

**RESOLUTION 8.7**  
**NETCCOBAMS**

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

*Taking into consideration* Recommendation 14.10 “NETCCOBAMS” of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific Committee,

*Recognizing* that the NETCCOBAMS online platform, available at the link: <https://hub.sinay.ai/accobams/home><sup>18</sup> is a source of valuable information on pressures and threats for cetaceans,

1. *Encourages* Parties to support the further development and improvement of NETCCOBAMS and *invites* Parties to report relevant information on activities through NETCCOBAMS;
2. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Scientific Committee of an expert Working Group, including scientists, managers, stakeholders and Parties, acting under the following Terms of Reference, for it to guide and provide oversight on:
  - a. the selection and incorporation of appropriate validated data and information, including conditions of uploading and use<sup>19</sup>,
  - b. analytical tools to be used for the various datasets,
  - c. appropriate visualisation approaches (including those relevant to Cetacean Critical Habitats) and associated advice to Parties and other relevant subjects on the interpretation of outputs, and
  - d. the future development of the NETCCOBAMS online platform (with a view to, inter alia, taking into account other threats and facilitating data entry and validation) to assist in the provision of conservation advice on cetaceans and their habitats, with priority given to developing a module for automatic identification system (AIS) data analysis by providing information in a specific selected area using the results of existing projects or online platforms (such as type of vessel, density, speed, waiting time, etc.) and taking account of data collected and reported under Resolution 8.18 on “Ship Strikes”;
3. *Requests* the Working Group to report on its work to the Ninth Meeting of the Parties;
4. *Invites Parties and instructs the Secretariat* to encourage relevant stakeholders, including ACCOBAMS Partners and industry bodies, to submit relevant data and information on cetaceans and on anthropogenic activities to NETCCOBAMS, according with the Working Group’s advice, with a view to improving the value and application of the online platform in the provision of management advice over time;
5. *Asks* the Scientific Committee to instruct the Working Group to:
  - a. liaise with the Joint Noise Working Group regarding (i) the definition of potential quantitative targets in terms of reduction of risk; (ii) improvements in the robustness of model outputs (incorporating model uncertainty,

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<sup>18</sup> To create a NETCCOBAMS account, please contact the ACCOBAMS Secretariat.

<sup>19</sup> Such as validated abundance and habitat maps, Partner’s reports, documentation on the work of ACCOBAMS and its Committees, Parties and Partners.

