



**Certified ACCOBAMS training for Marine
Mammals Observers (MMO) & Passive Acoustic
Monitoring Systems (PAM) Operators**



***For French speaking & already trained Observers**

EcoOcéan Institut (EOI) is an NGO for Marine Mammals Research and Expertise and is an agreed trainer under the ACCOBAMS (Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, and contiguous Atlantic area). EOI will be running an ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM training course to qualify individuals as ACCOBAMS certified Marine Mammal Observers and operators of Passive Acoustic Monitoring (<https://accobams.org/main-activites/mmo-certificate-school/>). Only already trained MMO who speak French are targeted for this training.

When: 12 - 15 November 2024

Where: Montpellier, France

Price for this specific training (theoretical MMO + practical initiation at PAM): 600 euros (accommodation, trips and meals are not covered)

Language: the training will be in French

The Qualification/Certification:

The ACCOBAMS qualification enables people to work as Marine Mammals Observers (MMOs) and Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) operators across the Mediterranean and Black Sea in 24 countries, where it is the agreed course requirement for such work. Following completion of the course, participants are equipped to mitigate noise impacts on cetaceans, by applying the knowledge, expertise and skills acquired during the training course, and to use the standard procedures, forms and manuals, in accordance with the ACCOBAMS guidelines.

Speakers and Presenters:

Dr Léa David and Nathalie Di-Méglio senior scientists at EcoOcéan Institut and the international MMO/PAM operator Paul Batard-Tanguy.

Requirements:

- Graduated/current student in biology or ecology or have experience that demonstrates a commitment to the environment and its conservation, or people already MMO from other certification.
- **Minimum 30 days working with marine mammals at sea (with references)**
- Basic knowledge to recognize the different species and understand the behaviour of animals at sea
- Ability to communicate in English
- Laptop + headphones

To apply, send your CV including references of work at sea before 31th October 2024 to: contact@ecocean-institut.org

Topics Covered in the ACCOBAMS Training Course:

- Introduction to underwater acoustics
- Introduction to marine mammals of the Mediterranean and Black Seas (identification, distribution, ecology)
- Introduction to human activities generating underwater noise
- Introduction to impacts on marine mammals and other marine life
- Introduction to existing regulations (national to international), mitigation procedures and ACCOBAMS Guidelines
- Introduction to the role of MMO
- Introduction to the role of PAM
- Introduction to the "life style" onboard