

**RESOLUTION 8.13**  
**NATIONAL ACTION PLANS**

*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area:*

*Recalling* Annex 2 of the Agreement on the conservation, research and management measures to be applied by Parties to achieve ACCOBAMS purpose,

*Considering* that national action plans, as dedicated policy documents, are aimed to support the implementation of ACCOBAMS at the national level,

*Considering* that such national action plans should be developed following an integrated and participatory approach involving competent authorities, managers, scientists, non-governmental organizations and other interested stakeholders,

*Taking into consideration* regional strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation of cetaceans, such as the ongoing ACCOBAMS Conservation Management Plan efforts,

*Taking into consideration* Decision IG.25/13 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention, in particular its Annex 1 on the Action Plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea,

*Taking into consideration* Decision IG.25/11 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention on the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO),

*Taking into consideration* the relevant decisions under the Bucharest Convention,

1. *Invites* Parties to:
  - a. Update or develop one or more national action plans for the conservation of cetaceans, which shall integrate, *inter alia*, the measures set out in the Agreement, in particular its Annex 2, or
  - b. Adapt, for this purpose, existing national relevant programmes, and
  - c. Integrate the conservation of cetaceans into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies;
2. *Invites* the Secretariat, the Sub-Regional Coordination Units and the Scientific Committee to provide assistance to the Parties in the development and the updating of their national action plans.