

RESOLUTION 2.25
PREY DEPLETION

The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area:

Recalling that:

- *Article II paragraph 3, of the Agreement, invites the Parties, within the limits of their sovereignty and/or jurisdiction and in accordance with their international obligations, to assess and manage human-cetacean interactions and to protect the habitats in all waters under their sovereignty and/or jurisdiction and outside these waters in respect of any vessel under their flag or registered within their territory,*
- *The Conservation Plan, which is fully part of the Agreement, binds the Parties to evaluate the feeding requirements of the species covered by the Agreement and adapt fishing regulations and techniques accordingly,*

Taking into account Decision VII.11 of the Parties to the Convention for the Biological Diversity to facilitate the implementation of the ecosystem approach as the primary framework for addressing the three objectives of the Convention in a balanced way and welcoming the implementation guidelines and annotations to rationale as outlined in annex I to the decision,

1. *Urges* the Contracting Parties to take in consideration the ecological role of the exploited marine living resources in their fisheries policies;
2. *Charges* the Scientific Committee:
 - to promote the collection of systematic information on the diet of different cetacean species throughout the Agreement area and its geographic, seasonal and ontogenetic variability, and investigate the possibility of applying trophodynamic models to data deriving from population surveys, feeding ecology, and fishery ecology;
 - to take into account the results of the CIESM Workshop “Investigating the roles of cetaceans in marine ecosystems” (Venice, 28-31 January 2004) and its recommendations;
3. *Charges* the Secretariat to collaborate closely with the relevant Fisheries Bodies in order to facilitate the implementation of the present Resolution.