on the conclusions of its examination and work.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to take note of those conclusions.		

II.5)	Admission of observers	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
Pursuant to Article III, paragraph 4, of the Agreement, the Secretariat presents the list of Organisations wishing to attend the Meeting as observers.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional List of Observers MOP8/2022/Doc06Rev1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III, paragraph 4</li> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to admit observers to the Meeting.		

II.6)	Election of the Bureau	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
Pursuant to Article VI of the Agreement Parties will be invited to elect the Bureau for the 2023-2025 triennium consisting of one Chair and four Vice-Chairs.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Article VI</li> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Bureau</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to decide on the composition of the Bureau for 2023-2025, and their new Chairperson.		

<b>II.7)</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
The newly elected Chairperson of the Bureau will introduce the Provisional Agenda.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional Agenda MOP8/2022/<b>Doc01Rev2</b></li> <li>• Provisional Annotated Agenda MOP8/2022/<b>Doc02Rev6</b></li> <li>• List of documents MOP8/2022/<b>Doc03Rev6</b></li> <li>• Provisional Timetable MOP8/2022/<b>Doc04Rev3</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) consider the Provisional Agenda and Timetable;</li> <li>b) propose AOB aspects not covered by the proposed Agenda;</li> <li>c) adopt the Agenda and Timetable of the Meeting.</li> </ul>		

<b>Item III</b>	<b>OPENING STATEMENTS</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 29/11/22 - Morning
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<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
Delegates and observers may do brief oral statements and are encouraged to provide their opening statements in writing to the Secretariat so they can be attached to the report (in English and/or in French).		

<b>Item IV</b>	<b>PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE AGREEMENT</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 29/11/22 Morning & Afternoon
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<b>IV.1)</b>	<b>National Reports</b>	
<i>IV.1) a.</i>	<i>Synthesis of the National Reports of the Parties</i>	

***Presented by: The Secretariat / Parties***

According to Article VIII of the Agreement, each Party shall prepare a report on their implementation of the Agreement, for submission to the ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties.

The Secretariat will present a synthesis of the implementation of the Agreement by the Parties. Delegates willing to provide additional information on the activities undertaken by their Countries may take the floor.

**Documents**

- Synthesis of implementation of ACCOBAMS by Parties  
MOP8/2022/**Doc07**
- List of National Focal Points  
MOP8/2022/**Inf02**
- National Reports of ACCOBAMS Parties  
MOP8/2022/**Inf03Rev1**

**Link with the Agreement / Resolutions**

- Article III
- Article VIII
- MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.9

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Parties will be invited to evaluate progress made, and further look into difficulties encountered in implementing the Agreement.

<i>IV.1) b.</i>	<i>Range States activities</i>	
<i>Presented by: States and regional economic integration Organizations that are not yet Party to the Agreement</i>		
The represented Countries and regional economic integration Organizations that are not yet Party to the Agreement will be invited to report on their cooperation with the Agreement and their activities on cetacean conservation carried out during 2020-2022, as well as on the current status concerning their accession to the Agreement.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
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<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to:		
a) comment on progress made in cetacean conservation in the ACCOBAMS area;		
b) make proposals to strengthen the collaboration with Countries and regional economic integration Organizations that are not yet Party to the Agreement.		

<b>IV.2)</b>	<b>Report of the Depositary and status of Ratifications</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Depositary of the Agreement</i>		
The Depositary of the Agreement - the Government of the Principality of Monaco - reports on the accession of new Parties to the Agreement and on the ratification status of Amendments to the Agreement during the triennium 2020-2022.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Depositary and Status of Ratifications MOP8/2022/Doc08</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article XVII</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to take note of the report of the Depositary country of ACCOBAMS.		

IV.3)	Report of the Bureau	
<i>Presented by: The former Chair of the Bureau</i>		
According to Article VI, paragraph 4, the Bureau provides a report on its activities for each session of the Meeting of the Parties. The Former Chair of the Bureau will present a report on the Bureau's activities and main decisions taken during 2020-2022.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Bureau MOP8/2022/Doc09</li> <li>• Report of the Thirteenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-BU13/2020/Doc25</i></li> <li>• Report of the Fourteenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-BU14/2022/Doc20</i></li> <li>• Report of the Fifth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-BUEXT5/2022/Doc11</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Article VI</li> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Bureau</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment the Bureau's report regarding 2020-2022.		

IV.4)	Report of the Secretariat	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
According to Article IV, paragraph 2 f), the Agreement Secretariat provides to each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties a report on the work of the Agreement Secretariat, the Co-ordination Units, the Bureau, and the Scientific Committee, and on the implementation of the Agreement based on information provided by the Parties and other sources. The Secretariat will present the activities implemented during 2020-2022, as well as the main achievements and pending issues to be addressed, through document MOP8/2022/Doc10, which is complemented by the many Information Documents listed below.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Secretariat MOP8/2022/Doc10</li> <li>• Summaries of the projects selected under the 2022 ACCOBAMS Call for proposals MOP8/2022/Inf05</li> <li>• Monitoring and mitigation of cetacean bycatch in Bulgarian waters - Final report MOP8/2022/Inf06</li> <li>• Establishing the bank of cetacean tissue samples in Ukraine - Progress report MOP8/2022/Inf07</li> <li>• Mise en place d'un nouveau réseau opérationnel pour le suivi des échouages de cétacés sur le littoral algérien - Progress report MOP8/2022/Inf08</li> <li>• Summary document on the development of the ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy MOP8/2022/Inf09</li> <li>• NETCCOBAMS Progress report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Article IV</li> </ul>	

**MOP8/2022/Inf10**

- The Use of Driftnets in the ACCOBAMS Area: A Review of Relevant Treaties and National Legislation  
**MOP8/2022/Inf11Rev1**
- Final report of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative (ASI) project  
**MOP8/2022/Inf12**
- Final report of the CeNoBS project  
**MOP8/2022/Inf13**
- Estimates of abundance and distribution of cetaceans, marine megafauna and marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea from 2018 2019 surveys  
**MOP8/2022/Inf14**
- Estimates of abundance and distribution of cetaceans in the Black Sea from 2019 surveys  
**MOP8/2022/Inf15**
- ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative - Evaluation Report (April 2021)  
**MOP8/2022/Inf16**
- ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative - Roadmap towards the financial sustainability of monitoring in the ACCOBAMS area  
**MOP8/2022/Inf17**
- Progress report of the ABIOMMED project  
**MOP8/2022/Inf18**
- Update on the Potential Use of Unmanned Vehicles for Cetacean Monitoring in the ACCOBAMS Area  
**MOP8/2022/Inf19**
- Potential use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for megafauna monitoring in the ACCOBAMS Agreement Area: transitioning to the new technology  
**MOP8/2022/Inf20**
- Automated detection of dolphins in imagery from unmanned aerial vehicles and performance optimisation Deep-learning in animal abundance surveys  
**MOP8/2022/Inf21**
- Testing the feasibility of unmanned surface vehicles to estimate the distribution and abundance of cetacean species  
**MOP8/2022/Inf22**
- Use of ferries as platforms of opportunity to monitor cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area: strengthening the network  
**MOP8/2022/Inf23**
- Monitoring cetacean populations using multi-disciplinary scientific surveys  
**MOP8/2022/Inf24**
- Report of the ACCOBAMS Workshop on Data Collection on Cetacean Population Genetics  
**MOP8/2022/Inf25**



- Information note on the IUCN Red List status  
MOP8/2022/**Inf26**
- Conserving Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises in the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and adjacent areas: an ACCOBAMS status report (2021)  
MOP8/2022/**Inf27**
- UNEP/MAP Action Plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea  
MOP8/2022/**Inf28**
- ACCOBAMS Conservation Management Plans (CMP)  
MOP8/2022/**Inf29**
- Report on the cetacean necropsy trainings  
MOP8/2022/**Inf30**
- Study on the legal status of stranding networks in the ACCOBAMS Area  
MOP8/2022/**Inf31**
- ACCOBAMS emergency task force to assist with emergencies and unusual mortality events: special issue in the Black Sea  
MOP8/2022/**Inf32**
- Review of available data on cetacean bycatch in stranding databases from the ACCOBAMS Area  
MOP8/2022/**Inf35**
- Cetacean bycatch in the Black Sea: an update from new research and testing mitigation measures  
MOP8/2022/**Inf36**
- Final report of the MedBycatch project  
MOP8/2022/**Inf37**
- Final report of the MAVA Depredation project  
MOP8/2022/**Inf38**
- Reports of the depredation pilot studies  
MOP8/2022/**Inf39**
- Review of available information on depredation by marine mammals in fishing gears in the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and contiguous areas  
MOP8/2022/**Inf40Rev1**
- Mitigating dolphin depredation in Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries: methodology for data collection  
MOP8/2022/**Inf41**
- Second Noise Hotspots Report: Updated overview of the noise hotspots in the ACCOBAMS Area  
MOP8/2022/**Inf43**
- Methodological guide v3.1: guidance on underwater noise mitigation measures  
MOP8/2022/**Inf44**

- Final report of the QuietMED2 project  
MOP8/2022/Inf45
- Progress report of the QUIETSEAS project  
MOP8/2022/Inf46
- Report of the MMOs workshop  
MOP8/2022/Inf47
- Identifying whale watching hotspots in the ACCOBAMS Area  
MOP8/2022/Inf48
- Study on the hotspots of interactions between cetaceans and marine litter in the ACCOBAMS area  
MOP8/2022/Inf49
- Bibliographic review on the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans, including the identification of ad hoc research projects aimed at assessing chemical pollution on cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area  
MOP8/2022/Inf50
- Guidelines on the best practices to assess the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans / to measure the chemical contamination on cetaceans  
MOP8/2022/Inf51
- Scientific perspective on “potential marine semi-enclosed facilities” in the ACCOBAMS Area  
MOP8/2022/Inf52
- Report of the Workshop on Cetacean Critical Habitats  
MOP8/2022/Inf53
- ACCOBAMS Best Practices on Cetacean Population Genetics  
MOP8/2022/Inf54
- Fifth Conference on cetacean conservation in South Mediterranean countries Report  
*Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-CSMC5/2021*

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Parties will be invited to take note and comment on the Secretariat’s report.

IV.5)	Report of the Scientific Committee and its Working Groups	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee</i>		
According to Article VII, paragraph 3 f) of the Agreement, the Scientific Committee prepares for each session of the Meeting of the Parties a report on its activities. The Chair of the Scientific Committee will present a document summing up the activities of the Scientific Committee, including its Working Groups. Recommendations issued by the Fourteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee (Monaco, 22-26 November 2021) will also be presented, as well as other relevant subjects for the implementation of ACCOBAMS. The preparation of draft Resolutions regarding scientific matters was based on these recommendations.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Scientific Committee and its Working Groups MOP8/2022/Doc11</li> <li>• Recommendations from the 1st Meeting of the Joint Bycatch Working Group of ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS MOP8/2022/Inf33</li> <li>• Report of the Joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Bycatch Working Group (JBWG) MOP8/2022/Inf34</li> <li>• Report of the Joint CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Noise Working Group (JNWG) MOP8/2022/Inf42</li> <li>• Report of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-SC13/2020/Doc19</i></li> <li>• Report of the Fourteenth Meeting of ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-SC14/2021/Doc40</i></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Article VII</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment on the Scientific Committee report.		
IV.6)	Report of the Sub Regional Coordination Units	
<i>Presented by: The Sub-Regional Coordination Units</i>		
Pursuant to Article V of the Agreement, the two Sub-Regional Coordination Units will report about the activities carried out during 2020-2022.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Black Sea Sub-Regional Coordination Unit including activities from Non-Parties MOP8/2022/Doc12</li> <li>• Report of the Mediterranean Sub-Regional Coordination Unit including activities from Non-Parties MOP8/2022/Doc13</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Article V</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment on reports presented by the Sub Regional Coordination Units.		

IV.7)	<b>Report of the Follow-up Committee</b>	
<i>Presented by: The President of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee</i>		
In accordance with Article 6, paragraph e), of the Rules on the ACCOBAMS Follow-up procedure, the Follow-up Committee shall “report on its activities at each ordinary Meeting of the Parties and make recommendations as it considers appropriate”. The Third Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee was held online on 29-30 March 2022. The President of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee will present the main considerations and recommendations issued from this Meeting.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee MOP8/2022/<b>Doc14</b></li> <li>• Report of the Third Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-FC3/2022/Doc11</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.4</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.8</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to:		
a) take note of the Follow-up Committee report;		
b) to consider, discuss and agree recommendations issued from their Third Meeting, held in 2022.		

IV.8)	<b>Reports of the ACCOBAMS Partners</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
Pursuant to Point 5 of the Rules and Commitments of ACCOBAMS Partners, ACCOBAMS Partners “shall report on the implementation of their activities” each triennium. The Secretariat presents the main activities reported as having been carried out by ACCOBAMS Partners during 2020-2022.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACCOBAMS Partners reports MOP8/2022/<b>Doc15Rev1</b></li> <li>• List of ACCOBAMS Partners MOP8/2022/<b>Inf04</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.9</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment on the reports received from ACCOBAMS Partners.		

IV.9)	Budgetary Reports	
IV.9) a.	<i>Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2020-2022</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat will report on incomes and expenses relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for the triennium 2020-2022.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2020-2022 MOP8/2022/Doc16Rev1</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article IX</li> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.6</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to consider and approve the report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2020-2022.		
IV.9) b.	<i>Report on the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat will report on the budgetary execution relevant to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund for the triennium 2020-2022.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund for 2020-2022 MOP8/2022/Doc17</li> <li>• Summaries of the projects selected under the 2022 ACCOBAMS Call for proposals MOP8/2022/Inf05</li> <li>• Monitoring and mitigation of cetacean bycatch in Bulgarian waters - Final report MOP8/2022/Inf06</li> <li>• Establishing the bank of cetacean tissue samples in Ukraine - Progress report MOP8/2022/Inf07</li> <li>• Mise en place d'un nouveau réseau opérationnel pour le suivi des échouages de cétacés sur le littoral algérien - Progress report MOP8/2022/Inf08</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article IX</li> <li>• MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.6</li> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.6</li> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.8</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to consider and approve the accounts for 2020-2022.		

IV.9) c.	<i>Report by the Fund Management Controller</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presented by: <b>The Secretariat</b></i></p> <p>Pursuant to the Terms of reference for the administration of the budget, the ACCOBAMS budget is audited by a Fund Management Controller. The Secretariat will present reports elaborated by the Fund Management Controller regarding the 2020-2022 triennium.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of the Fund Management Controller MOP8/2022/<b>Doc18Rev1</b></li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.6</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Parties will be invited to take note of the reports done by the Fund Management Controller for 2020-2022.</p>		

<b>Item V</b>	<b>INSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY ARRANGEMENTS</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 30/11/2022 Morning & Afternoon
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<b>V.1)</b>	<b>Work Programme and Budget for the 2023-2025 triennium</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.2 on “Work Programme and Budget for the triennium 2023-2025”.</p> <p>The draft 2023-2025 Work Programme was prepared taking into account progress made in the implementation of ongoing activities of the 2020-2022 Work Programme, national priorities as identified by Parties during the Fifth Meeting of ACCOBAMS National Representatives (Online, 12-15 July 2021), Recommendations from the Fourteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee (Monaco, 22-26 November 2021), views provided by the Scientific Committee members, and recommendations from different workshops/activities carried out during the 2020-2022 triennium.</p> <p>For each action, the Secretariat indicated the proposed total budget, comprising the secured funds (Ordinary Contributions, Voluntary Contributions or External Funds) and the required additional funds, through External or Voluntary Contributions.</p> <p>As detailed in the Explanatory note on the draft budget for 2023-2025, three budget scenarios are presented for the 2023-2025 triennium.</p>		
<b>Documents</b>		<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explanatory note on the draft budget 2023-2025 MOP8/2022/<b>Doc19Rev2</b></li> <li>• Work Programme and Budget for the triennium 2023-2025 MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.2Rev1</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Article IV</li> <li>• Article VII</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>		
<p>Parties will be invited to:</p> <p>a) consider the Explanatory note on the draft budget for 2023-2025;</p> <p>b) discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.2 on "Work Programme and Budget for the triennium 2023-2025".</p>		

<b>V.2)</b>	<b>Scientific Committee</b>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.3 on the composition of the Scientific Committee for the 2023-2025 triennium. A document with experts appointed by CIESM and IUCN, and by representatives from CMS, ECS and IWC will also be presented, as well as a document with panels of regional experts for the Scientific Committee. The amendment of the rules of the Scientific Committee, as proposed in the annex to draft Resolution 8.3 aims at simplifying the issue of entrusting alternatively to IUCN and CIESM the chairmanship/vice-chairmanship of the SC.</p>		
<b>Documents</b>		<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of experts appointed by CIESM and IUCN and representatives of the CMS, ECS and IWC for the Scientific Committee MOP8/2022/<b>Doc20</b></li> <li>• Panels of the regional experts for the Scientific Committee</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Article VII</li> </ul>

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- Scientific Committee for the 2023-2025 triennium  
MOP8/2022/**DraftRes8.3**
- Draft Resolution 8.3 submitted by Italy on 22 November 2022, Scientific Committee  
MOP8/2022/**DraftRes8.3\_Italy**
- Information regarding the Scientific Committee Composition and Rules  
MOP8/2022/**Inf55**

**Actions**

Parties will be invited to:

- a) welcome experts appointed by CIESM and by IUCN, as well as the appointment of one of their experts to second the Secretariat in the preparation of the first Meeting of the Scientific Committee of the 2023-2025 triennium;
- b) welcome representatives from ECS, IWC and the CMS Scientific Council;
- c) appoint four regional representatives amongst experts who had been indicated by National Focal Points according to the applicable criteria as reflected in the annex of the draft Resolution;
- d) agree draft Resolution 8.3 on the composition of the Scientific Committee for 2023-2025.



<b>V.3)</b>	<b>Procedure for projects</b>
<i>V.3) a.</i>	<i>Projects submitted for institutional support</i>
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
<p>In accordance with MOP7 instructions the Secretariat prepared a draft Resolution 8.4 containing an updated procedure in response to requests for institutional support. Prepared in consultation with the Scientific Committee, the procedure reflects the current practice and aims at ensuring a clear process for requests submitted to the Secretariat for an ACCOBAMS letter of support. Considering that such requests are often received at the last moment before the submission of project proposals, the objective is to keep the procedure as simple as possible.</p>	
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedure for projects submitted for institutional support MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.4</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.6</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.4 on a revised “procedure for projects submitted for institutional support”.	
<i>V.3) b.</i>	<i>Projects under the ACCOBAMS Supplementary Conservation Funds</i>
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
<p>In accordance with a decision of the Fifth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau, the Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.5 containing a proposal for amendments to the procedure regarding the ACCOBAMS call for proposals as adopted through Resolution 7.8. The proposed amendments are aimed at amending gaps and weaknesses encountered during the 2022 Call for proposals, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the question posed by the eligibility criteria on organizations having among their employees or board, one or more members of the Scientific Committee or of the Bureau of the Parties;</li> <li>- the endorsement letter by the National Focal Points on project proposals.</li> </ul>	
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedure for the ACCOBAMS call for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.5</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article IX, paragraph 3</li> <li>• MOP1/2002/Resolution 1.7</li> <li>• MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.4</li> <li>• MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.6</li> <li>• MOP5/2013/Resolution 7.8</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.5 on the “Procedure for the ACCOBAMS call for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund”.	

<b>V.4)</b>	<b>ACCOBAMS Partners</b>
<i>V.4) a.</i>	<i>New request for partnership</i>
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
The Secretariat will present one pending request, and a new request for ACCOBAMS partnership, received in November 2022.	
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending and new requests for ACCOBAMS partnership MOP8/2022/<b>Doc22Rev1</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.9</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	
Parties will be invited to examine existing requests for ACCOBAMS partnership, for approval.	
<i>V.4) b.</i>	<i>Overview of the state of collaboration with Partners</i>
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
ACCOBAMS Partners are a cornerstone of the Agreement implementation. These organizations, mainly NGOs, are heavily involved in ACCOBAMS activities, to which they contribute directly or else through their own activities. Some gaps in Partners reporting requirements as provided for in Resolution 7.9 have been identified during the 2020-2022 triennium. The Bureau advised on the development of a strategy on reviewing the ACCOBAMS Partnership status, as part of the 2023-2025 ACCOBAMS Work Programme.	
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview Partners MOP8/2022/<b>Doc23Rev1</b></li> <li>List of ACCOBAMS Partners MOP8/2022/<b>Inf04</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.9</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	
Parties will be invited to:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>note the overview provided by the Secretariat;</li> <li>note the recommendation by the Bureau on the development of a strategy on reviewing ACCOBAMS Partnership status, as part of the 2023-2025 ACCOBAMS Work Programme;</li> <li>provide views on next steps, including on a proposal to amend Resolution 7.9, if appropriate, for next MOP.</li> </ol>	

<b>V.5)</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<i>V.5) a.</i>	<i>ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy</i>
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
At MOP7 Parties had considered the development of a Communication Strategy of crucial importance in order to strengthen the ACCOBAMS visibility and reputation, taking into consideration the virtuous cycle between communication/outreach and fundraising. In consultation with the Bureau, the ACCOBAMS Secretariat recruited a consulting company to develop a draft Communication Strategy to be submitted for adoption at MOP8. A Communication Steering Group was created to provide support to its drafting process. The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.6. and the underlying work that led to the proposed draft ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy,	
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.6</b></li> <li>Summary document on the development of the ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy MOP8/2022/<b>Inf09</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article IV, paragraph 2 h)</li> <li>MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.5</li> <li>MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.6</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.6 “ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy”.	
<i>V.5) b.</i>	<i>NETCCOBAMS</i>
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
A new version of NETCCOBAMS has been developed since early 2020 by (i) updating and improving the previous versions of the NETCCOBAMS platform and by (ii) tackling the willingness expressed by the Secretariat to experiment best available science and new technologies to collect, analyze, and model data on cetaceans, as well as on acoustic risk areas, in order to support the threat-based management approach and to implement conservation measures that are promoted by ACCOBAMS. The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.7 which took into consideration Recommendation 14.10 by the Scientific Committee.	
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NETCCOBAMS MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.7</b></li> <li>NETCCOBAMS Progress report MOP8/2022/<b>Inf10</b></li> </ul>	-
<b>Actions</b>	
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.7 on NETCCOBAMS.	

V.5) c.	<i>ACCOBAMS Logo</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>The ACCOBAMS logo was adopted by the Parties in 2002 at the First Meeting of the Parties. The need to modernize the logo was highlighted during the development of the ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy, in particular as a means to strengthen the ACCOBAMS institutional positioning and visual brand. At the Fifth Meeting of the Extended Bureau, the Bureau agreed that it would be beneficial if the necessary requirements were in place prior to the launching of the Communication Strategy, once approved by the MOP, and for its efficient implementation over the next 3-years (2023-2025 communication roadmap). The Bureau mandated the Secretariat to work on proposals for a new or a modernized ACCOBAMS logo to be submitted for the consideration and decision by MOP8, through a corresponding draft Resolution. The Secretariat will present proposals for a new (or modernized) ACCOBAMS logo alongside with draft Resolution 8.8 on “ACCOBAMS Logo” aiming at replacing previous resolutions on that matter.</p>		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposals for a new or a modernized ACCOBAMS logo MOP8/2022/<b>Doc24</b></li> <li>• ACCOBAMS Logo MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.8</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOP1/2002/Res.1.14</li> <li>• MOP4/2010/Res.4.21</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to:		
a) consider proposals for a new ACCOBAMS logo;		
b) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.8 on a new “ACCOBAMS Logo”.		

<b>Item VI</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH ACCOBAMS RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 30/11/2022 - Afternoon
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<b>VI.1)</b>	<b>ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee</b>	
<i>VI.1) a.</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat / The President of the Follow-up Committee</i>		
Based on recommendations from the Third Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee, the Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.9Rev1 on “Follow-up Committee”.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee MOP8/2022/<b>Doc14</b></li> <li>• Follow-up Committee MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.9Rev1</b></li> <li>• Report of the Third Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-FC3/2022/Doc11</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> <li>• MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.4</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.8</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.9Rev1 on “Follow-up Committee”.		
<i>VI.1) b.</i>	<i>Election of new members</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
In accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of Parties and based on the functioning of the current Follow-up Committee, the Chair of the Follow-up Committee will present a document with panels of experts from Parties and from Partners, candidates to become members of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee. As per the procedure, during this MOP, two of the members and one alternate member shall be elected by secret ballots by Parties from a list of candidates nominated, one by each Party. One of the members and one alternate member shall be elected by secret ballots by ACCOBAMS Partners from a list of candidates nominated, one by each of them. The alternate members are the candidates who immediately follow for the number of votes received by the members elected by the Parties and the members elected by the ACCOBAMS Partners.		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panels of experts for the Follow-up Committee MOP8/2022/<b>Doc25</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article III</li> <li>• Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties</li> <li>• MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.4</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.8</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties and ACCOBAMS Partners will be invited to elect - by secret ballots - members and alternates of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee, based on the list of experts and <i>curricula vitae</i> submitted to the Secretariat.		

VI.2)	Implementation of Resolution 4.18 on the Guidelines on the granting of exceptions to Article II, paragraph 1, for the purpose of non-lethal in situ research in the Agreement area	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>In 2022 an issue was brought to the attention of the Secretariat regarding the implementation of Resolution 4.18 on the Guidelines on the granting of exceptions to Article II, paragraph 1, for the purpose of non-lethal in situ research in the Agreement Area, which provides that research activities at sea that are likely to cause harassment of cetaceans must be prohibited unless the Party in question decides to grant an exception, in which case such exception should be granted only after obtaining advice from the Scientific Committee. Many activities generating harassment within the meaning of the Guidelines of Resolution 4.18 may have been carried out in the ACCOBAMS area, but no request for exceptions have ever been submitted. The Bureau mandated the Secretariat to consult ACCOBAMS Parties on exemptions that they may have granted during the five past years. The Secretariat will present the results of this consultation.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the implementation of Resolution 4.18 MOP8/2022/Doc26</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article II, paragraph 1</li> <li>• MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.18</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Parties will be invited to consider the consultation outcome and provide views and guidance on the implementation of Resolution 4.18.</p>		

VI.3)	Driftnets	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>Numerous events of whale entanglements in illegal driftnets occurred during the 2020-2022 triennium in the Mediterranean. Efforts have been made by the Secretariat, under the Bureau's guidance, to draw the attention of the Parties to this issue throughout the triennium. In particular Focal Points were consulted on the implementation of ACCOBAMS provisions on driftnet ban as provided by Annex 2 (as amended in 2007 by Resolution A/3.1).</p>		
<p>The Secretariat will present a legal review on the use of drift nets in the ACCOBAMS Area and introduce draft Resolution 8.10 on "Illegal driftnets" aimed at recalling the serious threat posed by driftnets to cetaceans and at encouraging Parties to adopt and enforce relevant national legislation in line with the ACCOBAMS ban.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illegal driftnets MOP8/2022/DraftRes8.10</li> <li>• The Use of Driftnets in the ACCOBAMS Area: A Review of Relevant Treaties and National Legislation MOP8/2022/Inf11Rev1</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 2: Conservation Plan</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Parties will be invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) note the information provided on the implementation of the ACCOBAMS provisions related to the driftnet ban;</li> <li>b) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.10 on "Illegal driftnets".</li> </ol>		

<b>Item VII</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT: TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ISSUES</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 30/11/2022 - Afternoon & 01/12/22 Morning & Afternoon
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VII.1)	Cetacean population estimates and distribution	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>Ensuring the sustainability of monitoring operations in the ACCOBAMS Area is a prerequisite to assess trends in population status and the efficiency of the conservation measures over the long term. The Secretariat will present the main outcomes of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative and CeNoBS projects, progress status of ABIOMMED Project, as well as other studies carried out during the triennium in relation to the use of multidisciplinary surveys, innovative technologies and platforms of opportunity, to collect data on cetacean's distribution and abundance. During 2020-2022 the possible replication of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative has been carefully considered by the Secretariat through the development of a draft Long Term Monitoring Program (LTMP), in consultation with the Bureau and the Scientific Committee, and thanks to the support of consultants.</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.11 aimed at (i) adopting the draft ACCOBAMS Long Term Monitoring Program and (ii) improving cetaceans' distribution and abundance monitoring efforts in the Agreement Area. The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 14.1 of the Scientific Committee, as well as relevant provisions from Resolution 7.10, which it intends to replace. Provisions related to LTMP funding aspects were developed taking into account recommendations made by the <i>ad hoc</i> Group, which was established following a Bureau's decision in order to explore funding options in support of a LTMP.</p>		
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations of the ACCOBAMS <i>ad hoc</i> Group "LTMP" MOP8/2022/Doc27</li> <li>• The ACCOBAMS long-term monitoring programme (LTMP) MOP8/2022/DraftRes8.11</li> <li>• Final report of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative (ASI) project MOP8/2022/Inf12</li> <li>• Final report of the CeNOBS project MOP8/2022/Inf13</li> <li>• Estimates of abundance and distribution of cetaceans, marine megafauna and marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea from 2018 2019 surveys MOP8/2022/Inf14</li> <li>• Estimates of abundance and distribution of cetaceans in the Black Sea from 2019 surveys MOP8/2022/Inf15</li> <li>• ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative - Evaluation Report (April 2021) MOP8/2022/Inf16</li> <li>• ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative - Roadmap towards the financial sustainability of monitoring in the ACCOBAMS area MOP8/2022/Inf17</li> <li>• Progress report of the ABIOMMED project MOP8/2022/Inf18</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 2: Conservation Plan</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.13</li> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.10</li> </ul>	

- Update on the Potential Use of Unmanned Vehicles for Cetacean Monitoring in the ACCOBAMS Area  
MOP8/2022/Inf19
- Potential use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for megafauna monitoring in the ACCOBAMS Agreement Area: transitioning to the new technology  
MOP8/2022/Inf20
- Automated detection of dolphins in imagery from unmanned aerial vehicles and performance optimisation Deep-learning in animal abundance surveys  
MOP8/2022/Inf21
- Testing the feasibility of unmanned surface vehicles to estimate the distribution and abundance of cetacean species  
MOP8/2022/Inf22
- Use of ferries as platforms of opportunity to monitor cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area: strengthening the network  
MOP8/2022/Inf23
- Monitoring cetacean populations using multi-disciplinary scientific surveys  
MOP8/2022/Inf24

#### Actions

Parties will be invited to:

- a) consider Recommendations made by the “LTMP *ad hoc* Group”;
- b) consider and discuss funding options necessary to sustain a LTMP;
- c) provide information on possible voluntary contributions for the next synoptic basin-wide surveys in the Mediterranean and Black Seas in 2024-2025;
- d) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.11 on “the ACCOBAMS long-term monitoring programme (LTMP).



VII.2)	Population structure	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>In order to improve data collection on cetacean population genetics in the ACCOBAMS Area, the Secretariat organized a workshop in September 2022. The Secretariat and relevant experts will introduce the recommendations and best practices from this workshop as well as draft Resolution 8.25 on "Cetacean Population Genetics".</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cetacean Population Genetics MOP8/2022/DraftRes8.25</li> <li>• Report of the ACCOBAMS Workshop on Data Collection on Cetacean Population Genetics MOP8/2022/Inf25</li> <li>• ACCOBAMS Best Practices on Cetacean Population Genetics MOP8/2022/Inf54</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p>	
<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Parties will be invited to:</p> <p>a) note the information provided in the document "ACCOBAMS Best Practices on Cetacean Population Genetics";</p> <p>b) consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 8.25 on "Cetacean Population Genetics".</p>		

VII.3)	Monitoring cetaceans' status	
VII.3) a.	<i>IUCN Red List</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>Cetacean species IUCN Red List status was re-assessed (or in some cases assessed) between 2018 and 2021, using data and knowledge gained thanks to the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative, as well as other data collected since previous assessments in 2008-2011. The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.12 which was prepared taking into account Recommendation 14.2 of the Scientific Committee. This draft Resolution aims at updating previous Resolution on IUCN Red List status of cetacean's species in the ACCOBAMS Area.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IUCN Red List status of cetacean species in ACCOBAMS area MOP8/2022/DraftRes8.12</li> <li>• Information note on the IUCN Red List status MOP8/2022/Inf26</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.22</li> <li>• MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.19</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.15</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.12 on "IUCN Red List status of cetacean species in ACCOBAMS area".</p>		

<i>VII.3) b.</i>	<i>Regional Plans</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Sub-Regional Coordination Units</i>		
The representative of the Mediterranean Sub-Regional Coordination Unit will present the updated Action Plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea adopted at the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021). The representative of the Black Sea Sub-Regional Coordination Unit will provide information on the development of the Conservation Plan for Black Sea cetaceans.		
<b>Documents</b>		<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEP/MAP Action Plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea MOP8/2022/Inf28</li> </ul>		
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to note the information provided by the Sub-Regional Coordination Units representatives.		

<i>VII.3) c.</i>	<i>National Actions Plans</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
In accordance with a decision by the Fourteenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau, the Secretariat prepared and will present a draft Resolution on National action plans, which are dedicated policy documents aimed at supporting ACCOBAMS implementation at national level.		
<b>Documents</b>		<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Action Plans MOP8/2022/DraftRes8.13</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 2: Conservation Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.13 on “National Action Plans”.		

<i>VII.3) d.</i>	<i>Conservation Management Plans</i>	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee</i>		
At MOP6 Parties adopted a Resolution on species “Conservation Management Plans” (CMP) in order to manage human activities that affect cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea, and to maintain a favourable conservation status throughout their historical range, based on best available scientific knowledge. The Chair of the Scientific Committee will present the progress report of four draft CMPs under development, regarding Fin whale, Risso’s dolphin, Common dolphin and Bottlenose dolphin. The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 8.14 on “Conservation Management Plans”.		
<b>Documents</b>		<b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation Management Plans MOP8/2022/DraftRes8.14</li> <li>• ACCOBAMS Conservation Management Plans Reports MOP8/2022/Inf29</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.21</li> </ul>

### Actions

Parties will be invited to:

- a) note the information provided on progress in the development of Conservation Management Plans for Fin whale, Risso's dolphin, Common dolphin and Bottlenose dolphin;
- b) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.14 on "Conservation Management Plans".

#### VII.4)

### Functional stranding networks and responses to emergency situations

*Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee / Legal Advisor*

During the 2020-2022 triennium, an ACCOBAMS marine mammal necropsy training was jointly organized by both Universities of Padova and Liege. Its main goal was to train experts biologists and veterinarians from different ACCOBAMS countries on "Best Practice Document on cetaceans' *postmortem* investigations and tissue sampling in order to gain information on possible threats for cetacean conservation".

In order to pursue and reinforce exchanges and collaboration between experts and stranding networks around ACCOBAMS Area, a draft Resolution on Cetaceans Stranding Networks will be presented. The objective is to increase and promote the use of new technologies, such as virtual reality and tele-necropsy, while encouraging collaboration so to facilitate exchanges of tissue samples for joint examination. As requested during MOP7, a study on the legal status of stranding networks in some ACCOBAMS Countries and the creation of an ACCOBAMS emergency task force (highlighting the situation in the Black Sea) to assist with emergencies and unusual mortality events were made and will be presented.

#### Documents

- Note on the feasibility of tele-necropsy systems  
MOP8/2022/Doc28
- Cetacean Stranding Networks  
MOP8/2022/DraftRes8.15
- Report on the cetacean necropsy trainings  
MOP8/2022/Inf30
- Study on the legal status of stranding networks in the ACCOBAMS Area  
MOP8/2022/Inf31
- ACCOBAMS emergency task force to assist with emergencies and unusual mortality events:  
special issue in the Black Sea  
MOP8/2022/Inf32

#### Link with the Agreement / Resolutions

- Annex 2: Conservation Plan
- MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.14

### Actions

Parties will be invited to:

- a) note the information provided on trainings organized during 2020-2022;
- b) note the creation of an ACCOBAMS emergency task force (highlighting the situation in the Black Sea) to assist with emergencies and unusual mortality events
- c) decide on the proposals to test tele-necropsy systems;
- d) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.15 on "Cetacean Stranding Networks".

VII.5)	Interactions with fisheries / aquaculture	
<b>Presented by: The Secretariat / The Task Manager on interactions with fisheries/aquaculture / The Co-Chair of the Joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Bycatch Working Group</b>		
<p>The Secretariat and the Task Manager will present progresses in addressing the issues of interactions between fisheries activities and cetaceans, in particular the main results achieved for cetaceans' bycatch and depredation assessment/mitigation, including through data available on cetacean by-catch in stranding databases. A special focus on the critical bycatch issue of harbour porpoise in the Black Sea will be given.</p> <p>The Co-Chair of the Joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Bycatch Working Group will present the Recommendations from the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Joint Working Group.</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.16 on "Interactions between fisheries and cetaceans". The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 14.5 of the Scientific Committee. It aims at updating previous resolution on bycatch/depredation issues, with a strong focus on the critical bycatch issue of harbour porpoise in the Black Sea.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactions between fisheries and cetaceans MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.16</b></li> <li>• Recommendations from the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Bycatch Working Group MOP8/2022/<b>Inf33</b></li> <li>• Report of the Joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Bycatch Working Group (JBWG) MOP8/2022/<b>Inf34</b></li> <li>• Review of available data on cetacean bycatch in stranding databases from the ACCOBAMS Area MOP8/2022/<b>Inf35</b></li> <li>• Cetacean bycatch in the Black Sea: an update from new research and testing mitigation measures MOP8/2022/<b>Inf36</b></li> <li>• Final report of the MedBycatch project MOP8/2022/<b>Inf37</b></li> <li>• Final report of the MAVA Depredation project MOP8/2022/<b>Inf38</b></li> <li>• Reports of the depredation pilot studies MOP8/2022/<b>Inf39</b></li> <li>• Review of available information on depredation by marine mammals in fishing gears in the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and contiguous areas MOP8/2022/<b>Inf40Rev1</b></li> <li>• Mitigating dolphin depredation in Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries: methodology for data collection MOP8/2022/<b>Inf41</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article II, paragraph 3</li> <li>• MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.12</li> <li>• MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.13</li> <li>• MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.21</li> <li>• MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.8</li> <li>• MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.9</li> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.11</li> </ul>	

<b>Actions</b>
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Parties will be invited to:

- a) note the information provided on bycatch/depredation assessment and mitigation, particularly the critical situation linked to the turbot fishery in the Black Sea;
- b) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.16 on “Interactions between fisheries and cetaceans”.

<b>VII.6)</b>	<b>Anthropogenic noise</b>
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*Presented by: The Secretariat / The Chair of the Joint CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Noise Working Group*

The Secretariat and the Chair of the Joint CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Noise Working Group will present progress in addressing monitoring issues and impact mitigation of anthropogenic activities generating underwater noise, particularly thanks to EU-funded projects.

Draft Resolution 8.17 on “Anthropogenic noise” was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 14.6 by the Scientific Committee and aims at updating previous noise-related Resolutions by encouraging monitoring of anthropogenic activities generating underwater noise and the use of relevant mitigation measures.

Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropogenic noise MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.17</b></li> <li>• Report of the Joint CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Noise Working Group (Joint NWG) MOP8/2022/<b>Inf42</b></li> <li>• Second Noise Hotspots Report: Updated overview of the noise hotspots in the ACCOBAMS Area MOP8/2022/<b>Inf43</b></li> <li>• Methodological guide v3.1: guidance on underwater noise mitigation measures MOP8/2022/<b>Inf44</b></li> <li>• Final report of the QuietMED2 project MOP8/2022/<b>Inf45</b></li> <li>• Progress report of the QUIETSEAS project MOP8/2022/<b>Inf46</b></li> <li>• Report of the MMOs workshop MOP8/2022/<b>Inf47</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 2: Conservation Plan</li> <li>• MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.10</li> <li>• MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.17</li> <li>• MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.15</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.17</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.18</li> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.13</li> </ul>






<b>Actions</b>
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Parties will be invited to:

- a) note information provided on monitoring and mitigating impacts of anthropogenic activities generating underwater noise;
- b) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.17 on “Anthropogenic noise”.

VII.7)	Ship strikes	
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee</i>		
The Chair of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 8.18 on “Ship strikes” which was prepared taking into account Recommendation 14.7 by the Scientific Committee. It aims at complementing previous Resolution relating to ship strikes, in particular through monitoring and identifying areas considered as high-risk areas for ship strikes in the Mediterranean Sea.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ship strikes MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.18</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 2: Conservation Plan</li> <li>• MOP7/2022/Resolution 7.13</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.18 on “Ship strikes”.		

VII.8)	Cetacean Watching	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat and its expert will present the progress made in addressing issues related to the assessment and management of whale watching activities during the 2020-2022 triennium. In particular, the Whale Watching Working Group (WWWG) pointed out the need to revise Guidelines for monitoring programmes aimed at maximizing the chance of detecting potential adverse impacts of whale watching activities on individual cetaceans and populations (Annex 3 of Resolution 6.20). The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.19 on “Commercial cetacean-watching activities”, comprising an annex with revised guidelines. The draft was inspired on previous Resolutions and Recommendation 14.8 by the Scientific Committee.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial cetacean-watching activities in the ACCOBAMS Area MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.19</b></li> <li>• Identifying whale watching hotspots in the ACCOBAMS Area MOP8/2022/<b>Inf48</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 2: Conservation Plan</li> <li>• MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.7</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.20</li> <li>• MOP7/2020/Resolution 7.16</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) take note of the information provided on the assessment and management of cetacean watching activities;</li> <li>b) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.19 on “Commercial cetacean-watching activities in the ACCOBAMS Area”.</li> </ul>		

VII.9)	Marine litter and chemical & biological pollution	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat / The Task Manager on marine litter and chemical &amp; biological pollution</i>		
<p>Marine litter and chemical pollution are major threats to the welfare, biology and ecology of marine wildlife, in particular cetaceans, which are being harmed or killed due to marine litter ingestion, entanglement and chemical toxic effects. The Secretariat will present progress made in assessing impacts from marine litter and chemical/biological pollution on cetaceans during the 2020-2022 triennium.</p> <p>The Secretariat and the Task Manager will present draft Resolution 8.20 on "Marine litter and chemical pollution" which was based on provisions from previous Resolutions and Recommendation 14.9 of the Scientific Committee.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine litter and chemical pollution MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.20</b></li> <li>• Study on the hotspots of interactions between cetaceans and marine litter in the ACCOBAMS area MOP8/2022/<b>Inf49</b></li> <li>• Bibliographic review on the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans, including the identification of ad hoc research projects aimed at assessing chemical pollution on cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area MOP8/2022/<b>Inf50</b></li> <li>• Guidelines on the best practices to assess the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans / to measure the chemical contamination on cetaceans MOP8/2022/<b>Inf51</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 2: Conservation Plan</li> <li>• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.15</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
<p>Parties will be invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) take note of the information provided on the assessment of the impacts of marine litter and chemical/biological pollution on cetaceans;</li> <li>b) consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 8.20 on "Marine litter and chemical pollution".</li> </ol>		

VII.10)	Captivity related issues	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
<p>During the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee it was decided to establish a Working Group to support the development of a reference document on marine semi-enclosed facilities. For future consultancy the creation of an Advisory Committee composed of leading experts in the different fields was suggested. Terms of Reference for an ACCOBAMS Advisory Committee on semi-enclosed facilities were prepared. The two documents mentioned above will be introduced by the leader of the Working Group.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of Reference for an ACCOBAMS Advisory Committee on semi-enclosed facilities MOP8/2022/Doc29</li> <li>• Scientific perspective on “potential marine semi-enclosed facilities” in the ACCOBAMS Area MOP8/2022/Inf52</li> <li>• Taking of cetaceans, dolphinarium and quasi-dolphinarium: a legal analysis relating to ACCOBAMS Parties <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-MOP7/2019/Inf09</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p>	
<b>Actions</b>		
<p>Parties will be invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) note the information provided on captivity-related issues;</li> <li>b) consider, discuss and adopt draft Terms of Reference for an ACCOBAMS Advisory Committee on semi-enclosed facilities;</li> <li>c) appoint a Chairperson for the Advisory Committee on semi-enclosed facilities, amongst SC members.</li> </ol>		



VII.11)	Area-based measures for cetacean conservation	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat / The Task Manager on Marine Protected Areas of the Scientific Committee</i>		
The Secretariat will present progress made on the identification process of Cetacean Critical Habitat (CCH). The Task Manager on Marine Protected Areas of the Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 8.21 on “Cetacean Critical Habitats” which was prepared taking into account recommendations issued by the CCH Workshop organized in Cap d’Ail, France, on 10 -11 March 2022. Its objective is to update and identify CCH through detecting priority areas to implement actions that are likely to mitigate known threats, while implementing conservation and management measures in existing CCHs.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cetacean Critical Habitats identification process MOP8/2022/<b>Doc30</b></li> <li>• Cetacean Critical Habitats (CCH) MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.21</b></li> <li>• Report of the Workshop on Cetacean Critical Habitats MOP8/2022/<b>Inf53</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 2: Conservation Plan</li> <li>• MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.22</li> <li>• MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.15</li> <li>• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.24</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to: a) note the information provided on progress made regarding the CCH identification process; b) agree on the proposed process for the identification of Cetacean Critical Habitats; c) consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.21 on “Cetacean Critical Habitats”.		

VII.12)	Citizen Science	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 8.22 on “Citizen Science”, which was prepared taking into account Recommendation 14.11 by the Scientific Committee. It aims at promoting the use of citizen science as a complement to scientific data collection on cetacean sightings and strandings.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizen Science MOP8/2022/<b>DraftRes8.22</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</b></p>	
<b>Actions</b>		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and agree draft Resolution 8.22 on “Citizen Science”.		

<b>Item VIII</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 02/12/2022 - Morning
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<b>Item IX</b>	<b>DATE AND VENUE OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 02/12/2022 - Morning
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*Presented by: The Secretariat*

The Agreement stipulates that each session of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties shall agree on the provisional date and venue for the next Meeting. The Ninth Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS is expected to be convened in 2025 and hosted by an ACCOBAMS Party.

**Documents**

- Date, venue and funding of the Ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties  
MOP8/2022/**DraftRes8.23**

**Link with the Agreement / Resolutions**

- Article III

**Actions**

Parties will be invited to:

- a) announce if they wish to host the next MOP9 in 2025;
- b) agree to adopt draft Resolution 8.23, adapted accordingly to a).

<b>Item X</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>Timetable</b> 02/12/2022 - Morning
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*Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau*

Draft Resolutions discussed and revised by the Meeting during previous agenda items will be distributed for formal adoption.

**Documents**

- Tribute to Organisers  
MOP8/2022/**DraftRes8.24**

**Link with the Agreement / Resolutions**

- Article III

**Actions**

Parties will be invited to adopt Resolutions previously presented, discussed and agreed.

<b>Item XI</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING</b>	<b>Timetable</b> <i>02/12/2022 - Afternoon</i>
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*Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau*

The Meeting will adopt its Report.

<b>Item XIII</b>	<b>CLOSURE OF THE MEETING</b>	<b>Timetable</b> <i>02/12/2022 - Afternoon</i>
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*Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau*

The Meeting will be closed by the Chair of the Bureau.