

DRAFT RESOLUTION 9.13 POPULATION STRUCTURE

The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area:

Recalling ACCOBAMS Resolution 3.9 “Guidelines for the establishment of a system of tissue banks within the ACCOBAMS area and ethical code”,

Recalling Resolution 8.11 “Cetacean population genetics”,

Recalling also the need for institutions dedicated to the preservation of body samples or parts from marine mammals of the Mediterranean and Black Seas and adjacent waters, which should promote non-invasive or post-mortal collection of samples from cetaceans living in these waters, prepare such samples for long-term storage, as well as distribute them to the community of marine mammal researchers,

Recalling Recommendations from the ACCOBAMS Workshop on Data Collection on Cetacean Population Genetics (Monaco, September 2022),

Taking into account Recommendation 16.5 of the Scientific Committee on “Population structure”,

1. *Encourages* Parties to take note of the report of the ACCOBAMS Workshop on Data Collection on Cetacean Population Genetics, as well as the associated ACCOBAMS Best Practices on Cetacean Population Genetics;
2. *Calls upon* Parties to:
 - collect updated information regarding research results on population genetics and to include it in their National Report;
 - provide the Secretariat with relevant legislation and standard procedures for the exchange of samples, for example under the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their utilisation to the Convention on Biological Diversity, or the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES);
 - harmonise the procedures for samples exchanges among CITES scientific and forensic institutions in the ACCOBAMS Area;
3. *Calls upon* Partners to conduct sample collection and research on population genetics to apply the ACCOBAMS Best Practices on Cetacean Population Genetics in their work and to regularly provide the Secretariat with relevant information to update the online cetacean sample database, as well as the list of suitable genetics laboratories and new scientific publications;
4. *Decides* that the present Resolution replaces Resolution 8.11.