

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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| Item 1 | OPENING OF THE MEETING | Timetable 10/05/23 |
| The Meeting will open at 8:30 (CET), on Wednesday 10 th May 2023, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Tunis. The registration desk, next to the plenary room, opens at 8:00. | | |

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| Item 2 | ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA | | 10/05/23 |
| The Provisional Agenda will be proposed for adoption under this item. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisional Agenda ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc01 Provisional Annotated Agenda ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc02Rev1 Provisional Timetable ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc03 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of Documents ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf01Rev2 List of Participants ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf02 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text of the ACCOBAMS Agreement Report of the Eighth Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Doc31 |
| Action | | | |
| The Scientific Committee will be invited to review and adopt the proposed agenda and timetable. | | | |

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| Item 3 | FUNCTIONING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE | | 10/05/23 |
| 3.1 | Terms of Reference for the election of the Chair and of the Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee | | |
| Pursuant to Resolution 8.3, the Scientific Committee needs to appoint, at its first Meeting of the triennium, a Chair and a Vice-Chair amongst the experts designated as members to the Scientific Committee by CIESM, IUCN, IWC, CMS, and regional representatives. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Terms of Reference for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc04 | | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.3: Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res 8.3 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to adopt the Terms of reference for the election of the Chair and of the Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee. | | | |

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| 3.2 | Election of the Chair of the Scientific Committee 2023/2025 | | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Terms of Reference for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc04 | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.3: Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res 8.3 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to appoint a Chair amongst the experts designated as members to the Scientific Committee by CIESM, IUCN, IWC, CMS, and regional representatives, according to the Terms of Reference for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee. | | | |
| 3.3 | Election of the Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee 2023/2025 | | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Terms of Reference for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc04 | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.3: Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res 8.3 |
| Action | | | |
| The Scientific Committee will be invited to appoint a Vice-Chair amongst the experts designated as members to the Scientific Committee by CIESM, IUCN, IWC, CMS, and regional representatives, according to the Terms of Reference for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee. | | | |
| 3.4 | Terms of Reference for the designation of Task Managers | | |
| Pursuant to Resolution 8.3, the Scientific Committee is requested to designate, at its first Meeting of the triennium, four "Task Managers" amongst the experts designated as members to the Scientific Committee by CIESM, IUCN, IWC, CMS, and regional representatives. Task Managers will be assigned with specific topics linked to the priorities set up by ACCOBAMS Parties in the Work Programme for the 2023-2025 triennium. | | | |
| | Working Documents | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Terms of Reference for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc05 | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.3: Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res 8.3 |
| Action | | | |
| The Scientific Committee will be invited to adopt the Terms of reference for the designation of Task Managers. | | | |
| 3.5 | Designation of Task Managers of the Scientific Committee 2023/2025 | | |
| | Working Documents | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference of Scientific Committee Task Managers ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc05 Work programme 2023-2025 with priorities identified by Parties at MOP8 ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc06 | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.3: Scientific Committee ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res 8.3 |
| Action | | | |
| The Scientific Committee will be invited to designate four Task Managers amongst the experts designated as members to the Scientific Committee by CIESM, IUCN, IWC, CMS, and regional representatives. | | | |

| Item 4 | CONSERVATION ACTIONS | 10 & 11 /05/23 | | | | | | |
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| 4.1 | Report by Regional Representatives | 10/05/23 | | | | | | |
| Pursuant to the Rules on the Scientific Committee, each Regional Representative will be invited to present a report on the conservation status of cetaceans and relevant activities in the region he or she has the responsibility of. | | | | | | | | |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and provide their comments on the reports. | | | | | | | | |

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| 4.2 | Knowledge about state of cetaceans | 10/05/23 |
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| 4.2.1 | <i>Cetacean population estimates and distribution (LTMP)</i> | WP Ref: CA 1 a | | | | | | |
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| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Secretariat and relevant experts to present a project proposal for the next synoptic basin wide survey (ASI2) prepared in accordance with Resolution 8.10 on the ACCOBAMS Long Term Monitoring Program (LTMP). The Secretariat will also provide an update on the ABIOMMED project and remind the existence of the joint ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS MSFD Working Group for consideration by the Scientific Committee. | | | | | | | | |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic. | | | | | | | | |

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| 4.2.2 | <i>Population structure</i> | | WP Ref: CA 1 b |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the concerned expert to provide the Scientific Committee with information regarding this topic. | | | |
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| - | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the ACCOBAMS workshop on data collection on cetacean population genetics ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf05 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.11: Cetacean Population Genetics ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.11 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic. | | | |

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| 4.2.3 | <i>Monitoring cetacean's status</i> | | WP Ref: CA 1 c |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Chair of the Scientific Committee during 2020-2022 to inform the Meeting on the progress of the process undertaken during 2020/2022 for assessing or updating the IUCN status of cetacean species in the ACCOBAMS Area. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| - | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in the assessment/re-assessment of the IUCN status of cetacean species in the ACCOBAMS Area ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf06 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.12: IUCN Red List Status of cetacean species in ACCOBAMS Area ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.12 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic, including regarding, Regional Conservation Plans and National Action Plans. | | | |

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| 4.2.4 | <i>Functional stranding networks and response to emergency situations</i> | | WP Ref: CA 1 d |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite expert in charge of the ACCOBAMS necropsy trainings to present their activities since 2022 and to give information regarding the emergency Task force and on the ongoing teleneecropsy initiative. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| - | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report of the ACCOBAMS Emergency Task Force for stranding events ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf07 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.15: Cetacean Stranding Networks ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.15 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic | | | |

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| 4.3 | Conservation Management Plans | | 10/05/23 |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the four coordinators to briefly present the progress report of the respective draft CMPs regarding Fin whale, Risso's dolphin, Common dolphin and Bottlenose dolphin. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| - | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report regarding fin whale Conservation Management Plan (CMP) in ACCOBAMS Area ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf08 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.14: Conservation Management Plans ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.14 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report regarding Risso dolphin Conservation Management Plan (CMP) in ACCOBAMS Area ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf09 • Progress report regarding Bottlenose dolphin Conservation Management Plan (CMP) in ACCOBAMS Area ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf10 • Progress report regarding Common dolphin Conservation Management Plan (CMP) in ACCOBAMS Area ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf11 | |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic. | | |

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| 4.4 | Human pressures on cetaceans | 10 & 11/05/23 | | | | | | |
| 4.4.1 | <i>Interactions with fisheries / aquaculture</i> | WP Ref: CA 2 a | | | | | | |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Co-Chair of the ACCOBAMS-ASCOBANS Joint Bycatch Working Group to present the status of the Working Group's activities. The Chair of the Scientific Committee will also invite the GFCM representative to present information on the on-going CetaByM pilot project carried out in the Black Sea. The Secretariat will briefly update on the mandate to create an Emergency Task Force to identify and implement fishing management measures. | | | | | | | | |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic. | | | | | | | | |

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| 4.4.2 | <i>Anthropogenic underwater noise</i> | WP Ref: CA 2 b | | | | | | |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Co-Chair of the Joint CMS/ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS Noise Working Group present their activities. Experts assisting the Secretariat will also be invited to present progress regarding noise monitoring. | | | | | | | | |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented, to review the documents presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic | | | | | | | | |

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| 4.4.3 | <i>Ship strikes</i> | | WP Ref: CA 2 c |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Secretariat to provide the Meeting with updates regarding the North West PSSA proposal from 4 ACCOBAMS Countries. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference document |
| - | | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.18: Ship strikes ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.18 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic | | | |

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| 4.4.4 | <i>Cetacean watching</i> | | WP Ref: CA 2 d |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Chair of the Working Group on Whale Watching (WWWG) to present Draft Terms of Reference for the WWWG for 2022-2025. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference document |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Terms of Reference for the WWWG ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc12 | | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.19: Commercial cetacean-watching activities ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.19 |
| Action | | | |
| The Scientific Committee will be invited to review the document presented, provide comments and recommendations on this topic and endorse the Terms of Reference for the WWWG. | | | |

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| 4.4.5 | <i>Marine debris & Chemical and biological pollution</i> | | WP Ref: CA 2 e |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Task Manager in charge of Marine Litter and Chemical pollution during 2020-2022 to present the three draft reports prepared on those matters. The Chair of the Scientific Committee will also invite the Chair of the ASCOBANS-ACCOBAMS Marine Debris Workshop held on 15 April 2023 in O Grove, Galicia, Spain, to inform the meeting about the main workshop conclusions. | | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on the hotspots of interactions between cetaceans and marine litter in the ACCOBAMS area - Draft report ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc13 Bibliographic review on the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans, including the identification of <i>ad hoc</i> research projects aimed at assessing chemical pollution on cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc14 Guidelines on the best practices to assess the impact of chemical pollution on cetaceans / to measure the chemical contamination on cetaceans ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc15 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations from the ASCOBANS-ACCOBAMS Marine Debris Workshop ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.20: Marine Litter and Chemical Pollution ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.20 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to review the documents presented and provide comments and recommendations on this topic. | | | |

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| 4.4.6 | Climate change | WP Ref: CA 2 g | |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite CMS representative to provide updates on this topic. | | | |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic | | | |

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| 4.4.7 | Captivity related issues | WP Ref: CA 2 h | |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the expert in charge of this issue to present Terms of Reference for and Draft composition of an ACCOBAMS Advisory Committee on semi-enclosed facilities. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference for and Draft composition of an ACCOBAMS Advisory Committee on semi-enclosed facilities ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc16 | | - | - |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to review the document presented, provide comments and recommendations on this topic and endorse the Terms of Reference for and Draft composition of an ACCOBAMS Advisory Committee on semi-enclosed facilities. | | | |

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| 4.5 | Enhance effective conservation of Cetaceans Critical Habitats | 11/05/23 | |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Task Manager in charge of Marine Protected Areas during 2020-2022 to present the progress in revising the Cetacean Critical Habitats. | | | |
| Working Documents | | Information Documents | Reference Documents |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in revising Cetacean Critical Habitats ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf15 | - |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on this topic | | | |

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| Item 5 | INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION | 11/05/23 | |
| 5.1 | Communication Strategy | 11/05/23 | |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Secretariat to update on any developments in relation to the ACCOBAMS communication strategy. | | | |
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| - | | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.6: ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy 2023-2028 ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.6 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented. | | | |

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| 5.2 | NETCCOBAMS | 11/05/23 |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the experts in charge of the development of NETCCOBAMS to present a progress report on the implementation of the platform, and also the Secretariat to complement with any updates. | | |
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| - | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.7: NETCCOBAMS ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.7 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations on NETCCOBAMS. | | |

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| Item 6 | COLLABORATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES | 11/05/23 |
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| 6.1 | Implementation of, and compliance with, ACCOBAMS Resolutions, and progress monitoring | 11/05/23 |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Secretariat to briefly present recommendations from the Third Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee and information regarding the implementation of Resolution 4.18 on the Guidelines on the granting of exceptions to Article II, paragraph 1, for the purpose of non-lethal in situ research in the Agreement Area. | | |
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| - | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.8: Follow up Procedure ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.8 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations. | | |

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| 6.2 | Update on selected projects under SCF | 11/05/23 |
| The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the Secretariat to briefly present an update on the projects currently funded under the ACCOBAMS Supplementary Conservation Fund. | | |
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| - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCOBAMS projects funded under the SCF ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Inf16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 8.5: Procedure for the ACCOBAMS call for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund ACCOBAMS-MOP8/2022/Res8.5 |
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| The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented and to provide comments and recommendations. | | |

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| 6.3 | Cooperation with other organizations | 11/05/23 |
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| 6.3.1 | Collaboration with Sub Regional Coordination Units | WP Ref: MA 1 a |
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The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite the representatives of the Mediterranean Sub Regional Coordination Unit (SPA/RAC) and of the Black Sea Sub Regional Coordination Unit (Black Sea Commission Permanent Secretariat) to inform the Scientific Committee about activities of interest.

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The Scientific Committee will be invited to take note of the information presented.

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| 6.3.2 | Collaboration with ACCOBAMS Partners | WP Ref: MA 1 a |
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The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite ACCOBAMS Partners to present relevant activities in line with ACCOBAMS objectives.

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The Scientific Committee will be invited to comment and to take note of the activities implemented by ACCOBAMS Partners.

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| 6.3.3 | Collaboration with any other Organizations | WP Ref: MA 1 a |
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The Chair of the Scientific Committee will invite any other Organizations to present relevant activities in line with ACCOBAMS objectives.

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The Scientific Committee will be invited to comment and to take note of the activities implemented by other Organizations.

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| Item 7 | ANY OTHER BUSINESS | 11/05/23 |
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Any other relevant issue, not address in the previous agenda items could be raised.

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| Item 8 | DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETING | 11/05/23 |
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The Secretariat will inform the Meeting about the proposed date and venue for the Sixteenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee.

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| Item 9 | ADOPTION OF CONCLUSIONS | 11/05/23 |
| A compilation of main conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to the Scientific Committee for adoption. | | |

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| Item 10 | CLOSURE OF THE MEETING | 11/05/23 |
| The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chair of the Scientific Committee at 18:00 pm on Thursday 11 th May 2023. | | |