

REPORT ON INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES RELEVANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY CONSERVATION GRANTS FUND FOR 2020-2022

BACKGROUND

At their First Meeting (Monaco, 28 February – 2 March 2002), and as provided by Article IX, paragraph 3, of the Agreement, the Parties to ACCOBAMS established a Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund (SCF) from voluntary contributions of Parties or from any other source in order to increase the funds available for monitoring, research, training and projects relating to the conservation of cetaceans.

The SCF became operational as of the Second Meeting of the Parties (Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 9-12 November 2004) and had a significant role in supporting ACCOBAMS conservation initiatives in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Since 2011, projects to be funded under the SCF were selected through calls for proposals launched by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Parties, and following the scientific evaluation made by the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS.

In 2013, at their Fifth Meeting (Tangier, 5-8 November 2013), and then in 2019 at their Seventh Meeting (Istanbul, 5-8 November 2022) the Parties to ACCOBAMS adopted Resolutions on the Procedure for the ACCOBAMS calls for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Fund.

As provided by Resolution 7.8, the objectives of the SCF are as follows:

- to catalyse the development and implementation of concerted or cooperative actions that should clearly contribute to the implementation of the Agreement and the priorities adopted by the Parties;
- to support applied conservation projects;
- to provide seed money to initiate long-term projects that have a multiplying impact well beyond the funding period;
- to stimulate dialogue and cooperation at local and regional level in order to improve the conservation status of the cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area;
- to assist in the development of national capacities to conserve cetaceans and their habitats;
- to raise awareness of the conservation and management needs of cetaceans and their habitats;
- to make small funds available to communities and other conservation stakeholders with limited access to alternative funding sources.

This report provides an overview of incomes and expenditures concerning the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund in 2020, 2021 and 2022 (as of 30 June 2022).

No transfers from the Trust Fund to the SCF were made prior to 30 June 2022.

After 30th June 2022 two transfers amounting to 60 000 €, corresponding to voluntary contributions provided by Italy in 2020 (40 000 €), and by Monaco in 2022 (20 000 €), have been made from the Trust Fund to the Supplementary Conservation Fund.

In accordance with the BU14 decision a new Call for project proposals was launched on 16 February 2022. An Extraordinary Meeting of the Bureau was planned for 1st September 2022, aimed at the selection of projects to be funded through the ACCOBAMS Supplementary Conservation Fund.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN THE SCF DURING THE TRIENNIUM 2020-2022

2020 Statement, as of 31/12/2020

The balance in the SCF as of 01/01/2020 stood at 29 610 €.

No transfers of Voluntary Contributions from the Trust Fund to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund were made in 2020.

Total expenditure in 2020 (as of 31 December 2020) amounted to 6 555 € (6 520 € plus bank fees for transfers), corresponding to the following:

- a project in Bulgaria: 4 280€ was paid for the implementation of the project "Monitoring and mitigation of cetacean bycatch in Bulgarian waters";
- a project in Morocco: 2 240€ was paid for strengthening the network of cetacean strandings monitoring in Morocco.

Table 1. Income and expenditure in the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund as of 31/12/2020

Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund	in € (euros)
Available from previous years	29 610
Total incomes (replenishments)	0
Total expenditures	6 555
Remaining balance in bank (31/12/2020)	23 055
Amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019 call for projects	5 850
Available balance (31/12/2020)	17 205

2021 Statement, as of 31/12/2021

The balance in the SCF as of 01/01/2021 amounted to 23 055€.

No transfers of Voluntary Contributions from the Trust Fund to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund were made in 2021.

Total expenditure in 2021 (as of 31st December 2021) amounted to 6 329 € (6 300 € plus bank fees for transfers), corresponding to:

• a project in Algeria: 6 300€ was paid to fund the implementation of a new operational network for cetacean strandings monitoring along Algerian coasts".

Table 2. Income and expenditure in the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund as of 31/12/2021

Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund	in € (euros)
Available from previous years	23 055
Total income (replenishments)	0
Total expenditure	6 329
Remaining balance in bank (31/12/2021)	16 726
Amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019 call for projects	12 250
Available balance (31/12/2021)	4 476

2022 Statement, as of 30/06/2022

The balance in the SCF as of 01/01/2022 amounted to 16 726€.

No transfers of Voluntary Contributions from the Trust Fund to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund were made before 30/06/2022.

Total expenditure in 2022 (as of 30/06/2022) amounted to 2 850 € (including bank fees for transfers), corresponding to the implementation of a project in Bulgaria "Monitoring and mitigation of cetacean bycatch in Bulgarian waters".

Table 3. Income and expenditure in the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund as of 30/06/2022

Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund	in € (euros)
Available from previous years	16 726
Total income (replenishments)	0
Total expenditure	2 850
Remaining balance in bank (30/06/2022)	13 876
Amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019 call for projects	9 400
Available balance (as of 30/06/2022)	4 476

II. TRIENNIUM STATEMENT (2020-2022)

The balance in the SCF as of 01/01/2020 amounted to 29 610€.

No transfers of Voluntary Contributions from the Trust Fund to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund were made before 30/06/2022.

Total expenditure as of 30/06/2022 amounted to 15 734 €.

The available balance as of 30/06/2022 corresponds to the remaining balance in bank deducted of the amount allocated to ongoing projects under the last call for projects (2019).

Table 4. Income and expenditure in the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund during the triennium 2020-2022 (as of 30/06/2022)

Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund	in € (euros)
Available from previous years	29 610
Total income (replenishments)	0*
Total expenditure	15 734
Remaining balance in bank (on 30/06/2022)	13 876
Amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019 call for projects	9 400
Available balance (as of 30/06/2022)	4 476

^{*}After 30/06/2022, the SCF has been replenished with 60 000 €, corresponding to voluntary contributions provided by Italy in 2020 (40 000 €), and Monaco in 2022 (20 000 €).