



## **INFORMATION NOTE ON THE IUCN RED LIST STATUS**

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The 2020-2022 ACCOBAMS Work program foresees - as a Scientific Committee assignment within the CA1 Conservation Action related to improve knowledge about state of cetaceans and monitor cetacean status - 'to assess IUCN threat status of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area and update it regularly, and more specifically to gather information to assess the data deficient species.

Following Recommendation 10.3 from the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee (Nice, France, 20-22 October 2015) and Resolution 6.15, adopted by the Sixth Meeting of the Parties (Monaco, 22-25 November 2016) regarding the assessment of IUCN conservation status of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area, the Scientific Committee decided during its 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Monaco, 7-9 February 2017) to assess the status of killer whale in priority and to postpone the (re)assessment of other species for after the results of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative (ASI), when updated information and robust data on population abundance and distribution would be available.

Thus, considering the results of the ASI project, as well as other data and observations collected over the last few years, new assessments on the conservation status of Mediterranean and Black Sea cetaceans, and updates of existing ones according to the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria, were launched end of 2019.

This initiative results from a collaboration between ACCOBAMS and the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation in making use of all new sources of information towards an updated Red List Status of Mediterranean and Black Sea cetaceans.

Species	Previous IUCN Red List status		IUCN Red List status following the 2018-2021 assessments	
Bottlenose dolphin <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Vulnerable</b>	Inner Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Least Concern</b>
			Gulf of Ambracia subpopulation	<b>Critically Endangered</b>
Bottlenose Dolphin Black Sea subspecies <i>Tursiops truncatus ssp. ponticus</i>	Black Sea subspecies	<b>Endangered</b>	Black Sea subspecies	<b>Endangered<sup>1</sup></b>
Common dolphin <i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Endangered</b>	Inner Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Endangered</b>
			Gulf of Corinth subpopulation	<b>Critically Endangered</b>
Common dolphin Black Sea subspecies <i>Delphinus delphis ssp. ponticus</i>	Black Sea subspecies	<b>Vulnerable</b>	Black Sea subspecies	<b>Vulnerable<sup>1</sup></b>
Cuvier's beaked whale <i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Data Deficient</b>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Vulnerable</b>
Fin whale <i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Vulnerable</b>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Endangered</b>

<sup>1</sup> These classifications are provisional as the assessments are under review by IUCN and IUCN SSC Cetacean Specialist Group.

Species	Previous IUCN Red List status		IUCN Red List status following the 2018-2021 assessments	
Harbour porpoise Black Sea subspecies <i>Phocoena phocoena ssp. relicta</i>	Black Sea subspecies	<b>Endangered</b>	Black Sea subspecies	<b>Endangered<sup>1</sup></b>
Killer whale <i>Orcinus orca</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Not Evaluated</b>	Strait of Gibraltar subpopulation	<b>Critically Endangered</b>
Long-finned pilot whale <i>Globicephala melas</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Data Deficient</b>	Inner Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Endangered</b>
			Strait of Gibraltar subpopulation	<b>Critically Endangered</b>
Risso's dolphin <i>Grampus griseus</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Data Deficient</b>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Endangered</b>
Sperm whale <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Endangered</b>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Endangered</b>
Striped dolphin <i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Vulnerable</b>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Least Concern</b>
			Gulf of Corinth subpopulation	<b>Endangered</b>
Rough-toothed dolphin <i>Steno bredanensis</i>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Not Evaluated</b>	Mediterranean subpopulation	<b>Near Threatened</b>