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Note of the Secretariat:

Since the First Meeting of the Parties, back in 2002, when the status of ACCOBAMS Partner was first created, entities which became ACCOBAMS Partners have been involved in several capacity building activities, research activities and public awareness activities. Some of these ACCOBAMS Partners are extremely involved in ACCOBAMS workshops and meetings.

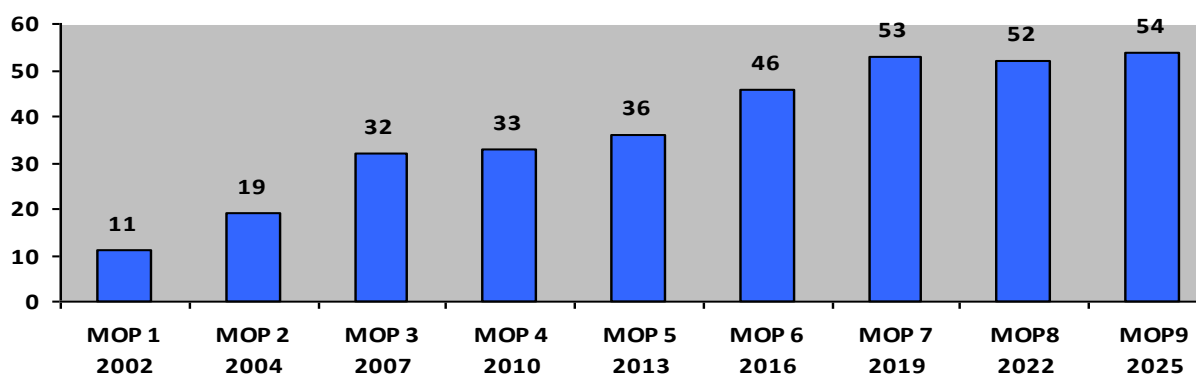
This document presents an overview both on the fulfilment of documentary requirements by ACCOBAMS Partners, as on their collaboration efforts and activities aligned with ACCOBAMS objectives or Programme of Work.

During the 2023-2025 period, some Partners informed the Secretariat that they were lacking time and personnel to comply with the documentation requirements outlined in Resolution 7.9.

1. Framework

Since the first Meeting of the Parties, back in 2002, the number of ACCOBAMS Partners has gradually increased from the initial 11 to the current 54 ACCOBAMS Partners.

Table 1. Number of ACCOBAMS Partners since MOP1



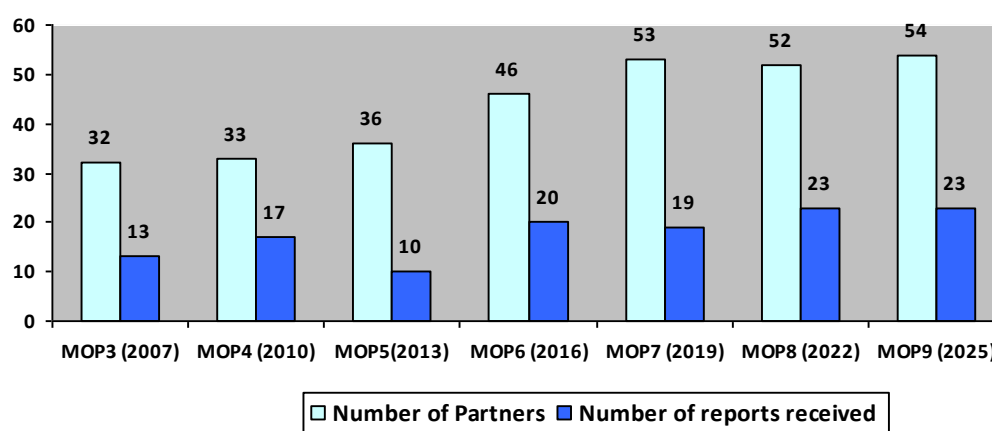
It is also important to recall that during its 15th Meeting (2023), the Bureau decided to withdraw the status of ACCOBAMS Partners to 8 entities that have been silent and non-collaborative for a number of years with ACCOBAMS.

2. Partners Reports prior to the Meeting of the Parties

As agreed by MOP7, and according to the Rules and Commitments of ACCOBAMS Partners (Annex 2 of Resolution 7.9), since 2019, before each Meeting of the Parties ACCOBAMS Partners are also required to “*report on the implementation of their activities and on the use of the ACCOBAMS Partner logo. To this end, their reports shall reach the Permanent Secretariat and the relevant National Focal Point at the latest two months before the Bureau meeting held to prepare the Meeting of the Parties.*”

The amount of documentation requested to Partners, as reflected in Resolution 7.9, represents a questionable added value when compared to the effective collaborative efforts by the ACCOBAMS Partners. An alternative approach could be to focus on their annual updates on projects and activities in relation to the ACCOBAMS work and priorities, as well as the integration of such information in the NETCCOBAMS Platform.

Table 2. Ratio of ACCOBAMS Partners Reports received before each MOP



3. Overview of collaboration means and involvement of ACCOBAMS Partners

ACCOBAMS Partners also get involved, on a voluntary basis, in several ACCOBAMS activities/events throughout the triennium.

In addition to the activities formally reported by the Partners in their official submissions (MOP9.Doc15), these organizations fulfil a significant and multifaceted role in implementing the ACCOBAMS Programme of Work. Their involvement extends well beyond meeting documentary requirements, encompassing voluntary engagement in numerous initiatives, events, and collaborative efforts.

As outlined in the annex, Partners actively participate in working groups, workshops, scientific projects, public outreach campaigns, and the organization of conferences and events. This wide-ranging participation underscores their dedication and substantive contributions to ACCOBAMS community. Recognising and emphasising these varied efforts is crucial, as they substantially enhance the effectiveness and scope of ACCOBAMS actions both regionally and internationally.

Means of collaboration are reflected in the [Annex](#).

Annex - Collaboration means and involvement of ACCOBAMS Partners

ACCOBAMS Partner	Became Partner in	Participation to MOPs	Participation to SC Meetings	2023-2025			
				Involvement in ACCOBAMS Working Groups / Workshops / Projects	“ACCOBAMS HQWW® Certificate” trainer organization	“ACCOBAMS highly qualified MMOs/PAM operator” trainer organization	Co-organization of Conferences & events
AGIR	2014		x	x			
ALNILAM	2011	x	x				
ALNITAK	2007	x	x	x			
ARCHIPELAGOS INSTITUTE OF MARINE CONSERVATION	2012	x	x	x			
ASSOCIATION MONEGASQUE POUR LA PROTECTION DE LA NATURE (AMPN)	2014	x		x	x		
ATUTAX	2013	x		x			
BIOLOGICAL CONSERVATION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (BICREF)	2007	x	x	x			
BLUE WORLD INSTITUTE OF MARINE RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION	2004	x	x	x		x	
CAPO CARBONARA - MPA	2018	x		x			
CENTRE NATIONAL DE RECHERCHE ET DE DEVELOPPEMENT DE LA PECHE ET DE L'AQUACULTURE (CNRDPA)	2017	x	x	x			
CIMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION	2014	x	x	x	x		
CONSERVATION BIOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP UNIVERSITY OF MALTA	2007	x	x	x			
CRAM Fundació	2012			x			
DELPHIS NGO	2023						
DELTA ASSOCIATION	2022						
DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE BIOMEDICINE AND FOOD SCIENCE	2025	x	x	x			

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écoOcéan INSTITUT	2009	x	x	x		x	
EDMAKTUB	2016	x	x	x			
EQUINAC	2015						
EUROPEAN CETACEAN SOCIETY (ECS)	2002	x	x	x			x
GREEN BALKANS	2013	x	x	x			
GROUPE DE RECHERCHE SUR LES CETACES (GREC)	2007	x	x	x			
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCERS (IOGP)	2020	x	x	x			
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (IFAW)	2004	x	x	x			
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE (IUCN)	2004	x	x	x			x
ISRAEL MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH & ASSISTANT CENTER (IMMRAC)	2004	x	x	x			
KYMA Sea Conservation & Research	2020			x			
MARE NOSTRUM	2013	x	x	x			
MARECAMP ONLUS ASSOCIATION	2019	x		x			x
MARINE MAMMALS RESEARCH INSTITUTE (DMAD)	2017	X	x	x		x	
MENKAB, IL RESPIRO DEL MARE	2019	x	x	x		x	
MIRACETI	2020	x	x	x	x		x
MORIGENOS - SLOVENIAN MARINE MAMMAL SOCIETY	2007	x	x	x			
MUSEU DA BALEIA DA MADEIRA	2022		x	x			
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MARINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT « GRIGORE ANTIPA »	2002	x	x				

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NATURE TRUST MALTA	2007	x					
NOTRE GRAND BLEU	2023						x
OCEANCARE	2003	x	x	x			
OCEANA FOUNDATION	2007	x					
OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF MONACO	2002	x	x				x
OCEANOMARE DELPHIS ONLUS (ODO)	2015	x	x	x		x	
ORCA	2012	x	x	x			
PELAGOS CETACEAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE	2002	x	x	x			
PORTUGUESE WILDLIFE SOCIETY (SPVS)	2015	x	x	x			
SAVE THE MED FOUNDATION	2020						
SYRIAN SOCIETY FOR THE CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE (SSCW)	2007	x	x				
SWISS CETACEAN SOCIETY (SCS)	2002	x					
TETHYS RESEARCH INSTITUTE	2002	x	x	x			
TURKISH MARINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (TUDAV)	2009	x	x	x			
UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA	2002		x	x			
WE ARE MEDITERRANEE	2023			x			x
WHALE AND DOLPHIN CONSERVATION (WDC)	2002	x	x	x			
WWF Mediterranean Programme Office	2007	x	x	x			
Yacht Club of Monaco	2022			x			x