

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY AND STATUS OF RATIFICATIONS¹



The Depositary of the Agreement, the Department of External Relations and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco, has the honour to submit this report to the States Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS).

Since the seventh Meeting of the Parties (MoP7), held in Istanbul from 22 to 25 November 2019, no new ratifications of the Agreement have been registered by the Depositary.

Thus, on 28 July 2022, the Agreement counted 24 Contracting Parties (Table 1).

With regard to the Amendments to the text of the Agreement and its annexes, relating to the extension of the geographical scope of ACCOBAMS adopted at MOP4 in 2010, the Department of External Relations and Cooperation has registered the instruments of ratification of the Republic of Italy, deposited on 4 August 2021, and of the Republic of Malta, deposited on 26 January 2022.

The Department of External Relations and Cooperation did not fail to inform, through diplomatic channels, the signatories and/or Parties to the Agreement, the Council of the European Union, the ACCOBAMS Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) as well as the United Nations Treaty Service.

Thus, as of 28 July 2022, 10 Parties have approved the Amendments (Table 2).

For the record, according to Article X, paragraph 3 of the Agreement, the said amendments shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which two-thirds of the States Parties to the Agreement, i.e. sixteen (16) Parties, have ratified them.

Furthermore, during this 2020-2022 triennium, the Department of External Relations and Cooperation, in its capacity as ACCOBAMS Depositary, through the intermediary of the various diplomatic agents of the Principality of Monaco, supported the steps taken by the ACCOBAMS Secretariat to raise awareness among the other riparian States with a view to their accession to the Agreement and to encourage them to approve the Amendments.

¹ Monaco le 28/07/2022

Table 1

The following table shows the status of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement as of 28 July 2022.

COUNTRY	SIGNATURES	RATIFICATIONS		ENTRY INTO FORCE
	Dates	Tool	Deposit of the tool	
ALBANIA	24/11/1996	25/05/2001	03/07/2001	01/10/2001
ALGERIA		19/03/2007(AA)	25/09/2007	01/12/2007
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA				
BULGARIA	16/09/1999	23/09/1999	10/11/1999	01/06/2001
CROATIA	24/11/1996	03/05/2000	10/07/2000	01/06/2001
CYPRUS	24/11/1996	30/01/2006	14/02/2006	01/05/2006
EGYPT		04/03/2010	19/04/2010	01/07/2010
EUROPEAN UNION				
FRANCE	24/11/1996	26/02/2004 (AA)	10/03/2004	01/06/2004
GEORGIA	24/11/1996	30/03/2001	31/05/2001	01/06/2001
GREECE	24/11/1996*	24/11/1996*	24/11/1996*	01/06/2001
ISRAEL				
ITALIA	24/11/1996	10/02/2005	24/06/05	01/09/2005
LEBANON		05/05/2004(A)	13/12/2004	01/03/2005
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA		12/05/2002	18/06/2002	01/09/2002
MALTA	23/03/2001*	23/03/2001*	23/03/2001*	01/06/2001
MONACO	24/11/1996	25/04/1997	30/04/1997	01/06/2001
MONTENEGRO		17/02/2009 (AAA)	18/05/2009	01/08/2009
MOROCCO	28/03/1997	13/05/1999	05/07/1999	01/06/2001
PORTUGAL	24/11/1996	30/09/2004 (A)	15/10/2004	01/01/2005
ROMANIA	28/09/1998	13/06/2000	17/07/2000	01/06/2001
RUSSIA				
SLOVENIA		12/07/2006	25/09/2006	01/12/2006
SPAIN	24/11/1996	07/01/1999	02/02/1999	01/06/2001
SYRIA		07/02/02 (A)	22/03/2002	01/06/2002
TUNISIA	24/11/1996	31/12/2001	15/01/2002	01/04/2002
TÜRKIYE		29/05/2017 (AA)	03/11/2017	01/02/2018
UNITED KINGDOM				
UKRAINE		09/07/2003	23/10/2003	01/01/2004

* Signature valid for ratification

A = Adherence

AA = Approval

AAA= Accession

Table 2

The following table shows the status of the Contracting Parties having approved the Amendments, as of 22 July 2022:

COUNTRY	RATIFICATIONS		ENTRY INTO FORCE
	Tool	Deposit of the tool	
ALBANIA			
ALGERIA			
BULGARIA	08/02/2012 ³	14/03/2012	
CROATIA			
CYPRUS	11/08/2014 ³	22/08/2014	
EGYPT			
FRANCE	15/10/2016 ²	10/11/2016	
GEORGIA			
GREECE			
ITALIA	13/07/2021 ¹	04/08/2021	
LEBANON			
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA			
MALTA	10/01/2022 ³	26/01/2022	
MONACO	24/02/2011 ²	02/03/2011	
MONTENEGRO	03/12/2014 ³	09/07/2015	
MOROCCO			
PORTUGAL			
ROMANIA			
SLOVENIA	09/06/2016 ²	09/06/2016	
SPAIN	26/11/2012 ¹	10/01/2013	
SYRIA			
TUNISIA			
TÜRKIYE			
UKRAINE	26/11/2012 ³	02/01/2013	

¹ = Ratification

² = Approval

³ = Acceptance

NB: 16 approvals are required for the entry into force of the amendments