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BACKGROUND

At their First Meeting (Monaco, 28 February – 2 March 2002), and as provided by Article IX, paragraph 3, of the Agreement, the Parties to ACCOBAMS established a Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund (SCF) from voluntary contributions of Parties or from any other source in order to increase the funds available for monitoring, research, training and projects relating to the conservation of cetaceans.

The SCF became operational as of the Second Meeting of the Parties (Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 9-12 November 2004) and had a significant role in supporting ACCOBAMS conservation initiatives in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Since 2011, projects to be funded under the SCF were selected through calls for proposals launched by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Parties, and following the scientific evaluation made by the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS.

In 2013, at their Fifth Meeting (Tangier, 5-8 November 2013), and then in 2019 at their Seventh Meeting (Istanbul, 5-8 November 2022) the Parties to ACCOBAMS adopted Resolutions on the Procedure for the ACCOBAMS calls for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Fund.

As provided by [Resolution 7.8](#), the objectives of the SCF are as follows:

- to catalyse the development and implementation of concerted or cooperative actions that should clearly contribute to the implementation of the Agreement and the priorities adopted by the Parties;
- to support applied conservation projects;
- to provide seed money to initiate long-term projects that have a multiplying impact well beyond the funding period;
- to stimulate dialogue and cooperation at local and regional level in order to improve the conservation status of the cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area;
- to assist in the development of national capacities to conserve cetaceans and their habitats;
- to raise awareness of the conservation and management needs of cetaceans and their habitats;
- to make small funds available to communities and other conservation stakeholders with limited access to alternative funding sources.

This report provides an overview of incomes and expenditures concerning the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund in 2023, 2024 and 2025 (as of to 30 June 2025).

No transfers from the Trust Fund to the SCF were made during the 2023-2025 period (as of 30 June 2025).

During the Sixth Meeting of the Extended Bureau (23-24 April 2025, Nice, France), Bureau decided that there will not be a new call for proposals in 2025, under the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund, in view of the lack of voluntary contributions

I. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN THE SCF DURING THE TRIENNIUM 2023-2025

2023 Statement, as of 31/12/2023

The amount of available resources from the SCF as of 01/01/2023 was **73 876€**.

No transfer to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund was made in 2023

Total expenditure in 2023 (as of 31st December 2023) amounted to **38 166€** (including bank fees for transfers), corresponding to:

- a project in Romania: **11 250€** was paid for the implementation of best practices in post-mortem investigations on stranded and by-caught cetaceans from Romanian shore and ingested marine litter monitoring (PONTICCET)". This project is coordinated by the National Institute for Marine Research and Development (NIMRD),
- a project in Tunisia: **7 500€** was paid for "*The Tunisian Dolphin Project, expanding the monitoring programme to the Gulf of Gabes*". This project is coordinated by the Association Tunisienne de la Vie Sauvage (ATVS),
- a project in Türkiye: **7 350€** was paid for "*Research and Conservation of the Sperm Whale (Physeter macrocephalus) in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea of Türkiye*". This project is coordinated by the NGO Deniz Memelileri Araştırma Derneği (DMAD),
- a project in Türkiye: **11 980 €** was paid to establish a cetacean tissue bank in Türkiye. This project is coordinated by the Istanbul University, Faculty of Aquatic Sciences (IUFAS).

Table I: Incomes and expenditures of the Supplementary Conservation as of 31st December 2023

Supplementary Conservation Fund	in Euros
Available from previous years	73 876
Total incomes (replenishments)	0
Total expenditures	38 166
Remaining balance (31/12/2023)	35 710
Amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019-2022 calls for projects	30 986
Available amount (31/12/2023)	4 724

2024 Statement, as of 31/12/2024

The amount of available resources from the SCF as of 01/01/2024 was **35 710€**

No transfer to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund was in 2024.

Total expenditure in 2024 (as of 31st December 2024) amounted to **3 750€** (including bank fees for transfers), corresponding to:

- a project in Romania: **3 750€** was paid for the implementation of best practices in post-mortem investigations on stranded and by-caught cetaceans from Romanian shore and ingested marine litter monitoring (PONTICCET)". This project is coordinated by the National Institute for Marine Research and Development (NIMRD),

Table II: Incomes and expenditures of the Supplementary Conservation as of 31st December 2024

Supplementary Conservation Fund	in Euros
Available from previous years	35 710
Total incomes (replenishments)	0
Total expenditures	3 750
Remaining balance (31/12/2024)	31 960
Amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019-2022 calls for projects	27 236
Available amount (31/12/2024)	4 724

2025 Statement, as of 30/06/2025

The **balance** in the SCF as of 01/01/2025 amounted to **31 960 €**.

No transfers of Voluntary Contributions from the Trust Fund to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund were made before 31/06/2025.

Total expenditure in 2025 (as of 30/06/2025) amounted to **6 807 €** (including bank fees for transfers), corresponding to:

- a project in Türkiye: **2 990 €** was paid to establish a cetacean tissue bank in Türkiye. This project is coordinated by the Istanbul University, Faculty of Aquatic Sciences (IUFAS),
- a project in Tunisia: **3 750€** was paid for “*The Tunisian Dolphin Project, expanding the monitoring programme to the Gulf of Gabes*”. This project is coordinated by the Association Tunisienne de la Vie Sauvage (ATVS).

Table III. Income and expenditure in the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund as of 30/06/2025

Supplementary Conservation Fund	in Euros
Available from previous years	31 960
Total income (replenishments)	0
Total expenditure	6 807
Remaining balance in bank (30/06/2025)	25 153
Amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019-2023 calls for projects	20 496
Available balance (as of 30/06/2025)	4 657

II. TRIENNIAL STATEMENT (2023-2025)

The **balance** in the SCF as of 01/01/2023 amounted to **73 876€**.

No transfers from the Trust Fund to the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund were made before 30/06/2025.

Total expenditure as of 30/06/2025 amounted to **48 723 €**.

The available balance as of 30/06/2025 corresponds to the remaining balance in bank deducted of the amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019-2022 calls for projects.

Table IV. Income and expenditure in the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund during the 2023-2025 triennium (from 01/01/2023 to 30/06/2025)

Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund	in Euros
Available from previous years	73 876
Total income (replenishments)	0
Total expenditure	48 723
Remaining balance in bank (30/06/2025)	25 153
Amount allocated to ongoing projects under the 2019-2023 calls for projects	20 496
Available balance (as of 30/06/2025)	4 657