

- the use of standardized formats to report results across the ACCOBAMS Area in synergy with existing frameworks and relevant multilateral environmental agreements that request periodic reporting from *post-mortem* investigations;
 - c. to support the identification of hot-spot areas for marine litter accumulation and, through modelling of exposure to plastic ingestion and entanglement, identify the threat to cetacean species occurring in those areas to design targeted mitigation measures; and
 - d. to propose cetacean species as indicators of marine litter in the ACCOBAMS Area, in particular focusing on macro-litter effects on deep-diving species, such as sperm whale and Cuvier's beaked whales, and on micro-plastic effects on filter feeders, such as fin whales;
4. *Invites* the Scientific Committee to consider the results and recommendations from relevant projects, initiatives and workshops, including the Workshop on Marine Debris held by the International Whaling Commission on 3-5 December 2019 in La Garriga, Spain, as well as the Resolution on Marine Plastic Pollution, adopted by the International Whaling Commission meeting held in October 2022 in Slovenia;
5. *Encourages* increased international cooperation on this subject with other bodies, in particular those relevant for cetaceans, as well as regional initiatives on marine litter;

Chemical pollution

6. *Asks* the Parties:
- a. to develop a transboundary health monitoring network for stranded and free-swimming cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area, which can facilitate the establishment of a common database on diseases and chemical burdens and cooperation among existing tissue banks for the assessment of the 'Favourable Conservation Status' of marine mammals under the European Union Habitats Directive, and equivalent national and regional legislation;
 - b. to develop an inventory of the institutions and laboratories within the ACCOBAMS Area that are willing to receive and analyze samples for legacy and emerging pollutants from those institutions that do not have appropriate facilities and expertise;
 - c. to ensure that existing measures for the mitigation of toxicological contamination in the ACCOBAMS Area are enforced, including through full compliance by Parties with the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; and
 - d. to focus on the assessment of cumulative effects and multiple stressors, including chemicals, marine litter, climate change, and emerging pathogens, on cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area, including new techniques, taking into consideration the recommendations from the International Whaling Commission Intersessional Workshop 'Pollution 2025' held on 1-4 November 2021.
7. *Decides* that the present Resolution replaces Resolution 7.15.