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On September 2nd, 2025, the ACCOBAMS Secretariat received an application request from the **Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS** for the granting of the ACCOBAMS Partnership.

The **Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS**, is represented by M. Vittorio Pollazon, who in the capacity of President presented the partnership application to ACCOBAMS Secretariat for approval by the 9th Meeting of the Parties.

According to the procedure in Resolution 7.9, the ACCOBAMS Secretariat submitted the application form and all relevant documents to the Italian National Focal Point for advice.

The advice received from Mrs. Cristina FARCHI, Italian National Focal Point is as follows:

"Further to your request for advice concerning the matter in subject and following an internal consultation at this Ministry, I am pleased to inform you that we have no elements which may hinder the request for partnership.

However, since my office never had contacts with such Organization and it is clear from their website that, besides scientific research and educational programmes, whale watching activities are regularly carried out, we consider appropriate for the Secretariat to approach them in order to verify whether such activities are performed in accordance with the guidelines for commercial cetacean-watching in the ACCOBAMS area, as reported in Annex of Resolution 4.7."

Following the recommendation of the Italian National Focal Point, the Secretariat sent an email to the Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS enquiring whether whale watching activities were performed according to the Guidelines annexed to Resolution 4.7. Below is their answer:

*"In response to the request for clarification, we would like to confirm that **Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS does not conduct commercial whale-watching activities**. Our operations are strictly **scientific and educational**, carried out within the framework of **research, citizen-science, and environmental education programmes**.*

*The participants involved in our activities are **members of the association, university students and interns, or school groups** taking part in field training or research projects. These activities are **non-commercial** and are designed exclusively to support scientific data collection, conservation awareness, and educational outreach.*

*Thanks to this ongoing effort, we have published **over 60 scientific articles** in national and international journals, contributing significantly to filling knowledge gaps on cetacean populations in the region.*

*Since the beginning of our research work in **2009**, and considering that in Italy there is **no national authority formally designated to issue authorizations for whale-watching or cetacean observation activities**, we have nevertheless taken proactive steps to ensure full transparency and compliance. At the start of our operations, **all information regarding our research area, the type of vessels used, and the nature of our activities was officially submitted to the Italian Coast Guard (Capitaneria di Porto)**, which was duly informed of our ongoing monitoring programmes and scientific objectives.*

*All fieldwork follows a **standardized scientific protocol** developed and approved by the **JDC Scientific Committee**, which includes **Prof. Roberto Carlucci**, Full Professor of Ecology at the University of Bari and specialist in cetacean ecology and conservation, and **Dr. Rosalia Maglietta**, researcher at the **National Research Council (CNR-STIIMA)**, expert in artificial intelligence applied to photo-identification and acoustic monitoring.*

*This protocol ensures that all observations are conducted in full compliance with the **ACCOBAMS guidelines for cetacean observation** (as set out in the Annex to Resolution 4.7) and is designed to minimize disturbance to animals, maintain safe approach distances, and comply with all relevant ethical and legal standards. Moreover, **our staff includes MMO and PAM operators trained and certified under ACCOBAMS standards**, with extensive experience in both field monitoring and professional training, ensuring full alignment with the objectives of the Agreement.*

We remain fully committed to ensuring that all our research and educational activities are consistent with the principles and objectives of ACCOBAMS, and we would be pleased to provide any additional documentation or methodological details that may assist in the evaluation of our application."

The required paperwork to apply for the status of ACCOBAMS Partner is annexed to this document, and includes:

- The [Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS Application form](#)
- The [Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS supporting note for its application](#)
- [Rules and Commitments of ACCOBAMS Partners duly signed](#)
- The [Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS Legal Status](#)
- [Curriculum Vitae of the Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS representative, M. Vittorio Pollazzon.](#)

JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION ETS APPLICATION FORM

ACCOBAMS-MOP7/2019/Doc38/Annex15/Res.7.9

**ANNEX 3
APPLICATION FORM**

Applicants shall send all relevant documents by email at: secretariat@accobams.net or by mail at the following address:

ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat
Les Terrasses de Fontvieille
Jardin de l'UNESCO
MC-98000 Monaco

The **JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION ETS** (name of the Entity applying) represented by (Name of the person responsible of the entity applying for the ACCOBAMS Partner status) VITTORIO POLLAZZON in quality of president and legal representative with the aim to apply for the ACCOBAMS Partner status declares that the application contains the following elements:

	YES	NO
1. A copy of the statute of the Entity (in original language and a translation into English or French);	X	
2. The signed Declaration of Commitment (included in the Application form) declaring that the Entity actions include conservation of cetaceans and of their habitat, human-cetacean interactions or other activities relevant with the spirit of the Agreement;	X	
3. A note concerning its capacities with a particular attention to:		
(i) experience in providing support to cetacean conservation by implementing practical research, collection and analysis of information or other educational and training activities;	X	
(ii) demonstrated experience in implementing partnership ventures, such as for training and education, technical and scientific expertise, policy development or evaluation and assessment, particularly when such ventures would bring new and additional benefits to the functioning of the ACCOBAMS partnership;	X	
(iii) demonstrated willingness and ability to cooperate with national and international governmental and non-governmental bodies;	X	
(iv) readiness to contribute actively on a regular basis to further development of policies and tools of the Agreement and their application, particularly by assisting Parties to meet their obligations under the Agreement;	X	
(v) if any, previous experience in communicating with the Secretariat and cooperating with ACCOBAMS in the achievement of its objectives;		X
(vi) the benefits expected for the Entity and for ACCOBAMS	X	
4. <i>Curriculum Vitae</i> of the person responsible of the entity applying for the ACCOBAMS Partner status	X	
5. A signed copy of the Rules and Commitments (Annex 2 of the Resolution)	X	

DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT

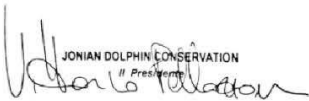
On behalf of the Entity, I commit to comply with the rules and commitments specified in the Resolution. Actions of the entity include conservation of cetaceans and of their habitat, human-cetacean interactions or other activities relevant with the spirit of the Agreement.

Name of the Entity	JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION ETS
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website	www.joniandolphin.it
Social media link(s)	www.facebook.com/JonianDolphinConservation/ www.linkedin.com/company/jonian-dolphin-conservation/ www.instagram.com/joniandolphinconservation/

Date and place Taranto 30/08/25

Name of the person responsible of the entity applying for the ACCOBAMS Partner status and Signature

Stamp and/or logo if applicable.


JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION
Il Presidente

JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION ETS SUPPORTING NOTE

Note concerning the applicant's capacities – Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS

Jonian Dolphin Conservation ETS is a scientific research organization, registered in the Italian National Research Registry (Anagrafe Nazionale delle Ricerche – Code: 001274_ALTR), based in Taranto. Since 2009, our association has been conducting continuous research and monitoring of cetaceans in the Gulf of Taranto (Northern Ionian Sea), contributing significantly to the knowledge and conservation of Mediterranean marine mammals.

Over more than a decade of activity, Jonian Dolphin Conservation has achieved the following:

- Conducted approximately **2,500 days of marine surveys**, resulting in over **2,400 cetacean sightings**, covering **seven different species** regularly present in the Mediterranean: *Balaenoptera physalus*, *Physeter macrocephalus*, *Ziphius cavirostris*, *Grampus griseus*, *Tursiops truncatus*, *Delphinus delphis*, and *Stenella coeruleoalba*.
- Participated in numerous **national and international scientific conferences**, including those organized by the Italian Society of Marine Biology, the Italian Society of Ecology, Citizen Science Italia, the European Cetacean Society, the World Marine Mammals Conference, the International Workshop on Metrology for the Sea, and the European Marine Biology Symposium.
- Published over **60 scientific articles** in national and international journals, helping to fill knowledge gaps on cetacean populations in this region.
- Developed and implemented **citizen science programmes** aboard research vessels, involving approximately **6,000 people annually** from around the world (with an average of 35% international participants) in hands-on marine mammal monitoring activities.
- Carried out **environmental education programmes** through **Ketos – Centro Euromediterraneo dei cetacei e del mare**, active since 2019, targeting students of all ages. These activities promote environmental sustainability, marine and terrestrial ecosystem conservation, the effects and management of anthropogenic impacts, and active citizenship. In 2024 alone, the program reached around **15,000 students from 74 schools**.

Collaboration and partnership have been central to JDC's mission. The association maintains active links with **13 Italian universities**, developing internships and thesis projects on a yearly basis, and counts among its Scientific Committee distinguished scholars such as **Prof. Roberto Carlucci**, Full Professor of Ecology at the University of Bari, is a specialist in cetacean ecology and conservation. **Dr. Rosalia Maglietta**, from the National Research Council (CNR-STIIMA), contributes her expertise in the development of **artificial intelligence tools for photo-identification and acoustic data analysis**.

JDC also partners with leading research institutions such as **CONSIMA – National Interuniversity Consortium for Marine Sciences**, **CIBRA – Interdisciplinary Center for Bioacoustics and Environmental Research** (University of Pavia), and several departments of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR), including the **Institute of Intelligent Industrial Systems and Technologies for Advanced Manufacturing (STIIMA-CNR)** of Bari, the **Water Research Institute (IRSA-CNR)** of Taranto, and the **Institute for Marine Biological Resources and Biotechnologies of Capo Granitola (IRBIM-CNR)**. For more than nine years, the association has been collaborating with the Italian Navy through dual-use monitoring campaigns on cetaceans in Italian seas, as well as dedicated training programmes for officers on marine mammal identification, mitigation procedures, and environmental awareness during naval operations. Additional collaborations include private companies such as **NAUTA scientific s.r.l.**, **Bioconsulting s.r.l.**, **Ecotaras s.p.a.**, and **Tylebites s.r.l.**, providing expertise in environmental monitoring, underwater noise assessments, and biodiversity studies.

These collaborations extend beyond traditional marine research to embrace cutting-edge, interdisciplinary innovation. A prominent example is **Calliope – Casa delle Tecnologie Emergenti**, an advanced One Health innovation hub in Taranto led by the Municipality as the lead beneficiary, bringing together over thirty partners from universities, research centres, industrial firms, startups, health agencies, and third-sector institutions. Within Calliope, JDC plays a key role in **designing and implementing a prototype for a real-time marine environmental monitoring system**, applying the most advanced enabling technologies for scientific data acquisition. In particular, JDC is responsible for the development of the **Marine**

Environmental Observatory Platform (MEP), a complex network of floating and fixed buoys equipped with innovative systems for capturing and processing images, sounds, and environmental parameters, including ultrasonic detections of underwater fauna movements. The objective of MEP is to provide a scalable classification of potential threats within areas of ecological interest, thus contributing to the integration of marine conservation with emerging digital technologies.

Moreover, JDC has actively participated in several European initiatives, including Interreg IPA projects developed in collaboration with Albanian and Montenegrin institutions, aimed at strengthening cross-border cooperation, capacity building, and the adoption of shared protocols for cetacean monitoring and conservation. These projects have allowed JDC to export its expertise beyond national borders and to promote regional integration in marine environmental protection.

At the same time, the association has established strong operational collaborations within the Italian stranding networks: at the local level, it collaborates closely with the *Azienda Sanitaria Locale* (ASL) of Taranto and the *Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale* (IZS) of Puglia and Basilicata, while at the national level it provides support to the **CERT – National Cetacean Stranding Emergency Response Team**.

This demonstrates JDC's willingness and ability to cooperate with governmental and non-governmental organizations at both national and international levels.

Thanks to its strategic location in the Gulf of Taranto – a marine area heavily affected by human activities such as intensive maritime traffic, military operations, seismic surveys, fishing, industrial discharges, and large-scale energy infrastructure – JDC operates within a unique natural observatory where ACCOBAMS recommendations and mitigation measures can be applied and tested. The association is fully committed to sharing its experience, data, and methodologies in order to support Parties in meeting their obligations under the Agreement, while also contributing actively to the further development of its policies and tools. Its staff already includes MMO and PAM operators trained and certified under ACCOBAMS standards, with consolidated experience in both field monitoring and professional training, ensuring immediate alignment with the objectives of the Agreement.

From this partnership, JDC expects to gain enhanced capacity building, access to broader networks, and the opportunity to exchange expertise and best practices with other accredited organizations. For ACCOBAMS, JDC offers long-standing operational experience in monitoring, data collection, education, awareness raising, and citizen science. Most importantly, the Gulf of Taranto, where anthropogenic pressures overlap with critical habitats for cetaceans, represents an unparalleled natural laboratory for testing and implementing conservation strategies in real-world contexts, making JDC a strong and credible partner for the achievement of ACCOBAMS goals.

RULES AND COMMITMENTS OF ACCOBAMS PARTNERS

ANNEX 2

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1. ACCOBAMS Partners shall be expected to contribute on a regular basis and to the best of their ability to the further development of policies, technical and scientific tools of the Agreement and to their application.
2. ACCOBAMS Partners shall present, at the latest two months after each Meeting of the Parties, a programme of collaboration with the Permanent Secretariat during the triennium. The programme shall include all activities carried out in the frame of the partnership and related to the conservation plan and the support to the Permanent Secretariat.
3. ACCOBAMS Partners shall make proper use of the ACCOBAMS Partners logo in compliance with ACCOBAMS Resolution 4.21.
4. ACCOBAMS Partners shall communicate with the Permanent Secretariat on activities related to ACCOBAMS objectives. ACCOBAMS Partners shall share information, including their publications, with their National Focal Point. ACCOBAMS Partners that own original data on cetaceans in the Agreement area are strongly encouraged to share such data, as appropriate, through NETCCOBAMS, the MEDACES stranding database and through the OBIS SEAMAP database and any other relevant tools.
5. Before each Meeting of the Parties, ACCOBAMS Partners shall 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.
6. Partners shall be invited to participate, in an observer capacity and as advisors, in all activities of the Agreement, except when otherwise decided by the Meeting of the Parties.
7. ACCOBAMS Partners could be invited to contribute to the development of project proposals, project implementation and to the evaluation of project results.
8. The ACCOBAMS Bureau may decide to withdraw the status of ACCOBAMS Partner if no activities are reported, if they are considered not to be relevant and if they are contrary to the achievement of ACCOBAMS objectives or to the present Rules and Commitments. Withdrawal of the Partner status does not prejudice any legal action for improper use of the ACCOBAMS Partner logo.

Date and place Taranto 30/08/25

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Stamp and/or logo if applicable.


 JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION
 II President

JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION ETS LEGAL STATUS

STATUTE OF THE JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION

Art. 1. - The Association "JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION" also called "JDC" is a free and apolitical association, with unlimited duration in time and no profit-making purpose, governed by Title I Chapter III, art. 36 et seq. of the Civil Code, as well as by this Statute.

Art. 2. - The JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION Association pursues the following aims

- to disseminate environmental awareness among youth and the general public.
- to promote and develop environmental education activities aimed at protecting the natural heritage present along our coastline and in the marine and coastal environment in general;
- expand knowledge of the sea resource, through the production of popular documentaries and the launch of research projects;
- Promote recreational water sports activities;
- Propose itself as a meeting and aggregation place in the name of cultural interests, fulfilling the social function of human and civil maturation and growth, through the ideal of environmental education;
- Serve as a reference point for research and sustainable tourism initiatives;

Art. 3. - The JONIAN DOLPHIN CONSERVATION association, in order to achieve its aims, intends to promote various activities, in particular:

- cultural activities: conventions, conferences, debates, seminars, projections and production of films and documentaries, environmental education courses for children from 3 years of age and for young people and adults;
- training activities: theoretical/practical training courses in areas related to the association's activities, establishment of study and research groups;
- publishing activities: publication of bulletins, publication of conference proceedings, seminars, as well as studies and research carried out.
- organize dolphin-watching excursions and nautical tourism activities in general;

Furthermore, the association, through specific resolutions, may:

- a) establish relations and enter into agreements with public and private entities to manage sports facilities and related services, including annexed public or equipped green areas, collaborate in the organisation of cultural and sports events and initiatives, manage tourist landings and marine areas under concession
- b) set up and manage bars and refreshment areas, connected to its facilities and possibly also during cultural, sporting or recreational events
- c) organising recreational and cultural activities for a better use of members' free time;
- d) to carry out, on a marginal and non-profit basis, activities of a commercial nature for self-financing instrumental to the achievement of its purposes: in this case it shall comply with the applicable administrative and tax regulations
- e) promote and organise trips and tourist stays for its members, in direct implementation of its institutional purposes;
- f) carry out all other activities necessary or useful for the achievement of the corporate purpose.

Art. 4. - The association is offered to all those who, interested in the achievement of the institutional purposes, share its spirit and ideals.

Ordinary members: persons or entities that undertake to pay, for the entire duration of the membership bond, the annual fee established by the Board of Directors;

Extraordinary members: persons, entities or institutions that have contributed in a decisive manner, with their work or their ideal or economic support, to the constitution of the association. They have the character of and are exempt from paying annual dues.

Dues or membership contributions are not transferable, with the exception of transfers due to death, and are not subject to revaluation.

Art. 5. - Ordinary Members shall be admitted upon written application of the applicant countersigned by at least three Members, by the Board of Directors.

An appeal against the refusal of admission may be lodged, within 30 days, with the Board of Arbitrators.

Art. 6. - All members are obliged to comply with the rules of this statute and any internal regulations, according to the resolutions passed by the relevant bodies. In the event of non-compliant behaviour that harms the purposes or assets of the association, the Board of Directors shall intervene and apply the following sanctions: reprimand, warning, expulsion from the association.

Expelled members may appeal in writing against the measure within thirty days to the Board of Arbitrators.

Art. 7. - All adult members have the right to vote for the approval and amendment of the statute and regulations and for the appointment of the association's governing bodies. The right to vote cannot be excluded even in the event of temporary participation in the life of the association.

Art. 8. - The association's economic resources consist of:

property, real estate and furniture;
contributions;
donations and legacies;
reimbursements;
marginal activities of a commercial and productive nature;
any other type of income.

Members' contributions consist of annual membership fees, established by the Board of Directors, and any extraordinary contributions established by the Assembly, which determines their amount.

Donations of money, donations and legacies are accepted by the assembly, which decides on their use, in accordance with the statutory purposes of the organisation.

It is forbidden to distribute, even indirectly, profits or operating surpluses as well as funds, reserves or capital during the life of the Association, unless the destination or distribution is required by law.

Art. 9. - The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of each year.

The Board of Directors must draw up a budget and a balance sheet.

The budget and final accounts must be approved by the Ordinary Assembly each year by April.

It must be deposited at the headquarters of the Association within 15 days prior to the meeting in order to be consulted by every member.

Art. 10. - The organs of the Association are

the Members' Assembly
 the Board of Directors;
 the President;
 the Board of Auditors;
 the Board of Arbitrators;

Art. 11. - The Members' Assembly is the fundamental moment of confrontation to ensure the proper management of the Association and is composed of all the members, each of whom has the right to one vote, whatever the value of the share. It is convened at least once a year in ordinary session, and in extraordinary session when necessary or requested by the Board of Directors or by at least one tenth of the members.

In first call, the ordinary meeting is valid if the majority of the members is present, and deliberates validly with the majority of those present; in second call, validity is irrespective of the number of those present.

The extraordinary meeting deliberates in first call with the presence and favourable vote of the majority of the members, and in second call validity is irrespective of the number of those present.

The convocation shall be made by public notice posted on the premises' notice board at least 15 days before the date of the meeting.

Assembly resolutions shall be publicised by posting the relevant minutes on the notice board at the headquarters.

Art. 12. - The ordinary assembly has the following tasks:
 elects the Board of Directors, the Board of Auditors and the Board of Arbitrators;
 approves the budget and the balance sheet;
 approves the rules of procedure.

The extraordinary meeting decides on changes to the statutes and the possible dissolution of the Association.

At the opening of each session, the assembly elects a president and a secretary who shall sign the final minutes.

Art. 13. - The Board of Directors consists of three members, elected by the Assembly from among its members.

The board is validly constituted when 2 members are present. The members of the board serve free of charge and hold office for three years. The Board of Directors may be dismissed by the Assembly with a majority of 2/3 of the members.

Art. 14. - The Board of Directors is the executive body of the association. It meets on average twice a year and is convened by

the president;
 by at least 2 of the members, upon reasoned request;
 a reasoned written request by at least 30% of the members.

The board has full powers for ordinary and extraordinary administration.

In the ordinary management its tasks are
 prepare the acts to be submitted to the assembly

formalise proposals for the management of the Association;

draw up the final balance sheet, which must contain the individual items of expenditure and income relating to the period of one year; and

draw up the budget estimate, which must contain, broken down into individual items, the expenditure and income estimates for the following year's financial year;

determine the amounts of the annual dues for the various categories of members;

Minutes of each meeting shall be drawn up and posted on the Association's notice board.

Art. 15. - The President holds office for three years and is the legal representative of the Association for all purposes.

He convenes and presides over the Board of Directors, signs all administrative acts performed by the association; he may open and close bank and postal current accounts and procedures for collections.

He grants special powers of attorney to Members for the management of various activities, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Art. 16. - The Board of Auditors consists of three members elected by the Assembly outside the members of the Board of Directors. It periodically verifies the formal and substantial regularity of the accounts and draws up a report to be attached to the budget and final accounts.

Art. 17. - The Board of Arbitrators is composed of three members elected at the Assembly. It shall hold office for three years.

It decides unchallengeably, within thirty days from the presentation of the appeal, on expulsion decisions and refusals of admission.

Art. 18. - The dissolution of the Association is deliberated by the extraordinary assembly. The residual patrimony of the association must be devolved to an association with similar purposes or for purposes of public utility, having consulted the control body referred to in Article 3, paragraph 190 of Law 23.12.96, no. 662.

Art. 19. - All elective offices are free of charge.

Members are only entitled to reimbursement of regularly documented miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 20. - For anything not provided for in this statute, the rules of the law in force shall apply.

CURRICULUM VITAE M. VITTORIO POLLAZZON**Curriculum Vitae**

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Citizenship: Italian

Date of birth: 14/11/1970

Place of birth: Grottaglie (TA)

Gender: Male

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

04/2024 – Present

President of the Board of Directors of Jonian Dolphin Conservation E.T.S.

Jonian Dolphin Conservation - Taranto

07/2019 – 03/2024

Coordinator and Manager at "Ketos- Centro Euro-Mediterraneo del Mare e dei Cetacei".

Jonian Dolphin Conservation - Taranto

2015 – 2019

External expert for five consecutive years with an "occasional service contract" for teaching marine environmental education in ecology-oriented classes.

Liceo Scientifico, Classico e Linguistico Galileo Ferraris - Taranto

03/2006 – 06/2017

Head of diving activities as instructor and guide.

Organization and administration of the nautical center.

Design and management of scientific, educational, and recreational diving excursions.

MondoMare Underwater Association - Taranto

01/2010 – Present

Marine Mammals observer and Cetacean Expert

Organization, management, and guidance of marine mammals monitoring campaigns at sea.

Jonian Dolphin Conservation - Taranto

12/1999 – 02/2009

Head of the "Marine Environmental Education and Applied Research" sector.

Project leader for awareness campaigns on marine and coastal ecosystem conservation through diving activities, marine environmental education, and scientific studies for

national research institutions.

Soc. Coop. MondoMare - Taranto

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

05/2012 – Advanced European Scientific Diver (Italian Association for Scientific Divers)

09/2009 – Scientific Diving Researcher (International School for Scientific Diving)

03/2001 – Master Instructor PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors)

01/2001 – Environmental Operator (Province of Taranto)

06/1999 – Technical Expert in Fishing Tourism (Associazione Generale Cooperative Italiane Pesca)

07/1998 – Bachelor's Degree in Animal Production, Marine specialization (Grade: 108/110), Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Bari (Taranto branch)

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Languages: English (B2 – Independent user, written and spoken)

Ability to work in synergy with various professional figures, developed in both technical-sector and multidisciplinary work environments.

Ability to convey acquired professional knowledge to people of all ages and social backgrounds, developed through over ten years of teaching experience as a scuba instructor and external expert in schools.

Ability to effectively express ideas in written form, demonstrated by publications and articles featured in nationally recognized scientific journals and newspapers.

Ability to promote, guide, and supervise graduate students' research, developed through the role of tutor in the preparation of multiple theses in Aquaculture Sciences and Environmental Sciences.

Ability to organize cultural events, gained through the coordination of national and international scientific conferences and seminars.

Ability to conduct integrated orientation activities between high school and university through meetings, lectures (both frontal and interactive), educational field trips, and the creation of electronic and printed educational materials.

Ability to communicate effectively with public administration, acquired in multiple situations requiring ongoing dialogue with competent authorities.

Ability to manage and complete multiple tasks simultaneously.

Skill and competence in using all scuba equipment, with particular aptitude for underwater video recording using HD equipment. Excellent mastery of scuba equipment maintenance techniques.

Knowledge of management and maintenance methodologies for scuba cylinder filling stations, both air and mixed gases.

Ability to operate GPS systems onboard vessels.

Ability to synthesize and write scientific texts on complex environmental topics.

Thanks to the certifications obtained, I am authorized to train divers according to the international standards of PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) and DAN Europe (Divers' Alert Network) in various areas: recreational and professional diving, Nitrox mixtures, deep diving, night diving, marine species identification, wreck diving, first aid, and underwater emergencies.

Good knowledge of the Windows operating system and Office application programs (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Driving license categories A/B.

Boat license.

Radio operator license.

First Aid instructor and defibrillator usage instructor.

DAN instructor for oxygen administration in diving emergencies.

DAN Basic Life Support instructor.

Instructor in the following scuba specialties: Nitrox mixtures, deep diving, night diving, marine species identification, wreck diving.

Certificate of first intervention on Coltri HP compressors

OTHER INFORMATION

Produced underwater video recordings for documentaries such as:

- I relitti dello stretto di Goba (Egitto)
- La scogliera artificiale delle Isole Cheradi
- Il relitto di Mar Grande
- Il fiume Chidro
- I delfini di Taras
- BluCheradi: nei fondali delle isole Cheradi

Organized and participated as speaker in four Provincial Meetings on Marine Environment and Diving (2005–2009):

- 2005 Subacquea è Sicurezza
- Taranto, Castello Aragonese
- 2006 Quando i gradi fanno la differenza - Università di Maricoltura, Palazzo Amati
- 2008 Il relitto di Mar Grande - Provincia di Taranto, Sala degli Stemmi
- 2009 Il Fiume Chidro - Provincia di Taranto, Sala degli Stemmi

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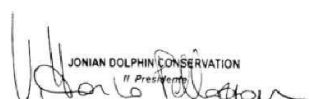
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