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In accordance with ACCOBAMS Resolution 8.3 “Scientific Committee”, adopted during the Eighth Meeting of the Parties in December 2022, three members of the Scientific Committee should be experts proposed by IUCN, as stated in Article 2, paragraph 1 of the annexed Rules of Procedure.

In this context, and ahead of the Sixth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau (23 - 24 April 2025, hybrid - Nice), the ACCOBAMS Secretariat invited IUCN to designate three experts for the Scientific Committee for the 2026–2028 period and to submit their *curricula vitae*.

The letter, which includes the proposed nominations, from Mr Maher Mahjoub, Director of the IUCN Cooperation Center for the Mediterranean, was received on 7 April 2025.

This letter was presented during the Sixth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau.

The Bureau Members considered the experts’ proposals and recommended approving the nominations of the experts from IUCN for the Scientific Committee for the 2026–2028 period.

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Subject: Appointment of IUCN experts to the ACCOBAMS 2025-2027 Scientific Committee.

Dear Executive Secretary

With reference to our discussions regarding the renewal of the IUCN experts of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee for the 2025-2027 triennium, I am pleased to submit to you, herewith, the list of proposed candidates. I hope that their expertise will make a valuable contribution to the forthcoming work programme:

- Ms Léa David
- Ms Rimmel Ben Massaoud
- Ms Cristina Fossi

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that from 2025 onwards, IUCN Med will carry out an annual assessment of its capacity to fund the proposed experts.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that Ms Mercedes Muñoz Cañas (mercedes.munoz@iucn.org) will now be your focal point within IUCN Med.

I look forward to the official confirmation of the Scientific Committee's expert nominations. Please accept, Madam Executive Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Malaga, le 7 avril 2025

Objet : Désignation des experts UICN au Comité Scientifique d'ACCOBAMS 2025-2027.

Madame la Secrétaire Exécutive,

En référence à nos échanges relatifs au renouvellement des experts UICN siégeant au Comité Scientifique d'ACCOBAMS pour la période triennale 2025-2027, j'ai le plaisir de vous soumettre, par la présente, la liste des candidats proposés. Leur expertise, je l'espère, apportera une contribution précieuse au programme de travail à venir :

- Madame Léa David
- Madame Rimmel Ben Massaoud,
- Madame Cristina Fossi

Par ailleurs, je souhaite porter à votre attention qu'à partir de 2025, l'UICN Med procédera à une évaluation annuelle de sa capacité à financer les experts proposés.

Je profite également de cette occasion pour vous informer que Mme Mercedes Muñoz Cañas (mercedes.munoz@iucn.org) sera désormais votre point focal au sein de l'UICN Med.

Dans l'attente de la confirmation officielle des nominations des experts du Comité Scientifique, je vous prie d'agréer, Madame la Secrétaire Exécutive, mes salutations distinguées.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maher Mahjoub', is placed above the printed name.

Maher Mahjoub
Directeur
Centre de Coopération pour la Méditerranée de l'UICN