

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ACCOBAMS STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD 2014/2025.

BACKGROUND

Considering that the effectiveness of ACCOBAMS and of the Resolutions adopted within its framework would be strengthened by a long-term Strategy covering the period 2014-2025, ACCOBAMS Parties adopted Resolution 5.1 (ACCOBAMS Strategy – period 2014/2025) during the Fifth Meeting of the Parties (5-8 November 2013, Tangier, Morocco).

The overall objective of the ACCOBAMS Strategy is to improve current conservation status of cetaceans and their habitats in the ACCOBAMS area by 2025, more specifically to achieve that status of at least all the regularly present species listed as endangered (EN) in the IUCN Red List downgraded to at least vulnerable (VU), with support of ACCOBAMS and ensure good environmental status (GES) as defined in the MSFD and according to the Ecosystem approach process implemented by the Mediterranean Action Plan, at least in the areas representing critical habitats.

The implementation of the Strategy is based on **working programmes** for triennial periods, elaborating Strategy Action plan in more details.

MONITORING OF THE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

As stipulated in the chapter 9 of the ACCOBAMS Strategy (Annex 1 of the Resolution 5.1), monitoring of the Strategy implementation progress will include regular monitoring of operational work programmes and resolutions implementation. **The overall effectiveness will be evaluated after 5 years of Strategy implementation**, and at the end of the Strategy period. Decisions on potential consequent changes will be made by the Meeting of Parties or the Bureau, after consultation with other ACCOBAMS bodies.

OBJECTIVE OF THE MID-TERM EVALUATION

The objective is to assess the level of effectiveness of the ACCOBAMS Strategy 2014 – 2025 by assessing:

- the achievements of Strategic objectives of the ACCOBAMS Strategy,
- the invested resources and efforts,
- the implementation level of the ACCOBAMS Resolutions, including the working programmes adopted at each ACCOBAMS Meeting of Parties.

TASKS, EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND BUDGET

The objective of the call for expertise is to contract an expert to undertake the assessment of the level of effectiveness of the ACCOBAMS Strategy 2014-2025.

The ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat will provide the appointed expert with all relevant information (reports of institutional Meetings, workshops,...).

In order to gather relevant information and/or present the draft assessment of the implementation of the Strategy, the appointed expert will be invited to participate to the relevant ACCOBAMS meetings in 2018/2019 such as regional workshops, meetings of the scientific committee, the Follow up Committee¹, the Bureau, the Extended Bureau and to all other relevant meetings / workshops of interests.

Tasks to be undertaken:

- Gather relevant information;
- Assess the implementation of the ACCOBAMS Strategy;
- Assess the adequacy of the Strategy with the new developments in the orientations and programmes of the relevant partners IGOs;
- Propose relevant adaptations and recommendations to better implement the ACCOBAMS Strategy;
- Provide the Permanent Secretariat with recommendations and elements for the preparation of the 2020-2022 work programme as well as of the relevant Resolutions in order to reflect adaptations proposed to the current Strategy.

Outputs

The final output will be the evaluation report including the conclusions of the evaluation, the proposed amendment to the strategy and the recommendations to the Permanent Secretariat for the preparation of the 2020-2022 programme of work. The evaluation report will be submitted to the 4th Extended Bureau for presentation to Seventh Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS in 2019.

- Estimated number of working days: 80 days maximum (**maximum budget: 16 000€**)
- Estimated number of meetings to be attended : 8 / 10 meetings (Expenses regarding travel and daily subsistence of the Consultant for such Meetings shall be directly covered by the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat)

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be sent to the Executive Secretary of ACCOBAMS (fcdescroix@accobams.net), copy to Maýlis SALIVAS (msalivas@accobams.net), **no later than 5 February 2018**.

Each application must include:

- The CV(s) of expert(s) and his/her (their) publication records, especially in the Mediterranean, plus the name of three referees
- The proposed methodology,
- The schedule of implementation,
- The budget of the offer, in Euros...

The scoring system for selection and analysis is detailed in Annex.

The Secretariat will inform applicants of the scores they obtained **no later than 12 February 2018**.

¹ Kindly note that the Second Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Follow up Committee meeting will be held on **5th and 6th March 2018 in Monaco**



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**ANNEX
General Notation System Offers**

Technical offer

The technical bid will be evaluated on 100 points, based on the following criteria:

1. General experience and publication records: 60 points

a- Nature and number of initiatives carried out by project leader (50 points)

b- Date of completion of the three most recent studies (10 points):

2. Methodology, organization and planning: 40 points

a- The methodology of the study will be assessed (30 points)

b- Organization and planning (10 points)

Competitors with technical offers scoring under 70 points will be automatically eliminated.

The winning bid will be the most advantageous one having received the highest value.