



INFORMATION REGARDING SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND RULES

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Legal background - Article VII AGREEMENT

Article VII

Scientific Committee

1. A Scientific Committee, comprising persons qualified as experts in cetacean conservation science, shall be established as an advisory body to the Meeting of the Parties. The Meeting of the Parties will entrust the functions of the Scientific Committee to an existing organization in the Agreement area that assures geographically-balanced representation.
2. Meetings of the Scientific Committee shall be convened by the Agreement secretariat at the request of the Meeting of the Parties.
3. The Scientific Committee shall:
 - a) provide advice to the Meeting of the Parties on scientific and technical matters having a bearing on the implementation of the Agreement, and to individual Parties between sessions, as appropriate, through the Co-ordination unit of the sub-region concerned;
 - b) advise on the guidelines as provided for in Article IV, paragraph 3, assess the reviews prepared in accordance with Annex 2 to this Agreement and formulate recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties relating to their development, contents and implementation;
 - c) conduct scientific assessments of the conservation status of cetacean populations;
 - d) advise on the development and co-ordination of international research and monitoring programmes, and make recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning further research to be carried out;
 - e) facilitate the exchange of scientific information and of conservation techniques;
 - f) prepare for each session of the Meeting of the Parties a report of its activities which shall be submitted to the Agreement secretariat not less than one hundred and twenty days before the session of the Meeting of the Parties and circulated forthwith by the Agreement secretariat to all Parties;
 - g) render timely advice on the exceptions of which it has been informed pursuant to Article

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Resolution 4.4 – MOP 4 - designation

Regional representatives nominated during the Meeting:

- BAKER, Mohamed (Eastern Mediterranean, alternate)
- BEAUBRUN, Pierre (Western Mediterranean and contiguous Atlantic area, alternate)
- BOUTIBA, Zitouni (Western Mediterranean and contiguous Atlantic area)
- BRADAI, Mohamed Nejmeddine (Central Mediterranean, alternate)
- HOLCER, Drasko (Central Mediterranean)
- IBRAHIM, Ameer (Eastern Mediterranean)
- KRIVOKHIZHIN, Sergey (Black Sea)
- MIKHAILOV, Konstantin (Black Sea, alternate)

Other members:

- BIRKUN Alexei, CIESM (Chair)
- KEREM Dani, CIESM
- NOTARBARTOLO DI SCIARA Giuseppe, CIESM
- OZTURK Ayaka, CIESM
- RIDOUX Vincent, CIESM (Vice-Chair)
- PANIGADA Simone, ECS
- TROYA Antonio, IUCN Med
- DONOVAN Greg, IWC



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Resolution 4.4 – MOP 4 - designation

1. [*Decides* that an interim WG is established to work] *Requests* the Scientific Committee and the Bureau, with the help of the Secretariat, **to present to the Contracting Parties and Partners a proposal six months before the Fifth Meeting** of the Parties on matters related to the composition of the Scientific Committee. In this spirit, it is proposed to put forward to the Scientific Committee, for further consideration, the document in Annex 1;

2. *Decides* that during the **interim period** the Scientific Committee continues to consist of **twelve members**, comprising:

- one Chair;
- four Task managers, including a Vice-Chair;
- four regional representatives from the ACCOBAMS area;
- one representative each from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the European Cetacean Society (ECS) and the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

The Chair and Vice Chair are nominated by the Meeting of the Parties and the nomination is later confirmed and the Chair and Vice Chair are elected at the first meeting of the Scientific Committee, or the Scientific Committee elects a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Task managers shall be chosen by the Scientific Committee according to the main topics of the Working Programme.



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Resolution 4.4 – Annex with rules

3. *Appoints* the following scientists to the Scientific Committee until the Fifth Meeting of the Parties (Annex 2):

- **five** experts, nominated by the CIESM,
- the **four** regional representatives and their alternates, nominated by the 3rd Meeting of the Parties (Resolution 3.3), whose mandate is extended,
- **three** experts nominated by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the European Cetacean Society (ECS) and the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

MOP 4 Conclusion: requested a proposal for MOP 5

MOP4 requested the Scientific Committee and the Bureau, with the help of the Secretariat, to present to the Contracting Parties and Partners a proposal six months before the Fifth Meeting of the Parties on matters related to the composition of the Scientific Committee.



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Study developed between MOP 4 and MOP 5

Process followed since MOP4 to MOP5 on the proposal:

The Secretariat prepared a “**Review of similar matters in other intergovernmental organisations**”, presented in document ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Inf44, part 1.

The Task manager on procedural issues, Mr. Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara, in cooperation with the other Scientific Committee members, prepared a document on “**Suggestions on future composition of the Scientific Committee and selection criteria**”.

It contained proposals on Scientific Committee’s future composition and selection criteria. The document was circulated and approved by the Scientific Committee as a whole, reflected in document ACCOBAMS-MOP5/2013/Inf44, part 2 “**Options considered during the process**”, section A).



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MOP 5 discussions – WG on composition of SC

MOP5 report extract

74. *The Chair then decided to form a Working Group **open to the delegations of the Parties**, chaired by Morocco, to find a solution as to the composition of the Scientific Committee.*
75. *The Working Group met twice and its Chair reported about the compromise reached, especially regarding the leadership and coordination of the Scientific Committee which shall be entrusted by the Meeting of the Parties to CIESM or IUCN in rotation from one triennium to the next.*
76. *The Rules regarding the Scientific Committee were thus modified, taking into account the new elements decided on by the Parties on the subject, and appear in the Annex to Resolution 5.3.*



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Resolution 5.3 – MOP 5 - designation

4. Notes the experts appointed by CIESM and IUCN for 2014-2016, as follows:

- CIESM :

- Dani KEREM
- Simone PANIGADA,
- Ayaka Amaha OZTURK ;

- IUCN :

- Ibrahim BENAMER,
- Léa DAVID,
- Renaud DE STEPHANIS;



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Resolution 5.3 – Annex with rules

Article 2

1. The Scientific Committee shall consist of at **least thirteen** members, namely:

- **one Chair and two experts** appointed by the body to which the Scientific Committee has been entrusted under Article 1.3;
- **one Vice-Chair and two experts** appointed by the organization other than that to which the Scientific Committee was entrusted, cited under Article 1.3;
- **four representatives of the Regions** defined in the Appendix, appointed by the Meeting of the Parties from a list of experts submitted by the Parties together with their *curriculum vitae*;
- **one** representative from the European Cetacean Society (ECS), **one** from the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and **one** from the Scientific Council of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

2. **Additional** members of the Scientific Committee may be designated by the Parties on a voluntary basis. The cost of their participation to the meetings of the Scientific Committee shall not be covered by the Agreement's funds.



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Resolution 6.7 – MOP 6 - designation

"4. Takes note of the experts designated by IUCN and CIESM for the period 2017-2019 as follows:

IUCN :

- Ibrahim BENAMER
- Léa DAVID
- Simone PANIGADA

CIESM :

- Ayaka Amaha OZTÜRK
- Aviad SCHEININ



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Resolution 6.7 – Annex with rules

3. The scientific Committee is **alternatively entrusted, on a triennial basis, to one of the Expert Organisations (CIESM, IUCN) which will take turns in ensuring the function of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.**

Article 2

1. The Scientific Committee shall consist **in principle** of the following members, namely:

- **Three experts, including the Chair**, appointed by the Organisation to which the Scientific Committee has been entrusted under Article 1.3;
- **Three experts, including the Vice-Chair**, appointed by the Organisation other than the one to which the Scientific Committee was entrusted under Article 1.3;

Four representatives of the Regions defined in the Appendix, appointed by the Meeting of the Parties from a list of experts submitted by the Parties together with their *curriculum vitae*;

One representative from the European Cetacean Society (ECS), **one** representative of the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and **one** representative of the Scientific Council of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS);

2. **Additional** members of the Scientific Committee may be designated by the Parties on a voluntary basis. The cost of their participation to the meetings of the Scientific Committee shall not be covered by the Agreement's funds.



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Resolution 7.7 – MOP 7 - Designation

4. Takes note of the experts appointed by CIESM and IUCN for the period 2020-2022 as follows:

CIESM:

- Mrs. Loriane MENDEZ,
- Mrs. Ayaka Amaha OZTÜRK,
- Mr. Simone PANIGADA,

IUCN:

- Mrs. Léa DAVID,
- Mrs. Cristina FOSSI,
- Mrs. Souad LAMOUTI;

5. Asks the Scientific Committee to appoint, at its first Meeting of the triennium, its Chair among the experts designated by CIESM, its Vice-Chair among the experts designated by IUCN and its “Task Managers”



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Resolution 7.7 – Annex with rules

1. The Scientific Committee shall consist **in principle** of the following members, namely:

- **Three experts**, including the Chair, appointed by the Organisation to which the Scientific Committee has been entrusted under Article 1.3;
- **Three experts**, including the Vice-Chair, appointed by the Organisation other than the one to which the Scientific Committee was entrusted under Article 1.3;

Four representatives of the Regions defined in the Appendix, appointed by the Meeting of the Parties from a list of experts submitted by the Parties together with their *curriculum vitae*;

One representative from the European Cetacean Society (ECS), **one** representative of the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and **one** representative of the Scientific Council of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS);

2. **Additional** members of the Scientific Committee may be designated by the Parties on a voluntary basis. The cost of their participation to the meetings of the Scientific Committee shall not be covered by the Agreement’s funds.



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Resolution 8.3 – MOP 8 - Designation

3. *Takes note* of the experts appointed by CIESM and IUCN for the period 2023-2025 as follows:

CIESM:

- Loriane MENDEZ
- Ayaka Amaha OZTÜRK
- Simone PANIGADA

IUCN:

- Rimmel BEN MESSAOUD
- Cristina FOSSI
- Léa DAVID
- Simone PANIGADA

4. *Asks* the Scientific Committee to appoint, at its first Meeting of the triennium, a Chair and a Vice-Chair amongst experts designated by CIESM and IUCN, as well as “Task Managers”;

5. *Decides* that the Chair and Vice-Chair to be appointed by the Scientific Committee shall not be experts designated by the same Organization;



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Resolution 8.3 – Annex with amended rules

COMPOSITION

Article 2

1. The Scientific Committee shall consist in principle of the following members, namely:
 - **Three experts appointed by CIESM;**
 - **Three experts appointed by IUCN;**
 - **Four** representatives of the Regions defined in the Appendix, appointed by the Meeting of the Parties from a list of experts submitted by the Parties together with their *curriculum vitae*;
 - One representative from the European Cetacean Society (ECS), one representative of the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and one representative of the Scientific Council of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS);
- 2.The Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee are elected by the members of the Scientific Committee, at the first Meeting of the triennium, among the experts designated by CIESM and IUCN.**
- 3.The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee to be appointed shall not be experts designated by the same Organization.**
- 4.Additional members of the Scientific Committee may be designated by the Parties on a voluntary basis. The cost of their participation to the meetings of the Scientific Committee shall not be covered by the Agreement’s funds.



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Resolution 8.3 – Annex with amended rules

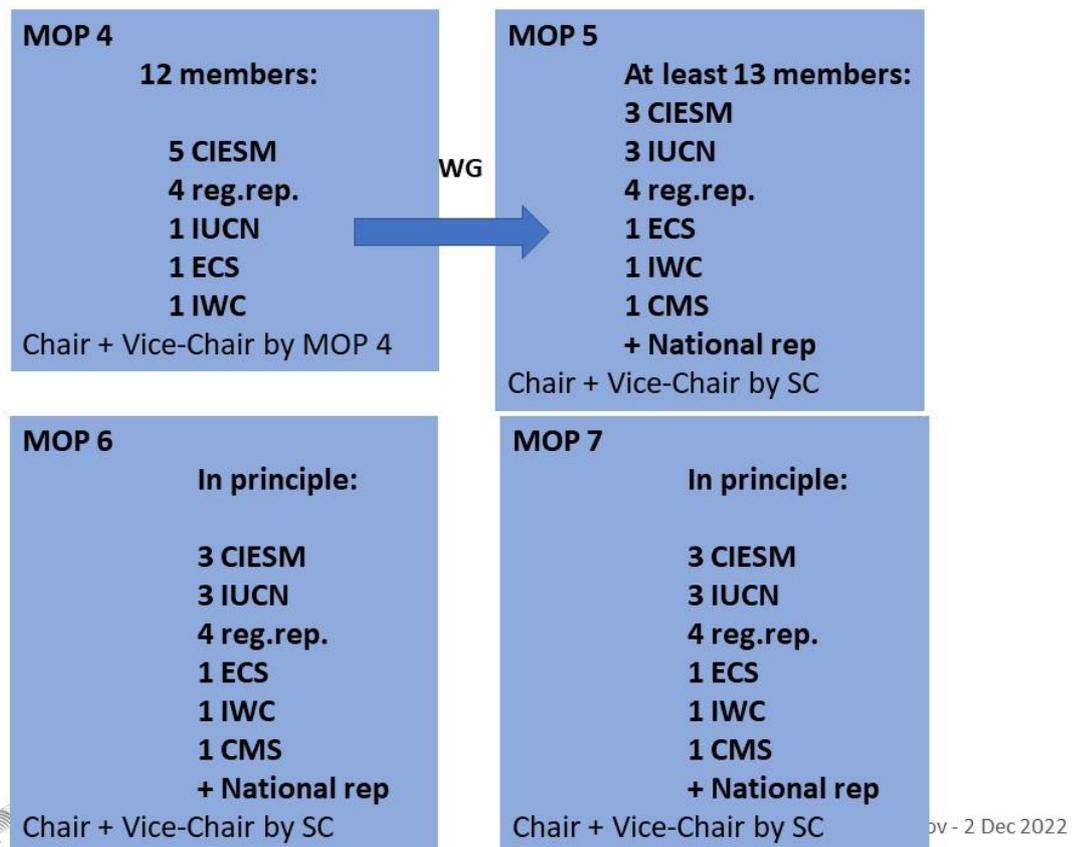
GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Article 1

1. The Scientific Committee, established in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement, provides scientific advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties or to the Parties through the Secretariat.
2. The functions of the Scientific Committee are defined in Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Agreement.
3. The functions of the Scientific Committee are entrusted, on a triennial basis, to Expert Organizations (CIESM and IUCN).



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MOP 8**In principle:**

3 CIESM
3 IUCN
4 reg.rep.
1 ECS
1 IWC
1 CMS
+ National rep

Chair + Vice-Chair by SC

The functions of the SC are entrusted, on a triennial basis, to Expert Organizations (CIESM and IUCN).

Chair and the Vice-Chair are elected by the members of the SC, at the 1st Meeting of the 2023/25 triennium, among experts designated by CIESM and IUCN.

Chair and Vice-Chair not to be from the same Organization.



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