

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA



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Item I	WELCOME ADDRESSES	Timetable 18/11/25 - Morning
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Item II	ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES	Timetable 18/11/25 - Morning
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II.1)	Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS	
Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau		
The Chair informs on the applicable Rules of Procedure for the Meeting.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article XIVRules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties	
Actions		
The Meeting be invited to confirm the applicable Rules of Procedure for the Meeting		

II.2)	Granting the right to vote	
Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau		
According to Article 14. 2 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties, “Representatives of Parties which are three or more years behind in paying their subscriptions on the date of the opening session of the Meeting of the Parties shall not be eligible to vote. However, the Meeting of the Parties may allow such Parties to continue to exercise their right to vote if it is satisfied that the delay in payment arises from exceptional circumstances”.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exceptional circumstances for granting the right to vote MOP9/2025/Doc04Granting the right to vote MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article XIVRules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties
Actions		
Parties will be invited to examine letters sent by Parties on “exceptional circumstances” justifying the delay in payment; and decide if those Parties will be exceptionally granted the right to vote during MOP9.		

II.3)	Establishment of the Credentials Committee
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>	
In accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties, a Credentials Committee of no more than five representatives shall examine the credentials and report thereon to the Meeting. The Chair will invite the Committee to meet and submit conclusions at a later stage of the Meeting.	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties
Actions	
Parties will be invited to establish a Credentials Committee.	

II.4)	Report by the Credentials Committee
<i>Presented by: The Credentials Committee</i>	
The Credentials Committee will report on its examination and findings regarding the credentials of participants, ensuring that all delegations are properly accredited.	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties
Actions	
Parties will be invited to take note of the Committee's conclusions.	

II.5)	Election of the Bureau
<i>Presented by: Secretariat</i>	
II.5) a - Election of the MOP 9 Bureau	
Pursuant to Article VI of the Agreement, Parties will be invited to elect the Bureau for the 2026-2028 triennium consisting of one Chair and four Vice-Chairs	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article III & Article VI Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties & Rules of Procedure for the Bureau
Actions	
Parties will be invited to elect the new Bureau members for 2026-2028.	
II.5) b - New composition of the Bureau (proposal by Italy)	
The meeting will be invited to consider the proposal made by Italy at MOP8 to amend the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties by increasing the number of Vice-Chairpersons up to a maximum of six. If the Meeting decides to amend the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties, it could decide, if it wishes, to give immediate application of the agreed amendment by electing supplementary Vice-Chairpersons for this Meeting of the Parties.	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note regarding the composition of the Bureau MOP9/2025/Doc05Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article III & Article VI Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties & Rules of Procedure for the Bureau
Actions	
Parties will be invited to decide on the proposal made by Italy at MOP8 to amend the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties by increasing the number of Vice-Chairpersons up to a maximum of six.	

II.6)	Admission of observers
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
Pursuant to Article III, paragraph 4, of the Agreement, the Secretariat will present the list of Organisations wishing to attend the Meeting as observers.	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisional List of Observers MOP9/2025/Doc06 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article III Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties
Actions	
Parties will be invited to admit observers to the Meeting.	

II.7)	Adoption of the Agenda
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>	
The newly elected Chairperson of the Bureau will introduce the Provisional Agenda, the Supplementary Provisional Agenda and timetable.	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisional Agenda MOP9/2025/Doc01Rev1 Supplementary Provisional Agenda MOP9/2025/Doc01_suppl Provisional Annotated Agenda MOP9/2025/Doc02Rev2 Provisional Timetable MOP9/2025/Doc03 List of documents MOP9/2025/Inf01Rev1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties
Actions	
Parties will be invited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> consider the Provisional Agenda, the Supplementary Provisional Agenda and the Timetable; propose AOB aspects not covered by the proposed Agenda; adopt the Agenda and Timetable of the Meeting adopt the supplementary provisional agenda and invite the Secretariat to disseminate the received documents as additional MOP9 working documents. 	

Item III	OPENING STATEMENTS	Timetable 18/11/25 - Morning
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<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
Delegates and observers may make brief oral statements and are encouraged to provide their opening statements in writing to the Secretariat so they can be attached to the report (in English and/or in French).		

Item IV	PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE AGREEMENT		Timetable 18/11/25 - Afternoon
IV.1)	National Reports		
IV.1) a.	Synthesis of the National Reports of the Parties		
Presented by: The Secretariat / Parties			
According to Article VIII of the Agreement, each Party shall prepare a report on their implementation of the Agreement, for submission to the ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties. The Secretariat will present a synthesis of the implementation of the Agreement by the Parties. Delegates willing to provide additional information on the activities undertaken by their Countries may take the floor.			
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Synthesis of the reports by Parties of the implementation of ACCOBAMS MOP9/2025/Doc07List of National Focal Points MOP9/2025/Inf03National Reports of ACCOBAMS Parties MOP9/2025/Inf04		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article III & Article VIIIMOP6/2016/Resolution 6.9	
Actions			
Parties will be invited to evaluate progress made and further look into difficulties encountered in implementing the Agreement.			
IV.1) b.	Non-Parties activities		
Presented by: States and regional economic integration Organizations that are not yet Party to the Agreement			
The represented Countries and regional economic integration Organizations that are not Party to the Agreement will be invited to report on their cooperation with the Agreement and their activities on cetacean conservation carried out. The Secretariat will inform the meeting about an opportunity of collaboration with Oman, which would strengthen scientific and conservation efforts at the international level.			
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
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Actions			
Parties will be invited to comment on progress made in cetacean conservation in the ACCOBAMS area and to discuss the possible conclusion of a cooperation memorandum with Oman.			

IV.2)	Report of the Depositary and status of Ratifications	
Presented by: The Depositary of the Agreement		
The Depositary of the Agreement - the Government of the Principality of Monaco - reports on the accession of new Parties to the Agreement and on the ratification status of Amendments to the Agreement during the triennium 2023-2025.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report of the Depositary and Status of Ratifications MOP9/2025/Doc08		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article XVII
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the report of the Depositary of ACCOBAMS.		

IV.3)	Report of the Bureau	
<i>Presented by: The former Chair of the Bureau</i>		
According to Article VI, paragraph 4, the Bureau provides a report on its activities for each session of the Meeting of the Parties. The Former Chair of the Bureau will present a report on the Bureau’s activities and main decisions taken during 2023-2025.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report of the Bureau MOP9/2025/Doc09Report of the Fifteenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-BU15/2023/Doc13</i>Report of the Sixteenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-BU16/2024/Doc04</i>Report of the Seventeenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-BU17/2025/Doc15</i>Report of the Sixth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-BUEXT6/2025/Doc15</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article III & Article VIRules of Procedure for the Bureau	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment the Bureau’s report regarding 2023-2025.		

IV.4)	Report of the Secretariat	
Presented by: The Secretariat		
In accordance with Article IV, paragraph 2 f), the Secretariat will present the activities implemented during 2023-2025, as well as the main achievements and pending issues to be addressed.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report of the Secretariat MOP9/2025/Doc10		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article III & Article IV
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment on the Secretariat’s report.		

IV.5)	Report of the Scientific Committee and its Working Groups	
Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee		
In accordance with Article VII, paragraph 3 f) of the Agreement, the Chair of the Scientific Committee will present a document summing up the activities of the Scientific Committee. Recommendations issued by the Sixteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee (Barcelona, 2-5 December 2024) will also be presented, as well as other relevant subjects for the implementation of ACCOBAMS.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report of the Scientific Committee MOP9/2025/Doc11Report of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-SC15/2023/Doc17Report of the Sixteenth Meeting of ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-SC16/2024/Doc27		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article III &Article VII
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment on the Scientific Committee report.		

IV.6)	Report of the Sub Regional Coordination Units	
Presented by: The Sub-Regional Coordination Units		
Pursuant to Article V of the Agreement, the two Sub-Regional Coordination Units will report about the activities carried out during 2023-2025.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report of the Black Sea Sub-Regional Coordination Unit including activities from Non-Parties MOP9/2025/Doc12Report of the Mediterranean Sub-Regional Coordination Unit including activities from Non-Parties MOP9/2025/Doc13		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article III &Article V
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment on reports presented by the Sub Regional Coordination Units.		

IV.7)	Report of the Follow-up Committee	
Presented by: The President of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee		
In accordance with Article 6, paragraph e), of the Rules on the ACCOBAMS Follow-up procedure, the Follow-up Committee shall “report on its activities at each ordinary Meeting of the Parties and make recommendations as it considers appropriate”.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee MOP9/2025/Doc14Rev1Report of the Fourth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-FC4/2025/Doc07</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.4MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.8MOP9/2025/Resolution 8.8
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the Follow-up Committee report.		

IV.8)	Reports of the ACCOBAMS Partners	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
Pursuant to Point 5 of the Rules and Commitments of ACCOBAMS Partners, ACCOBAMS Partners “shall report on the implementation of their activities” each triennium. The Secretariat will present a synthesis of the main activities reported as having been carried out by ACCOBAMS Partners during 2023-2025.		
Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none">Synthesis of the reports of ACCOBAMS Partners MOP9/2025/Doc15List of ACCOBAMS Partners MOP9/2025/Inf05ACCOBAMS Partners reports MOP9/2025/Inf06		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.9
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note and comment on the reports received from ACCOBAMS Partners.		

IV.9)	Budgetary Reports	
Presented by: The Secretariat		
IV.9) a.	Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2023-2025	
The Secretariat will report on incomes and expenses relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for the triennium 2023-2025.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2023-2025 MOP9/2025/Doc16Rev1		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article IXMOP8/2022/Resolution 8.2
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider and approve the report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Trust Fund and external contributions for 2023-2025.		
IV.9) b.	Report on the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund	
The Secretariat will report on the budgetary execution relevant to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund for the triennium 2023-2025.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report on incomes and expenditures relevant to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund for 2023-2025 MOP9/2025/Doc17Establishing a cetacean tissue bank in Türkiye (CetaBankTR) MOP9/2025/Inf07Implementing ACCOBAMS best practices in post-mortem investigations on stranded and by-caught cetaceans from Romanian shore and ingested marine litter monitoring MOP9/2025/Inf08		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article IXMOP8/2022/Resolution 8.2MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.4MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.5
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider and approve the accounts for 2023-2025.		
IV.9) c.	Report by the Fund Management Controller	
Pursuant to the Terms of reference for the administration of the budget, the ACCOBAMS budget is audited by a Fund Management Controller. The Secretariat will present reports elaborated by the Fund Management Controller regarding the 2023-2025 triennium.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reports of the Fund Management Controller MOP9/2025/Doc18		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article IIIMOP8/2022/Resolution 8.2
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the reports done by the Fund Management Controller for 2023-2025.		

<i>Item</i> V	INSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY ARRANGEMENTS	<i>Timetable</i> 19/11/25 <i>Morning & Afternoon</i>
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V.1)	Long-term pending contributions	
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>		
At MOP8, significant unpaid contributions were reported, prompting Resolution 8.2 to instruct the Bureau to propose procedures for managing long-term arrears. During 2023–2025, the Bureau emphasized the need for financial sustainability while maintaining inclusivity. Draft Resolution 9.2 on “Long-term pending Contributions” will be presented. It is supported by a note including legal analysis and proposing amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of Parties”.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Note on Long term pending contributions MOP9/2025/Doc19Long-term pending Contributions MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.2Amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.3		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article XIV
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.2 on " Long-term pending Contributions” as well as on the draft Resolution 9.3 regarding amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties.		

V.2)	Scientific Committee
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
During MOP8 (Malta, 29 November – 2 December 2022), Parties adopted Resolution 8.3, amending the Rules of Procedure of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee and increasing the number of Regional Representatives up to twelve. The new composition of the Scientific Committee was adopted on a trial basis with a view to being reconsidered at MOP9 (Cyprus, 18-21 November 2025).	
During the 2023-2025 triennium, Bureau requested an analysis, taking into account the functionality of the Scientific Committee and the budgetary implications linked with the increased number of Scientific Committee members as well as a legal analysis about the option of electing the Chair and Vice-Chair from among all Scientific Committee Members.	
The Secretariat will introduce the note on the composition of the Scientific Committee as well as the draft Resolution 9.4 on the composition of the Scientific Committee for the 2026-2028 triennium.	
A document with experts appointed by CIESM, IUCN, CMS, and IWC will also be presented, as well as a document with a list of experts from regions for the Scientific Committee. CIESM and IUCN-Med representatives will be invited to present the letters they provided the Secretariat with.	

Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note on the composition of the Scientific Committee MOP9/2025/Doc20 Official letter from CIESM regarding the Scientific Committee MOP9/2025/Doc21 Official letter from IUCN regarding the Scientific Committee MOP9/2025/Doc22 List of experts proposed by CIESM, IUCN, CMS and IWC for the Scientific Committee MOP9/2025/Doc23 List of experts from regions, including the evaluation of their curricula vitae by the Chair and vice Chair of the Scientific Committee MOP9/2025/Doc24 Official letter from ECS MOP9/2025/Doc25 Scientific Committee MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article III & Article VII
Actions	
<p>Parties will be invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take note of the recommendations regarding the composition of the Scientific Committee, of the financial analysis of the Scientific Committee meetings, and of the legal analysis regarding the option of electing the Chair and Vice-Chair from among all Scientific Committee members Take into consideration the official letters received by the organisations Consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.4 on Scientific Committee 	

V.3)	Work Programme and Budget for the 2026-2028 triennium	
<p><i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i></p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 9.5 on “Work Programme and Budget for 2026-2028”. The draft 2026-2028 Work Programme was prepared taking into account progress made in the implementation of ongoing activities of the 2023-2025 Work Programme, national priorities as identified by Parties during the Sixth Meeting of ACCOBAMS National Representatives (Online, 24 & 25 June 2024), Recommendations from the Sixteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee (Barcelona, 2-5 December 2024), views provided by the Scientific Committee Members, and recommendations from different workshops/activities carried out during the 2023-2025 triennium. For each action, the Secretariat indicated the proposed total budget, comprising the secured funds (Ordinary Contributions, Voluntary Contributions or External Funds) and the required additional funds, through External or Voluntary Contributions.</p> <p>As detailed in the Explanatory note on the draft budget for 2026-2028, three budget scenarios are presented for the 2026-2028 triennium.</p>		
<p>Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Programme and Budget for 2026-2028 MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.5Rev1		<p>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article III, Article IV & Article VII• MOP8/2022/Res8.2
<p>Actions</p> <p>Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.5 on "Work Programme and Budget for 2026-2028".</p>		

V.4)	ACCOBAMS Partners
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
V.4) a.	<i>Overview of the state of collaboration with Partners</i>
ACCOBAMS Partners are a cornerstone of the Agreement implementation. These organizations, mainly NGOs, are heavily involved in ACCOBAMS activities, to which they contribute directly or else through their own activities as it is shown the analysis of Partners activities in relation to ACCOBAMS. During the triennium, some Partners informed the Secretariat that they were lacking time and personnel to comply with the documentation requirements outlined in Resolution 7.9. In response, the Bureau Meeting requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft Resolution revising the relevant annexes of Resolution 7.9	
Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of Partners activities in relation to ACCOBAMS MOP9/2025/Doc26 ACCOBAMS Partners MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.9 List of ACCOBAMS Partners MOP9/2025/Inf05 	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.9
Actions	
Parties will be invited to note the analysis provided by the Secretariat and to discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.9 on ACCOBAMS Partners.	
V.4) b.	<i>New request for partnership</i>
The Secretariat will present a new request for ACCOBAMS partnership, received in September 2025.	
Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for ACCOBAMS Partnership MOP9/2025/Doc27 	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.9
Actions	
Parties will be invited to examine the request for ACCOBAMS partnership, for approval.	

V.5)	Communication
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
V.5) a.	<i>ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy</i>
Recognizing that an effective communication strategy is essential for achieving the objectives of the Agreement, Parties adopted the ACCOBAMS Communication Strategy 2023–2028 at the Eighth Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS (Malta, 29 November – 2 December 2022) through Resolution 8.6. The Secretariat will report on implementation of the Communication Strategy during the 2023-2025 triennium.	
Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the implementation of the Communication Strategy MOP9/2025/Doc28 Note on Digital Object Identifiers: including proposed list of documents that could be assigned a DOI MOP9/2025/Inf09 	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article IV, paragraph 2 h) MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal assessment of authorship and intellectual property rights MOP9/2025/Inf10 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Actions</p> <p>Parties will be invited to consider the report on the implementation of the Communication Strategy outcome and provide views and guidance on the implementation of Resolution 8.6.</p>	
V.5) b.	NETCCOBAMS
<p>At MOP8, the Parties called for improvements both in the functionality and use of the NETCCOBAMS online platform. This included advancing existing operational tools—such as the model-based underwater noise monitoring system—as well as developing tools that were not yet fully operational, such as those for National Reports or for tracking maritime traffic related to the North-West PSSA. Additionally, new features aligned with the ACCOBAMS Work Programme for 2023–2025 were to be created. Details regarding these initiatives are provided in the Report on the Use of NETCCOBAMS.</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 9.8 which took into consideration Recommendation 16.15 by the Scientific Committee</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the use of NETCCOBAMS MOP9/2025/Doc29 NETCCOBAMS MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.8 	<p style="text-align: center;">Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.7
<p style="text-align: center;">Actions</p> <p>Parties will be invited consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.8 on NETCCOBAMS.</p>	

Item VI	IMPLEMENTATION OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH ACCOBAMS RESOLUTIONS	Timetable 19/11/25 - Afternoon
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VI.1)	ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee	
VI.1) a.	Recommendations	
Presented by: The Secretariat / The President of the Follow-up Committee		
Based on recommendations from the Fourth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee, the Secretariat will introduce draft Resolutions 9.6 on Follow-Up procedure and will propose some Amendments to the Follow-Up procedure through draft Resolution 9.7.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Follow-up Committee MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.6Amendments to the Follow-Up Procedure MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.7Report of the Fourth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee <i>Reference Document: ACCOBAMS-FC4/2025/Doc07</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article IIIRules of Procedure for the Meeting of the PartiesMOP5/2013/Resolution 5.4MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.8MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.8
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.6 on “Follow-up Committee” and draft Resolution 9.7 “Amendments to the Follow-Up Procedure”.		
VI.1) b.	Election of new members	
Presented by: The Secretariat		
In accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of Parties and based on the functioning of the current Follow-up Committee, the Chair of the Follow-up Committee will present a document with panels of experts from Parties and from Partners, candidates to become members of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee.		
As per the procedure, during this MOP:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">one full-term member as well as an alternate member from candidates proposed by Parties shall be elected by secret ballots by ACCOBAMS Parties.one full-term member as well as an alternate member from candidates proposed by ACCOBAMS Partners shall be elected by secret ballots by ACCOBAMS Partners		
The alternate members are the candidates who immediately follow for the number of votes received by the member elected by the Parties and the member elected by the ACCOBAMS Partners.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Panels of experts for the Follow-up Committee MOP9/2025/Doc30		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article IIIRules of Procedure for the Meeting of the PartiesMOP5/2013/Resolution 5.4MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.8
Actions		
Parties and ACCOBAMS Partners will be invited to elect - by secret ballots - members and alternates of the ACCOBAMS Follow-up Committee, based on the list of experts and <i>curricula vitae</i> submitted to the Secretariat.		

VI.2)	ACCOBAMS Strategy	
Presented by: The Secretariat		
During MOP8 in 2022, Parties included in the Programme of Work for 2023–2025 the review of the ACCOBAMS Strategy (2018–2025), with the aim of drafting a new Strategy for 2026–2037. After two calls for Voluntary Contributions in 2023 to support this activity, the Bureau agreed that without sufficient funds by February 2024, it would not be possible to complete the assessment and draft the new Strategy. Since no funds have been received, it is proposed to extend the current Strategy (2018–2025) for the 2026–2028 triennium. The budget required for the assessment and drafting of a new Strategy is included in the proposed budget (Draft Resolution 9.5).		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article II, paragraph 1MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.24MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.1MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.4	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider extended the current Strategy (2018–2025) for the 2026/2028 triennium and to include the budget required for the assessment and drafting of a new Strategy in the 2026/2028 budget.		

Item VII	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT: TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ISSUES	Timetable 19/11/25 - Afternoon 20/11/2025 Morning & Afternoon
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VII.1)	Cetacean population estimates and distribution	
Presented by: The Secretariat		
Through Resolution 8.10 on the ACCOBAMS Long-Term Monitoring Programme, Parties committed to facilitate the implementation of regular basin-wide synoptic surveys in order to ensure systematic monitoring of the distribution and abundance of cetacean populations in the ACCOBAMS Area. The Secretariat will present a comprehensive overview of developments related to the upcoming basin-wide survey, the ASI-II project, during the period 2023–2025, as well as to outline key upcoming developments. The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 9.11 aiming at reaffirming the importance of conducting ASI-II and emphasizing the need for financial and in-kind contributions from Parties to support this initiative. The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendations 16.2 and 16.3 of the Scientific Committee.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">State of play of the ASI-II Project MOP9/2025/Doc31Abundance and distribution, including ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative II and the ACCOBAMS Long-Term Monitoring Programme (LTMP) MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.11Reports of the LTMP Contact Group Meetings MOP9/2025/Inf11		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annex 2: Conservation PlanMOP6/2016/Resolution 6.13MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.10MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.10

- Note about possible unspent funds from 2023-2025
MOP9/2025/**Inf12**
- ABIOMMED - Final Progress report
MOP9/2025/**Inf33**

Actions

Parties will be invited to:

- a) note the State of play of the ASI-II Project and provide some guidance;
- b) to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.11 on Abundance and distribution, including ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative II and the ACCOBAMS LTMP

VII.2)	Population structure
<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 9.13 aiming at encouraging the collection and preservation of cetacean tissue samples for genetic research, promoting the implementation of ACCOBAMS Best Practices on Cetacean Population Genetics, and harmonizing procedures for sample exchanges among ACCOBAMS Parties. The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.5 of the Scientific Committee.	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population structure MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.13 • Report of the ACCOBAMS webinar - regional training on genetic data collection and analysis MOP9/2025/Inf14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.14 • MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.10 • MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.11
Actions	
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.13 on "Population Structure".	

VII.3)	Monitoring cetaceans' status
VII.3) a.	Monitoring purposes
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee</i>	
The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 9.12 aiming at establishing a sub-regional list of cetacean species for monitoring purposes to assist ACCOBAMS Parties in developing specific monitoring plans. The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.4 of the Scientific Committee.	
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Species List for monitoring purposes MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.12 • ECS Workshop Report: Advancing knowledge on fin whales in the Mediterranean Sea MOP9/2025/Inf13 	
Actions	
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.12 on "Species List for monitoring purposes".	

VII.3) b.	Post-War plan for Black Sea cetaceans	
Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee		
The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 9.14 aiming at developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to mitigate the consequences of war on cetaceans, their habitats, and their prey in the Black Sea region. The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.1 of the Scientific Committee.		
Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none">Post-War plan for Black Sea cetaceans MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.10		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.14 on “Post-War plan for Black Sea cetaceans”.		

VII.4)	Functional stranding networks and responses to emergency situations	
Presented by: The Secretariat		
The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 9.14 aiming at enhancing the management and response to cetacean stranding events through the support of the ACCOBAMS Emergency Task Force for Stranding events (AETFS) and the creation of a specific "Black Sea" Sub-Task. It aims to improve data collection, facilitate the exchange of tissue samples, and promote the use of advanced technologies for post-mortem investigations.		
The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.6 of the Scientific Committee.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strandings Issues (ACCOBAMS Emergency Task Force for Stranding Events, functioning stranding networks) MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.14Note on the tele-necropsy initiative MOP9/2025/Inf15Progress Report 2025 on the Mediterranean Database of Cetacean Strandings (MEDACES) MOP9/2025/Inf16Report of the ACCOBAMS Emergency Task Force for Strandings MOP9/2025/Inf17		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annex 2: Conservation PlanMOP7/2019/Resolution 7.14MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.15
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.14 on “Strandings Issues (ACCOBAMS Emergency Task Force for Stranding Events, functioning stranding networks)”.		

VII.5)	Interactions with fisheries / aquaculture	
Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee		
The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 9.15 aiming at addressing and mitigating the negative impacts of fisheries on cetaceans within the ACCOBAMS Area.		
This includes implementing monitoring schemes, encouraging the analysis of bycaught cetaceans, promoting the use of bycatch mitigation measures such as pingers, phasing out bottom trawling in marine protected areas by 2030, and strengthening collaborations to prevent illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.		
The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendations 16.7 and 16.8 of the Scientific Committee.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interactions between fisheries and cetaceans MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.15Final report of the joint meeting ACCOBAMS / Black Sea Commission MOP9/2025/Inf18Mitigation of Elasmobranch Bycatch and Dolphin Depredation in Moroccan Waters MOP9/2025/Inf19Reduction and mitigation of the catch of elasmobranchs, sea turtles, and any other vulnerable species (e.g. marine mammals), incidentally captured by trawlers along Turkish coast MOP9/2025/Inf20Monitoring activities and mitigation measures for the reduction of dolphin depredation in small-scale fisheries - western Ionian Sea MOP9/2025/Inf21Report of the 2nd meeting of the Joint Bycatch Working Group ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS MOP9/2025/Inf22ACCOBAMS Workshop on Commercial Fisheries Interactions with Vulnerable Species MOP9/2025/Inf23		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Article II, paragraph 3MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.12MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.13MOP2/2004/Resolution 2.21MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.8MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.9MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.11MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.16
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.15 on “Interactions between fisheries and cetaceans”.		

VII.6)	Anthropogenic noise	
Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee		
The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 9.16 aiming at mitigating the impact of anthropogenic underwater noise on cetaceans by implementing threshold values for noise emissions, promoting the use of mitigation measures, and enhancing monitoring and data collection efforts. The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.9 of the Scientific Committee.		
Documents	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anthropogenic Underwater noise MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.16• Methodological guide: guidance on underwater noise mitigation measures MOP9/2025/Inf24• ACCOBAMS Mediterranean technical assessment on anthropogenic underwater noise MOP9/2025/Inf25• Joint ACCOBAMS-ASCOBANS Workshop with Navies on Underwater Noise and Cetaceans MOP9/2025/Inf26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annex 2: Conservation Plan• MOP3/2007/Resolution 3.10• MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.17• MOP5/2013/Resolution 5.15• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.17• MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.18• MOP7/2019/Resolution 7.13• MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.17	
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.16 on “Anthropogenic Underwater noise”.		

VII.7)	Vessel strikes	
Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee		
The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 9.17 aiming at mitigating the risk of ship strikes on cetaceans, particularly large whales, within the ACCOBAMS Area. It aims to enhance communication with stakeholders, support regional data collection and mitigation initiatives, and improve collaborative efforts with other organizations.		
The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.10 of the Scientific Committee.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vessel strikes MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.17Progress report on ShipPrint Project MOP9/2025/Inf27		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annex 2: Conservation PlanMOP7/2022/Resolution 7.13MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.18
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.17 on “Vessel strikes”.		

VII.8)	Cetacean Watching	
Presented by: The Secretariat and the Chair of the WWWG		
The Secretariat and its expert will introduce draft Resolution 9.18 aiming to revise and simplify the regulations governing the use of the collective certification mark "High Quality Whale-Watching®" to ensure sustainable practices, enhance national implementation, and facilitate replication in other regions. The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.11 of the Scientific Committee. Annexe was prepared by members of the WWWG.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commercial cetacean-watching activities in the ACCOBAMS Area MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.18ECS Workshop Setting up an international network to reinforce the collaboration with Marine Mammal Tourism companies and enhance their sustainability MOP9/2025/Inf28		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annex 2: Conservation PlanMOP4/2010/Resolution 4.7MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.20MOP7/2020/Resolution 7.16MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.19
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.18 on “Commercial cetacean-watching activities in the ACCOBAMS Area.”		

VII.9)	Marine litter and chemical & biological pollution	
Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee		
The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 9.19 aiming at enhancing regional collaboration for data collection and analysis on marine litter, particularly focusing on cetaceans.		
The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.12 of the Scientific Committee		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Marine debris MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.19Report of the ASCOBANS-ACCOBAMS marine debris workshop: new and emerging aspects MOP9/2025/Inf29Recommendations from the workshop on ingested marine litter monitoring and entanglement evidences in the ACCOBAMS area MOP9/2025/Inf30		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annex 2: Conservation PlanMOP7/2019/Resolution 7.15MOP8/2022/Resolution 8.20
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.19 on “Marine debris.”		

VII.10)	Captivity related issues	
Presented by: The Secretariat		
The Secretariat and its expert will introduce draft Resolution 9.20 aiming at establishing a standardized process for the identification and management of cetaceans kept in semi-captivity. This includes the adoption of a genetic passport template, and the creation of best practice guidelines for the installation and management of semi-enclosed facilities.		
The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.13 of the Scientific Committee and the annexes were prepared by 2 experts of the ACCOBAMS Advisory Committee on Semi-Enclosed Facilities.		
<div>Documents</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Semi-captivity (Passport and Guidelines) MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.20Genetic passport for cetaceans kept in captivity MOP9/2025/Inf34	<div>Link with the Agreement / Resolutions</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annex 2: Conservation Plan	
<div>Actions</div> <p>Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.20 on “Semi-captivity (Passport and Guidelines)”.</p>		

VII.11)	Area-based measures for cetacean conservation	
Presented by: The Chair of the Scientific Committee		
The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce draft Resolution 9.21 aiming at enhancing the protection of cetacean habitats. This includes revising existing CCH frameworks, integrating various conservation tools, and collaborating with regional and international organizations. The draft resolution also emphasizes the importance of mapping cetacean and human activities, reassessing Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs), and ensuring the proper use and interpretation of official maps. The draft Resolution was prepared taking into consideration Recommendation 16.14 of the Scientific Committee.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Area-based measures for cetacean conservation MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.21Report of the ACCOBAMS Workshop Mapping human activity data in the ACCOBAMS area MOP9/2025/Inf31		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annex 2: Conservation PlanMOP3/2007/Resolution 3.22MOP4/2010/Resolution 4.15MOP6/2016/Resolution 6.24
Actions		
Parties will be invited to consider, discuss and approve draft Resolution 9.21 on “Area-based measures for cetacean conservation”.		

VII.12)	Cetacean culture	
Presented by: The Secretariat		
During their 16 th Meeting, the Scientific Committee proposed to include the item “cetacean culture” for the 2026/2028 Programme of Work. The report of the workshop organized jointly with the CMS during the ECS conference in April 2027 will briefly be presented		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report of the ECS-ACCOBAMS Workshop on Cetacean Culture: Navigating Change in the ACCOBAMS Region and Beyond MOP9/2025/Inf32		
Actions		
Parties will be invited to take note of the joint CMS/ACCOBAMS/ECS workshop on cetacean culture and to consider including the item “cetacean culture” for the 2026/2028 Programme of Work.		

<i>Item</i> VIII	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<i>Timetable</i> 20/11/2025 - Afternoon
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<i>Item</i> IX	DATE AND VENUE OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES	<i>Timetable</i> 20/11/2025 - Afternoon
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<i>Presented by: The Secretariat</i>	
The Agreement stipulates that each session of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties shall agree on the provisional date and venue for the next Meeting. The Tenth Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS is expected to be convened in 2028 and hosted by an ACCOBAMS Party.	
Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none">Date, venue and funding of the Tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.22	Link with the Agreement / Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Article III
Actions <p>Parties will be invited to:</p> <p>a) announce if they wish to host the next MOP10 in 2028;</p> <p>b) agree to adopt draft Resolution, adapted accordingly to a).</p>	

<i>Item X</i>	ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS	<i>Timetable</i> 21/11/2025 - Morning
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<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
Draft Resolutions discussed and revised by the Meeting during previous agenda items will be distributed for formal adoption.		
Documents		Link with the Agreement / Resolutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tribute to Organisers MOP9/2025/DraftRes9.23 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article III
Actions		
Parties will be invited to adopt Resolutions previously presented, discussed and agreed.		

<i>Item XI</i>	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING	<i>Timetable</i> 21/11/2025 - Afternoon
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
The Meeting will adopt its Report.		

<i>Item XII</i>	CLOSURE OF THE MEETING	<i>Timetable</i> 21/11/2025 - Afternoon
<i>Presented by: The Chair of the Bureau</i>		
The Meeting will be closed by the Chair of the Bureau.		