

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Background

The Seventeenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee (SC17), to be held in Tunis on 4 & 5 February 2026, is the first Scientific Committee Meeting of the 2026 - 2028 triennium.

In accordance with **Resolution 9.4** adopted by the Parties at the Ninth Meeting of the Parties (MOP9), the main objectives of this meeting are:

- to implement the updated Rules of Procedure and composition of the Scientific Committee,
- to appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, as stipulated in Resolution 9.4, and
- to identify activities to be implemented during the triennium and working groups to be created/updated taking into account the priorities set forth in the Work Programme 2026 - 2028 (**Resolution 9.5**) and other relevant technical Resolutions adopted at MOP9.

In accordance with Resolution 9.4, the designation of Task Managers shall take place after the identification of the priority topics and actions of the Work Programme, as adopted by the Parties at MOP9 (Resolution 9.5).

This meeting will set the strategic direction for the Scientific Committee's work over the coming triennium, ensuring that all activities are consistent with the objectives and commitments of ACCOBAMS.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. FUNCTIONING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Election of the Chair of the Scientific Committee 2026/2028
- 3.2 Election of the Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee 2026/2028
- 3.3 Designation of Task Managers of the Scientific Committee 2026/2028
- 3.4 Update on the internal Scientific Committee Handbook

4. INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

- 4.1 Implementation of, and compliance with, ACCOBAMS Resolutions, and progress monitoring
- 4.2 Update on ongoing projects
 - 4.2.1 ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative
 - 4.2.2 Projects under the ACCOBAMS Supplementary Conservation Funds
 - 4.2.3 Other regional projects (Pelagos Consortium, GFCM...)
- 4.3 NETCCOBAMS

5. CONSERVATION ACTIONS

- 5.1 Reporting by Scientific Committee Experts from Regions
- 5.2 Knowledge about state of cetaceans
 - 5.2.1 Cetacean population estimates and distribution
 - 5.2.2 Population Structure
 - 5.2.3 Monitoring cetacean's status (including CMPs and Black Sea post war plan)
 - 5.2.4 Functional stranding networks and responses to emergency situations

- 5.3** Human pressures on cetaceans
 - 5.3.1 Interaction with fisheries / aquaculture*
 - 5.3.2 Anthropogenic underwater noise*
 - 5.3.3 Vessel strikes*
 - 5.3.4 Cetacean watching*
 - 5.3.5 Marine litter & chemical and biological pollution*
 - 5.3.6 Climate change*
 - 5.3.7 Captivity related issues*
- 5.4** Area-based measures for cetacean conservation
- 5.5** Cetacean culture

6. COLLABORATION

- 6.1** Sub Regional Coordination Units
- 6.2** ACCOBAMS Partners
- 6.3** Other Organizations

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. DATE AND VENUE OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

9. ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS

10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING