

REPORT ON INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES RELEVANT TO THE TRUST FUND AND EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2020-2022¹

GENERAL COMMENTS

The 2020-2022 budget was adopted by the Seventh Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS (Istanbul, Türkiye, 5-8 November 2019) under Resolution 7.6.

The funds available for implementation of the Agreement consist of:

- 1) the Trust Fund, accrued through Parties' Ordinary Contributions,
- 2) External Funds, Voluntary Contributions granted by Parties, or co-funding through other entities for activities linked to priority conservation issues; and

This report presents an overview of incomes and expenditures in relation to the Trust Fund for 2020-2022, as of 30th June 2022. The income sources presented comprise the adopted budget for 2020-2022, which is based on Ordinary Contributions from Parties, and Voluntary Contributions kindly provided by Parties, as well as co-fundings provided by entities that jointly developed activities with ACCOBAMS in relation to conservation priorities.

A breakdown of expenditures is shown in table 3. *“Adopted budget - Ordinary Contributions - and expenditure as of 30 June 2022”*, alongside with the adopted budget for 2020-2022, and the budget accrued by remaining amounts from previous years.

Information on expenditures related to the Supplementary Conservation Fund is provided in document ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Doc17.

The Secretariat is grateful for the support received from Governments, governmental and non-governmental Organizations and other Institutions towards the implementation of the Agreement. Special acknowledgments are due to the Principality of Monaco for their in cash and in-kind contributions and to the Italian, Spanish and Maltese Governments for their significant Voluntary Contributions provided during the triennium 2020-2022.

¹ On 30th June 2022

I. ORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUST FUND

During the 3-years period 2020-2022, 24 countries were Parties to the Agreement.

Detailed information on each country's contributions per year are given in Tables 1.a, 1.b and 1.c.

The corresponding sum-up of Ordinary Contributions received and due in relation to the 3-years period is offered in Table 2.

Table 1. Ordinary Contributions to the Trust Fund received and due for 2020-2022, as of 30th June 2022 (in Euros)

Table 1. a. Ordinary Contributions related to 2020

Country	Balance due on 31/12/2019	2020 contributions	Due amounts in 2020*	Amounts received as of 31/12/2020	Balance due as of 31/12/2020
ALBANIA	1 500	2 304	3 804	3 804	0
ALGERIA	0	4 328	4 328	12 984	-8 656
BULGARIA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
CROATIA	0	2 661	2 661	2 661	0
CYPRUS	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
EGYPT	12 258	4 086	16 344	16 344	0
FRANCE	0	66 712	66 712	66 712	0
GEORGIA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
GREECE	12 662	12 662	25 324	0	25 324
ITALY	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
LEBANON	1 501	2 304	3 805	0	3 805
LIBYA	40 970	3 360	44 330	0	44 330
MALTA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
MONTENEGRO	0	2 304	2 327	2 350	0
MOROCCO	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
MONACO	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
PORTUGAL	0	10 538	10 538	10 538	0
ROMANIA	0	4 947	4 947	4 947	0
SLOVENIA	0	2 304	2 304	6 912	-4 608
SPAIN	0	56 732	56 732	56 732	0
SYRIA	10 950	2 304	13 254	0	13 254
TUNISIA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
TÜRKIYE	0	27 370	27 370	27 370	0
UKRAINE	0	2 769	2 769	0	2 769
TOTAL	79 864	288 582	368 446	292 251	76 218

*Including unpaid amounts from previous years.

Table 1. b. Ordinary Contributions related to 2021

Country	Balance due on 31/12/2020	2021 contributions	Due amounts in 2021*	Amounts received as of 30/12/2021	Balance due as of 30/12/2021
ALBANIA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
ALGERIA	-8 656	4 328	-4 328	0	-4 328
BULGARIA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
CROATIA	0	2 661	2 661	2 661	0
CYPRUS	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
EGYPT	0	4 086	4 086	0	4 086
FRANCE	0	66 712	66 712	66 712	0
GEORGIA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
GREECE	25 324	12 662	37 986	0	37 986
ITALY	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
LEBANON	3 805	2 304	6 109	3 805	2 304
LIBYA	44 330	3 360	47 690	0	47 690
MALTA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
MONTENEGRO	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
MOROCCO	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
MONACO	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
PORTUGAL	0	10 538	10 538	0	10 538
ROMANIA	0	4 947	4 947	0	4 947
SLOVENIA	-4 608	2 304	-2 304	0	-2 304
SPAIN	0	56 732	56 732	56 732	0
SYRIA	13 254	2 304	15 558	0	15 558
TUNISIA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
TÜRKIYE	0	27 370	27 370	27 370	0
UKRAINE	2 769	2 769	5 538	2 769	2 769
TOTAL	76 218	288 582	364 800	245 554	119 246

*Including unpaid amounts from previous years.

Table 1. c. Ordinary Contributions related to 2022

Country	Balance due on 31/12/2021	2022 contributions	Due amounts in 2022*	Amounts received on 30/06/2022	Balance due on 30/06/2022
ALBANIA	0	2 304	2 304	0	2 304
ALGERIA	-4 328	4 328	0	0	0
BULGARIA	0	2 304	2 304	0	2 304
CROATIA	0	2 661	2 661	2 661	0
CYPRUS	0	2 304	2 304	2304	0
EGYPT	4 086	4 086	8 172	8172	0
FRANCE	0	66 712	66 712	66 712	0
GEORGIA	0	2 304	2 304	0	2 304
GREECE	37 986	12 662	50 648	0	50 648
ITALY	0	64 769	64 769	64 769	0
LEBANON	2 304	2 304	4 608	0	4 608
LIBYA	47 690	3 360	51 050	0	51 050
MALTA	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
MONTENEGRO	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
MOROCCO	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
MONACO	0	2 304	2 304	2 304	0
PORTUGAL	10 538	10 538	21 076	0	21 076
ROMANIA	4 947	4 947	9 894	4 947	4 947
SLOVENIA	-2 304	2 304	0	0	0
SPAIN	0	56 732	56 732	56732	0
SYRIA	15 558	2 304	17 862	0	17 862
TUNISIA	0	2 304	2 304	0	2 304
TÜRKIYE	0	27 370	27 370	27 370	0
UKRAINE	2 769	2 769	5 538	2769	2 769
TOTAL	119 246	288 582	407 828	245 652	162 176

*Including unpaid amounts from previous years.

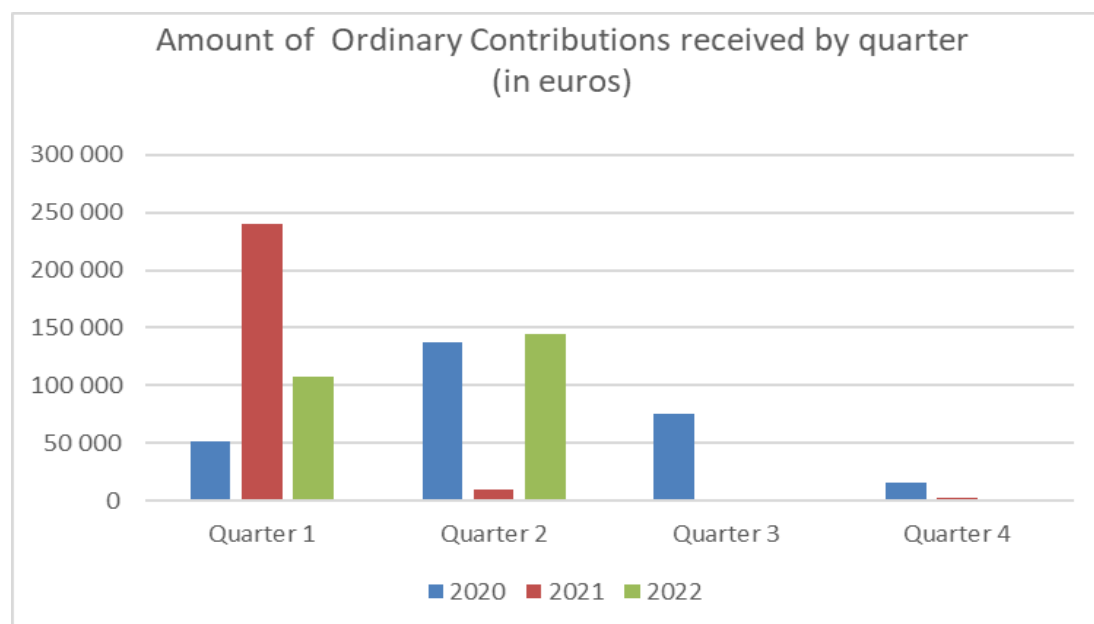
Table 2. Sum-up of Ordinary Contributions related to and received during 2020-2022 (in Euros)

Balance due on 31/12/2019	2020 contributions	Due amounts in 2020*	Amounts received in 2020	Balance due on 31.12.20*
79 864	288 582	368 446	292 251	76 218
Balance due on 31/12/2020	2021 contributions	Due amounts in 2021*	Amounts received in 2021	Balance due on 31.12.21*
76 218	288 582	364 800	245 554	119 246
Balance due on 31/12/2021	2022 contributions	Due amounts in 2022*	Amounts received in 2022	Balance due on 30.06.22*
119 246	288 582	407 828	245 652	162 176

*Including unpaid amounts from previous years.

According to ACCOBAMS Resolution 7.6. Ordinary Contributions should be paid during the first quarter of each year. However, many Ordinary Contributions were paid later, as payments done during the 1st quarter of the year varied as follows:

- 1st quarter 2020: 14 % of payments
- 1st quarter 2021: 64 % of payments
- 1st quarter 2022: 26 % of payments



II. OVERVIEW OF INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES RELEVANT TO THE TRUST FUND FOR 2020-2022

The Trust Fund was used in accordance with the Budget adopted for 2020-2022 at MOP7. The total expenditure per budget line for the 3-years period, as of 30th June 2022 is presented in table 3 below. [Annex 1](#) presents detailed information on budget lines.

Table 3. Adopted budget - Ordinary Contributions - and expenditure as of 30 June 2022

Budgetary lines Resolution 7.6, Budget 2020-2022		Adopted budget 2020-2022 by MOP7	remaining amounts from previous years	Expenditure as of 30 06 22	diff. adopted budget and expenditure as of 30 June 2022	diff. adopted budget with remaining amounts previous years, and expenditure as of 30 June 2022
General Management and Administrative Support		A	B	C	D = A - C	E=A+B-C
Administrative staff						
1101	Executive Secretary Housing Allowance	34 000,00	0,00	26 630,00	7 370,00	7 370,00
1102	Programme & Project Officer 1	133 500,00	0,00	115 943,01	17 556,99	17 556,99
1103	Programme & Project Officer 1	133 500,00	0,00	105 134,02	28 365,98	28 365,98
1104	Accounting and Programme Assistant (50%)	60 000,00	0,00	51 038,42	8 961,58	8 961,58
Administrative assistance						
1201	Translators	3 000,00	258,03	0,00	3 000,00	3 258,03
1202	Fund management Controller	6 000,00	0,00	3 751,20	2 248,80	2 248,80
1203	External assistance	5 300,00	1 747,07	4 545,20	754,80	2 501,87
1300	Bank fees	2 400,00	108,79	1 116,39	1 283,61	1 392,40
1400	Hospitality	1 500,00	1 407,58	2 549,89	-1 049,89	357,69
Administrative support						
1501	Coordination Units - MA1a et CA3a	21 600,00	4 933,49	16 982,51	4 617,49	9 550,98
1502	Secretariat staff travel- MA1a	50 000,00	7 032,97	36 354,27	13 645,73	20 678,70
<i>Subtotal General Management and Administrative support</i>		<i>450 800,00</i>	<i>15 487,93</i>	<i>364 044,91</i>	<i>86 755,09</i>	<i>102 243,02</i>
Institutional Meetings						
2100	Meeting of the Parties	61 000,00	82,68	0,00	61 000,00	61 082,68
2200	Scientific Committee	49 000,00	-2 488,96	44 088,45	4 911,55	2 422,59
2300	Bureau	32 000,00	114,86	30 432,04	1 567,96	1 682,82
2400	Meeting of National Representatives	21 000,00	5 224,15	19 626,48	1 373,52	6 597,67
2500	Follow-up Committee Meeting	5 000,00	444,85	2 968,80	2 031,20	2 476,05
<i>Subtotal Institutional Meetings</i>		<i>168 000,00</i>	<i>3 377,58</i>	<i>97 115,77</i>	<i>70 884,23</i>	<i>74 261,81</i>
Support to Conservation Actions						
51*	Capacity building		*	0,00		
52	Human-Cetacean interactions /Emergency situations	51 000,00	4 656,32	10 956,60	40 043,40	44 699,72
53	Habitats / Research and Monitoring	133 000,00	16 006,27	47 121,17	85 878,83	101 885,10
54	Public Awareness/ Disseminations of information	61 000,00	29 172,65	40 170,22	20 829,78	50 002,43
<i>Subtotal Support to Conservation Actions</i>			<i>245 000,00</i>	<i>49 835,24</i>	<i>98 247,99</i>	<i>146 752,01</i>
TOTAL		863 800,00	68 700,75	559 408,67	304 391,33	373 092,08

*LB51 was deleted according to MOP7 decision. Remaining funds from LB51 (13 237,08 €) were transferred to LB52 and Secured Fund.

III. OVERVIEW OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED BY PARTIES (except if dedicated to ASI)

Table 4. a. Voluntary Contributions received during 2020-2022

Year	from (country)	Voluntary Contribution (euros)	Used in (year)	Used to (activities developed)
2020	Monaco	40 000	2020-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a study on the identification of the hot spots of whale watching activities in the ACCOBAMS Area and at testing the proposed common procedure to use whale watching vessels as platform of opportunity. Support the updating overview of specimens held in captivity in the ACCOBAMS area, and the scientific analysis evaluating the situation of semi-captivity in ACCOBAMS area. Promote cetacean conservation actions during national events.
	Malta	10 000	2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to organize training sessions on necropsies (altogether with voluntary contributions from Monaco and Italy)
	Italy	200 000	2021 - 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to organize training sessions on necropsies (altogether with voluntary contributions from Monaco and Malta) Partially support the review of bycatch data available among the stranding networks and the study on hotspots of interaction between cetaceans and marine litter Produce bibliographic review on the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans and Guidelines on best practices to assess the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans, developed in collaboration with IWC experts Develop communication materials / Tools to reinforce ACCOBAMS Communication, and to promote the visibility of the activities carried out by the Scientific Committee
2021	Monaco	40 000	2021-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a study on the identification of the hot spots of whale watching activities in the ACCOBAMS Area and at testing the proposed common procedure to use whale watching vessels as platform of opportunity. Support the updating overview of specimens held in captivity in the ACCOBAMS area, and the scientific analysis evaluating the situation of semi-captivity in ACCOBAMS area. Prepare final draft CMP for <i>Delphinus delphis</i> and <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> to be presented to the Fourteenth Scientific Committee Meeting in November 2021 Support the organization of the Fifth Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries, including a contest aimed at selecting the best informative posters in relation to the ACCOBAMS scientific scope of work (with co-funding from SPA/RAC). A dedicated publication on capacity building is ongoing and expected to be produced in 2022. Organize trainings on necropsies, following the best practices on the investigation of causes of death including incidental catches during fishing operations (bycatch) and marine litter ingestion, entanglement, but also impacts caused by noise,

				<p>ship strikes and infectious diseases - "Best Practices on cetacean post-mortem investigation and tissue sampling resulted from the harmonization process in ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS". In 2021, these trainings were online and a French/English interpretation was ensured.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote cetacean conservation actions during national events
	Spain	36 000	2021 and 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the functioning of MEDACES in 2020 and 2021

Table 4.b. Unspent Voluntary Contributions received in previous years and used during 2020-2022

Year	from (country)	Voluntary Contribution (euros)	Used in (year)	Used to (activities developed)
2018	Italy	228 000	2020 - 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the participation of 3 experts (from Lebanon, Egypt and Montenegro) to marine mammal necropsy workshop, organized by the Department of Veterinary Pathology in the University of Liege (Belgium). The workshop was held on 10th July (online marine mammals' postmortem investigation) and a face-to-face marine mammal postmortem workshop was planned from 13th to 15th October 2020. Translate into French the Best Practices on cetacean postmortem investigation and tissue sampling resulted from the harmonization process in ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS Support the participation of the Chair of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee at a workshop in October 2021, promoted by OFB in Paris, on a PSSA possible proposal to be submitted to IMO in 2022
2019	Italy	231 547	2020 - 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the impact of plastic bags, microplastic and other plastic materials ingestion on cetaceans in cooperation with existing initiatives, such as IWC; Compare the evolution of some cetacean's population with environmental changes over 25 years in the North-Western Mediterranean Sea, propose monitoring system, using the ACCOBAMS Big Data analytics tools constructed; Contribute to the "Sphyrna Odyssey" project for the collection of data in North-western Mediterranean Sea using Autonomous Underwater and Surface Vehicles; Contribute to the construction of a ACCOBAMS of a "Big Data" analytics tool.
	Spain	18 000	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the functioning of MEDACES for 2019

IV. OVERVIEW OF CO-FUNDINGS (except if dedicated to ASI)

Table 5. Co-fundings received and used during 2020-2022

Year	from (organization) / project	Co-funding (euros)	Used in (year)	Used to (activities developed)
2020	EU funded QUIETMED2 project	33 794	2020-2021	This project aims at enhancing cooperation among Member States in the Mediterranean Sea Region for achieving a GES assessment on Descriptor 11 - noise in the Mediterranean. For contributing to the implementation of the project and carrying out specific technical activities, the ACCOBAMS Secretariat is supported by experts.
	EU funded CeNoBS project	3 882	2020-2021	This project was designed to "Support MSFD Implementation in the Black Sea through establishing a regional monitoring system of cetaceans (D1) and noise monitoring (D11) for achieving GES". In addition to pilot activities on by-catch and noise monitoring, CeNoBS will allow to conduct an aerial survey to estimate abundance and distribution of cetaceans in the Black Sea, which will complement the ASI.
	MAVA funded MedBycatch project	141 680	2020-2022	This project aims at implementing the bycatch monitoring activities in the countries involved in the project, and Phase 2 is in particular aimed at testing mitigation measures to reduce incidental catches of vulnerable species, based on the results of the first year of monitoring.
	MAVA funded Depredation project	114 708	2020-2022	This project is aimed at supporting depredation assessment and mitigation in different Mediterranean fisheries (purse seine fisheries in Morocco and Tunisia and small-scale fisheries in Andalucía (Spain), in Sicily (Italy) and Malta).
	MAVA funded Species project	17 000	2020-2022	This project is aimed at supporting mechanism for Filling key knowledge gaps for vulnerable and highly mobile species impacted by fisheries in the Mediterranean.
	IUCN Med	1 722	2020	To support the participation of experts at the 13 th ACCOBAMS Scientific Meeting
2021	EU funded QUIETMED2 project	24 180€	2021	This project is funded by the DG Environment and aims at enhancing cooperation among Member States in the Mediterranean Sea Region for achieving a GES assessment on Descriptor 11 - noise in the Mediterranean. For contributing to the implementation of the project and carrying out specific technical activities, the ACCOBAMS Secretariat is supported by experts
	EU funded QUIETSEAS project	35 965	2021-2022	This project aims to support Member States and Competent Authorities providing methods and tools to facilitate Descriptor 11-Underwater noise management

	EU funded CeNoBS project	7 650	2021-2022	This project was designed to "Support MSFD Implementation in the Black Sea through establishing a regional monitoring system of cetaceans (D1) and noise monitoring (D11) for achieving GES". In addition to pilot activities on by-catch and noise monitoring, CeNoBS will allow to conduct an aerial survey to estimate abundance and distribution of cetaceans in the Black Sea, which will complement the ASI
	EU funded ABIO MED project	14 737	2021-2022	This two-year EU Funded ABIOMMED project started in July 2021 and the Secretariat is coordinating the activity " Streamlining Descriptor's D1 selected criteria regarding mammal's species groups (small toothed cetaceans, deep diving toothed cetaceans and baleen whales) towards coordinated monitoring and assessment in the Mediterranean region"
	MAVA funded MedBycatch project	149 605	2021-2022	This project aims at implementing the bycatch monitoring activities in the countries involved in the project, and Phase 2 is in particular aimed at testing mitigation measures to reduce incidental catches of vulnerable species, based on the results of the first year of monitoring. A small grant was also provided to capitalize on the experience and knowledge acquired through the MedBycatch project in the implementation of the on-board observer program.
	MAVA funded Depredation project	289 800	2021-2022	This project is aimed at supporting depredation assessment and mitigation in different Mediterranean fisheries (purse seine fisheries in Morocco and Tunisia and small-scale fisheries in Andalucía (Spain), in Sicily (Italy) and Malta).
	IUCN Med/CIESM	-	2021	Support the participation of experts at the 14 th ACCOBAMS Scientific Meeting
	SPA/RAC	11 000	2021-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of the Fifth Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries (with voluntary contribution from Monaco), • Organization of trainings on necropsies (with voluntary contributions from Malta, Monaco and Italy), • Update of the Mediterranean Action Plan for the Conservation of Cetaceans, • Drafting a National Action Plan for Algeria.
2022	MAVA funded Depredation project	57 863	2022	This project is aimed at supporting depredation assessment and mitigation in different Mediterranean fisheries (purse seine fisheries in Morocco and Tunisia and small-scale fisheries in Andalucía (Spain), in Sicily (Italy) and Malta).
	MAVA funded Learning and Sharing project	5 000		This project is aimed at sharing experiences of National observer teams and fishers of the MedBycatch project. Workshops will facilitate discussions between

				observers and fishers to obtain and share knowledge on how best to form strong maintainable collaborations and sustain the bycatch observation programme
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V. OVERVIEW OF INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES RELEVANT TO THE ACCOBAMS SURVEY INITIATIVE 2020-2022 (as of 30th June 2022)

Officially Launched during the 6th Meeting of Parties of ACCOBAMS in 2016, the ASI project started early 2017 and was financially supported through the following funding sources:

Table 6. ASI funding sources

Funding source		Total amount in Euros
voluntary contributions	France – <i>Agence Française de la Biodiversité</i>	400 000
	Italy - <i>Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare</i>	228 000
	Italy - <i>Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare - VC 2017</i>	35 000
	Monaco - <i>Département des Relations Extérieures et de la Coopération – VC 2019</i>	20 000
	Spain (voluntary contribution of 2008) - <i>Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica</i>	300 000
	Slovenia – <i>Morigenos Slovenian Marine Mammal Society</i>	1 607
co-fundings	Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco	100 000
	MAVA Foundation ASI	1 701 000
	MAVA Foundation ASI Evaluation	25 000
own funds	ACCOBAMS *	180 789*
TOTAL		2 991 396 €

* 90 000 € were allocated to the coordination of the ASI in the Mediterranean and 90 789 € were allocated to the Black Sea Survey as co-funding to the CeNoBS project.

Table 7: Incomes and expenditures 2020 - 2022 (until 30th June 2022)

Source	Available from previous year	Incomes	Expenditures	Remaining balance (30/06/2022)
Countries	111 105,64	80 000	142 134,55	48 971,09*
ACCOBAMS own funds	60 597	0	17 357	43 240*
FPA2	-5 400	20 000	34 600,8	-20 000,8**
MAVA	151 746,98	0	122 619	29 128*
MAVA ASI Evaluation		25 000	13 300	11 700*
TOTAL	318 050	125 000	330 011	113 038

* a few expenses remain to be made by the end of the project in December 2022 – Several activities had to be adapted to the constraints of the Covid19 crisis, resulting in lower than budgeted expenditures. Some remainders are thus expected after the end of the project, and will be used by the Secretariat for the next survey (in support of fundraising efforts and for co-funding).

** two last instalments from FPA2 amounting 20 000 euros are expected by the end of the project in December 2022, after final reports are provided to FPA2.

VI. OTHER INCOMES

An income of 29 919 € was due to the sale of invested funds (SICAV) on 21/12/2021. Remaining amounts from VAT refunding made on operations carried out in Monaco and in France (2020- 2022) amounted to 22 621€ (on 30th June 2022).

VII. SECURED FUND

Paragraph 20 of Annex 3 of Resolution 7.6 foresees that a secured fund equivalent to 30% of the administrative budget is created. the “secured fund” line amounts to 18 800 € as of 30th June 2022.

VIII. CASH FLOW (as of 30.06.22)

Table 8. cash-flow

ACCOBAMS Trust Fund bank account	euros
Remaining from previous years + ordinary contributions + voluntary contributions + cofundings + other incomes*	864 167
Cash	130
TOTAL (as of 30/06/2022)	864 297

IX. CONTRIBUTION FROM MONACO AS THE HOST COUNTRY TO ACCOBAMS

In accordance with Appendix 1 – “Financial arrangements between the Government of H.S.H the Prince of Monaco and the Permanent Secretariat of ACCOBAMS” of ACCOBAMS Resolution 6.2 on the Headquarters Agreement with the Host Country, the Principality of Monaco provides both in-cash and in-kind contributions to support the functioning of the ACCOBAMS Secretariat.

The financial support perceived by Monaco in the framework of the Headquarters Agreement feeds in a different ACCOBAMS bank account and remains outside the scope of the Trust Fund, as it relates to the Headquarters Agreement with regard to the regular functioning of the Secretariat including staff costs.

The Headquarters Agreement budget for the triennium is convened between the Principality of Monaco and the Executive Secretary and is subjected to the verification of, and validation by, the Fund management Controller.

The in-cash contribution provided by the Principality of Monaco is aimed at enabling the general functioning of the Secretariat whose premises are located in the Principality, and at funding the salaries of both the Executive Secretary and the Assistant to the Executive Secretary.

The in-kind contribution provided by the Principality of Monaco is aimed at hosting the Secretariat in Monaco and at hosting two Programme & Project Officers working at the Secretariat.

For information purposes the support provided by the Host Country is shown in table 9 below.

Table 9. In-cash and in-kind contributions provided by Monaco under the Headquarters Agreement

In-cash contribution	General costs related to the Secretariat functioning	Year		
		2020	2021	2022
		28 300 €	33 650 €	31 100 €
	Secretariat staff costs ²	182 720 €	176 613 €	179 840 €
Total in-cash contribution		211 000 €	205 100 €	211 000 €
In-kind contribution	Cost of Secretariat's premises	10 876 €	10 876 €	10 876 €
	Cost of two appartments to accommodate two Programme & Project Officers working at the Secretariat	22 675 €	31 461 €	28 426 €
Total in-kind contribution		33 551 €	42 606 €	39 302 €
Total contribution from the Host Country		244 551 €	247 437 €	250 302 €

² Salaries and social charges of the Executive Secretary and the Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Annex 1 Explanatory note on Trust Fund Budgetary lines

1. Administration and general management

Budget Line 1101: Executive Secretary housing allowance

The remuneration of the Executive Secretary is composed of the salary provided by the Host Country and a complementary allowance from the Trust Fund covered by this Budget Line.

Budget Lines 1102 & 1103 & 1104: Programme & Project Officers and Accountant

These budget lines were used to cover expenditure related to the ACCOBAMS Secretariat positions of Programme & Project Officers, notably salaries and social contributions. Miscalculated wages in 2019 are at the origin of this insufficiency, which was solved through remaining amounts in the same budget section, and thanks to a unpaid 18 weeks maternity leave of one Programme & Project Officer.

Budget Line 1201: Translators

The working languages of ACCOBAMS meetings are English and French. This budget will enable the translation of documents for the 8th Meeting of the Parties.

Budget Line 1202: Fund management controller

According to Resolution 7.6 adopted by the Parties, the budget is audited each year by a Fund management controller. This budget line covers the fees of the Fund management controller during the Triennium

Budget Line 1203: External assistance

During the 2020-2022 triennium, the amounts allocated to this budget line were mainly assigned to services provided by legal advisors.

Budget Line 1300: Bank fees

Bank charges have considerably decreased following the adoption of e-banking service (free of bank charges).

Budget Line 1400 Hospitality

The over expenditure with hospitality costs was linked to few improvements at the Secretariat and correspondence.

Budget Line 1501: Sub Regional Coordination unit

This line is intended to assist the Sub Regional Coordination Units to develop activities related to ACCOBAMS objectives in the two sub-regions, and attendance at ACCOBAMS meetings.

The expenses related to the activities with the Sub Regional Coordination Units covered:

- the participation of representatives of the two Sub Regional Coordination Units (Black Sea Commission Permanent Secretariat and UNEP/MAP-SPA/RAC) to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Meetings of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee and to the Fifth Meeting of the Extended Bureau.
- the participation of Mediterranean and Black Sea experts during the IUCN World Congress in September 2021 (Marseilles, France) and during the MPAs Forum in December 2021 (Monaco)
- the support of the organization of the 33rd annual European Cetacean Society conference

Budget Line 1502: Secretariat staff travels

During the Triennium 2020-2022, the Secretariat attended meetings and workshops to (1) liaise with other Organizations and strengthen collaborations to implement the work programme and (2) to establish and maintain close contacts with Parties and other Riparian countries to assist them in work programme implementation.

During these meetings, the Secretariat presented the activities and the Agreement, distributed information material, investigated potential for joint activities and co-funding possibilities, worked with the competent authorities on the various means necessary to enhance ACCOBAMS implementation at a national level.

Moreover, in order to better promote the Agreement, the Secretariat recruited an international Consultant to develop an ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy proposal in view of its adoption at the Eighth Meeting of the Parties. During

the 25th anniversary of ACCOBAMS, they produced a short promoting video reflecting the ACCOBAMS scope of work and main achievements

Furthermore, during the COVID crisis, since most of the meetings were online, the Secretariat has subscribed to Zoom.

2. Institutional Meetings

Budget Line 210: Meeting of the Parties

The budget adopted for this budget line was intended to support Parties in need of financial assistance and experts to attend the Eighth Meeting of the Parties (28th November – 2nd December 2022, Malta), to prepare working documents and to contribute to the organization of MOP7.

Budget Line 220: Scientific Committee

Two Scientific Committee Meetings were held during this triennium:

- The 13th Meeting of the Scientific Committee was organized on 26th-28th February 2020 in Cap d'Ail, France.
- The 14th Meeting of the Scientific Committee was organized on 22nd-26th November 2021 in Monaco.

The savings made during these two meetings by the Secretariat enabled support provided to the Chair of the Scientific Committee to attend relevant Meetings.

Budget Line 2300: Bureau

The expenses of this budget line covered the organisation of three Meetings of the Bureau during the triennium 2020-2022

- The extraordinary Bureau Meeting met as Recruitment Committee for the selection procedure of the Executive Secretary position, in February 2020.
- The Thirteenth Bureau Meeting was organized on 9-11 December 2020, online;
- The Fourteenth Bureau Meeting was organized on 18-19 January 2022, online;
- The Fifth Meeting of the Extended Bureau was organized on 26-27 April 2022 in Monaco.

In order to ensure the good running of the Meeting, the Secretariat acquired a videoconferencing equipment

Budget Line 2400: Meeting of National Representatives (previously called Regional Workshops)

The Fifth Meeting of National Representatives was held 12 to 15 July 2021, online.

The respective budget line was used to update the Online National Report which will be used by Focal Points in 2022 prior to MOP8.

Budget Line 2500: Follow up Committee Meeting

The expenses of this budget line covered the organisation of the Third Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow up Committee which was organized online on 29th – 30th March 2022.

A simultaneous translation was proposed to facilitate the exchanges.

3. Conservation actions

Budget Line 51:

The budget available under this line was deleted in accordance with Resolution 7.6.

The unspent 2019 budget from this budget line was transferred to the secured fund.

Budget Line 52: Human-cetacean interactions / Emergency situations

The budget line was used to cover the following activities:

- promote of the implementation of the « High Quality Whale Watching [®] » certificate for operators
- support a study on the identification of the hot spots of whale watching activities in the ACCOBAMS Area and at testing the proposed common procedure to use whale watching vessels as platform of opportunity (with the Monaco voluntary contribution);

- prepare a review of relevant legal provisions related to the use of drift nets in the ACCOBAMS Area; and get information about existing legal instruments and measures conceived to nationally enforce the ACCOBAMS provisions on the issue.

Budget Line 53: Habitat/ Research and monitoring

The budget available on this budget line was used to carry out activities related to Marine Protected Areas/Cetacean Critical Habitats (CCH) and to reinforce collaboration with the various international bodies, such as SAP/RAC, ASCOBANS, ECS, MedPAN, etc...., as follows:

- support the ongoing process on the assessment and reassessment of the IUCN conservation status of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area;
- drafting ACCOBAMS Conservation Management Plans for 4 species, especially with the organization of a CMP drafting workshop on 7-9 March 2022, in Cap d'Ail, France
- assist expert in drafting a National Action Plan for Algeria; revise and promote ACCOBAMS Cetacean Critical Habitats.

Budget Line 54: Public awareness / Dissemination of information

The budget line was used to:

- Provide support the functioning of MEDACES for 2019, with the voluntary contribution of Spain for 2019;
- Host the ACCOBAMS website;
- Improve the existing MMO/PAM training and to initiate the development an online training;
- Celebrate the 25th ACCOBAMS Anniversary (25 years logo, short promoting video, anniversary ceremony...);

Create and disseminate communication material for public awareness and for distribution to meetings where ACCOBAMS was represented